

UAB COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

Department of Radiation Oncology

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ROAR President and Medical Advisory Board
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Dear ROAR:

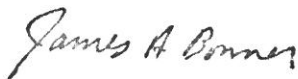
The Radiation Oncology Accelerated Research (ROAR) has provided funds to establish two Endowed Professorships within the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine. The endowments are intended to support researchers working in basic science, translational medicine, or clinical research in personalized cancer therapies. In keeping with your wishes, I will nominate Dr. Kimberly Keene as the Lemak Ivy ROAR Endowed Professor for Novel Radiation Oncology Clinical Research and Dr. Christopher Willey as the Hale Stephens ROAR Endowed Professor for Distinctive Radiation Oncology Research. These nominations will be put through the

Dr. Kimberly Keene is an Associate Professor and has been a faculty member with the department since 2006. She trained in radiation oncology at the University of Virginia. Her research interests include stereotactic radiation therapy and Sorafenib in the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma and identification of a molecular platform predictive of loco-regional recurrence in breast cancer after mastectomy. Dr. Keene's maintains an active clinical practice treating pediatric solid malignancies, breast, and head and neck cancers.

Dr. Christopher Willey is also an Associate Professor and has been a faculty member since 2008. He trained in radiation oncology at the Medical University of South Carolina. His lab is dedicated to the understanding of the abnormal signaling that governs cancer biology at the individual tumor level and then exploiting these processes for optimal treatment strategies. His main focus of research has been on kinases, enzymatic proteins that control signaling within cells.

The nominations of Drs. Kimberly Keene and Christopher Willey to these endowed professorships requires the approval of the University of Alabama Board of Trustees. These nominations will be submitted for consideration of the trustees at their February meetings.

Sincerely;



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