

## CONGRATULATIONS GARY EZZELL RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED FACULTY/ALUMNUS AWARD



Graduates and current students of the WSU SOM Medical Physics Program were present at Kilroy's Bar N' Grill (Indianapolis, Indiana) on the evening of August 5, 2013 when Dr. Jay Burmeister presented Dr. Gary Ezzell with the 2013 WSU SOM Medical Physics Distinguished Faculty/Alumnus Award. Designed to recognize a WSU SOM Medical Physics faculty member and/or alumnus who has honored both the profession and WSU SOM through leadership in the field of Medical Physics, this award, presented each year at the WSU SOM Medical Physics Alumni Gathering during the AAPM Convention, was established and first given in 2012, making Dr. Ezzell the second recipient of this esteemed award.

A PhD graduate in Medical Physics from Wayne State University, Dr. Ezzell currently holds the academic appointment of Associate Professor in Radiation Oncology at the Mayo Clinic in Pheonix, Arizona. He has actively served in numerous capacities at the AAPM since 1996 including Secretary, President and Chairman of the Board of the AAPM. Congratulations Gary Ezzell, recipient of the 2013 WSU SOM Distinguished Faculty/Alumnus Award!

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## ALUMNI MEET AWARD WINNER

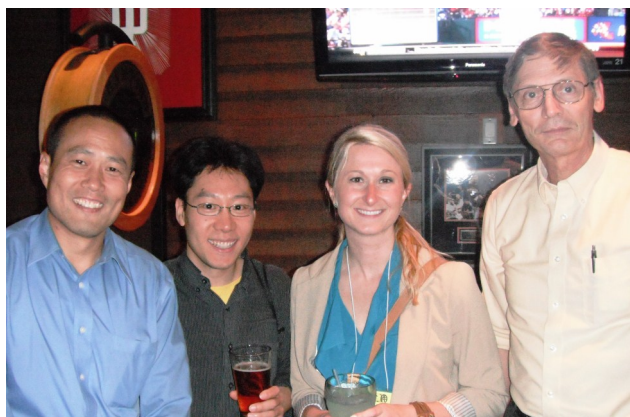
Graduates of the WSU SOM Medical Physics Program who gathered at Kilroy's Bar N' Grill on the evening of August 5th after the AAPM award ceremony/reception were introduced to Yashwanth Katkuri, winner of the 2013 Medical Physics Graduate Research Award. Yashwanth's winning presentation, *Reducing the Background Field Variations Using the Geometry Information*, earned him the distinction of being the first recipient of this newly established award. In addition, Yashwanth received financial support to attend the 55th Annual AAPM Meeting and Exhibition in Indianapolis, Indiana through alumni donations to the annual appeal funding this award.



## MEDICAL PHYSICS ALUMNI GATHERING AUGUST 5, 2013



Pictured left (*l-r*): Barbara & Colin Orton, Ping Jin ('93), Mark Yudelev ('99) and Iris Ouyang ('95)



Pictured right (*l-r*): Minghao Cai ('08), Yang Xu ('08), Carri Glide-Hurst ('07) and Gary Ezzell ('94)

*All photos in this edition of the Alumni Newsletter courtesy of Evan Silverstein*

## ANNUAL ALUMNI APPEAL FUNDS GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

The WSU SOM Medical Physics Program, under the direction of Dr. Jay Burmeister, will once again be awarding a Medical Physics Graduate Research Award in Spring of 2014 designed to recognize outstanding clinical or laboratory research by a current student within the WSU SOM Medical/Radiological Physics Graduate Program. In addition to being recognized for outstanding research, the recipient will receive financial support to attend the 56th AAPM Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas (*July 20-24, 2014*).

In order to make this possible, we need your help and are once again launching an annual alumni appeal to fund this award. If you are interested in helping fund a graduate student's trip to the 56th AAPM Annual Meeting, please complete the attached donation form and mail it using the information provided. A receipt will be issued. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law and no gift is too small! Donors will be listed in the future issues of the Alumni Newsletter. Thank you, in advance, for your support.



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