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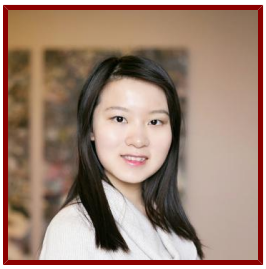

Lianli Liu

Clinical Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology - Radiation Physics

Bio

BIO

Dr. Liu is a Clinical Associate Professor and a board-certified medical physicist in the Department of Radiation Oncology. She received her PhD in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan and completed her residency training at Michigan Medicine. At Stanford, she is involved with the radiosurgery program, the MR-guided radiotherapy program and the general external beam radiotherapy program. Her research has been focusing on optimizing radiotherapy workflow through AI, including sparse medical imaging, medical image synthesis and radiotherapy beam data modeling.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology - Radiation Physics

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Editor, Medical Physics Journal, (2023- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Best in Physics, American Society for Radiation Oncology (2024)
- Seed Grant, Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (2021)
- Summa Cum Laude Merit Award, International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM) (2018)
- Barbour Scholarship, University of Michigan (2017)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, Women in Radiation Oncology Work Groups, ASTRO (American Society for Radiation Oncology) (2024 - present)
- Member, AAPM (American Association of Physicists in Medicine) (2018 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, University of Michigan , Electrical Engineering (2018)
- Physics Resident, University of Michigan Health System , Therapeutic Medical Physics (2020)

PATENTS

- Liyue Shen, Lei Xing, Lianli Liu. "United States Patent 12608862 Prior-incorporated deep learning framework for sparse image reconstruction by using geometry and physics priors from imaging system.", Apr 21, 2026
- James Balter, Yue Cao, Lianli Liu, Adam Johansson. "United States Patent 12207911 Hierarchical Motion Modeling from Dynamic Magnetic Resonance Imaging", Jan 28, 2025

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Dr. Liu's research has focused on optimizing radiotherapy workflow through AI. Specifically, she is interested in

1. Optimize medical imaging for image-guided radiotherapy, including:

Sparse imaging for real time monitoring of patient dynamics;

Accelerated longitudinal imaging for efficient post-treatment patient follow up;

High quality functional imaging for treatment response prediction and treatment plan adaptation;

Medical image synthesis for reduced imaging modalities and costs.

2. Optimize clinical workflow for radiation beam commissioning and quality assurance, including:

Sparse beam dosimetry through beam data modeling;

Model-based radiation measurement error detection;

Longitudinal prediction of radiation beam changes;

Monte Carlo phase space modeling for efficient data representation and fast dose calculation.

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Experiential Learning in Medical Physics: BMP 257, RADO 257 (Spr)

2023-24

- AI and Data Driven Methods in Biomedical Imaging and Physics: BMP 254 (Aut)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Parametric response mapping of co-registered intravoxel incoherent motion magnetic resonance imaging and positron emission tomography in locally advanced cervical cancer undergoing concurrent chemoradiation therapy** *PHYSICS & IMAGING IN RADIATION ONCOLOGY*
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- **Where Does Auto-Segmentation for Brain Metastases Radiosurgery Stand Today?** *Bioengineering (Basel, Switzerland)*
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- **Modeling linear accelerator (Linac) beam data by implicit neural representation learning for commissioning and quality assurance applications.** *Medical physics*

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- **ACCELERATED HIGH B-VALUE DIFFUSION-WEIGHTED MR IMAGING VIA PHASE-CONSTRAINED LOW-RANK TENSOR MODEL**
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- **Female pelvic synthetic CT generation based on joint intensity and shape analysis** *PHYSICS IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY*
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