



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CIRCLE AWARD RECIPIENT



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Jean-Claude M. Rwigema '05 is an award-winning academic oncologist specializing in treating all types of cancers with radiotherapy in a multidisciplinary setting.

Currently he works as a senior associate consultant and assistant professor for the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale/

Phoenix, Ariz., and as an instructor/proton therapy fellow for the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Radiation Oncology. Previously Dr. Rwigema worked as a chemist and chemical engineer for Honeywell International Inc., and as an associate scientist for the Pharmaceutical Product Development Inc.

Throughout his career in patient care and research, he has received more than 20 honors and awards, among them the Excellence in Radiation Oncology Research Award from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, the Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Award from the American Association for Cancer Research, and the Grant Awards from both the Roswell Park Cancer Institute and the Stanford Clinical and Translational Research Scholars program. He also has authored over 35 peer-reviewed journal articles and presented research at national scientific meetings.

"I am most proud of being in a position to provide cancer care as well as education and mentorship to young professionals and students aspiring to be physicians," he said.

Dr. Rwigema holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from La Roche College and furthered his education at the University of Pittsburgh.

"At La Roche I obtained a solid foundation in premedical studies that served as a spring board to achieving academic success in medical school and beyond," he explained.

Dr. Rwigema is member of a number of professional societies including the American Brachytherapy Society, the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO), the Los Angeles World Affairs Council's Young Professional Program, the Radiological Society of North America and the Christian Medical Association. He has a wide range of volunteer experiences, having served on ASTRO's International Education Taskforce Committee, the Student National Medical Association and on the Internal Advisory Committee for the UCLA Center for World Health.

"La Roche prepared me to strive for excellence in my work as an academic radiation oncologist and inspired me to engage in global health outreach to advance health care in disadvantaged parts of the world," he said.

