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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, 1/2025 – Present
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Volunteer Clinical Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, 7/2024 – 11/2024
University of California, San Francisco, CA

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency, 6/2020 – 6/2024
University of California, San Francisco, CA

Masters in Public Policy, 8/2018 – 6/2020
Dual degree student
Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA

Doctor of Medicine, 7/2015 – 5/2020
Robert W. Woodruff Fellow
Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

BA in Public Policy Studies, 9/2009 – 6/2013
Graduated with Honors and Special Honors
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Distinction in Leadership and Service Award- UCSF Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Services, 2024
Outstanding PGY4 Teacher- UCSF Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Services, 2024
VSLO Global Health Scholarship, 2020
Malcolm Wiener Center Policy Analysis Exercise Grant, 2019
Gold Humanism Honor Society, 2019
Nicholas Skala Student Scholarship to attend Physicians for a National Health Program Leadership Training, November 2017
Medical Students for Choice Externship Scholarship Award, May 2016
SNMA- Emory *Nia* Award: A Person who Inspires Building and Restoring Communities, 2015
Robert W. Woodruff Fellowship, 2015-2019
Fulbright-Nehru Full Grant, 2013-2014
Perry Herst Prize for Leadership, University of Chicago, 2013
Human Rights Program Grant for Internship at US Embassy Colombo, 2012
Summer Action Grant for Internship at US Department of State, 2011
University of Chicago Dean's List for Academic Excellence, 2009-2013

LEADERSHIP AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

Administrative Chief Resident, San Francisco, CA
Co-chief Resident

April 2023 – June 2024

- Created annual and weekly schedules for 41 resident physicians, implemented new leave policies and advocated for resident learning goals
- Served on quarterly Residency Council Committee, focused on identifying areas of growth and improvement for residency program

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ACOG District IX Legislative Committee

March 2021- June 2025

Member

- Participated in annual legislative committee meetings to shape ACOG's state policy agenda
- Empowered and led resident-physicians to advocate at state lobby days as stakeholders in critical legislation
- Represented District IX in ACOG's 2023 Congressional Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government, Cambridge, MA

August 2018-August 2019

Research Assistant

- Conducted survey design, IRB submission, and statistical analysis on 3 projects involving consumer decision making, medical student learning, and direct primary care under supervision of Deborah Gordon, Fellow

Institute of Politics at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

August 2018-May 2019

Lead Research Assistant

- Led team of 4 research assistants on project regarding equity and racial reconciliation in the Southern United States under the leadership of Mayor Mitch Landrieu, former mayor of New Orleans

Health Students Taking Action Together (H-STAT), Atlanta, GA

Vice President of Programming

May 2017 – May 2018

Advocacy Chair

May 2016 - May 2017

- Board member of 501(c)(3) non-profit organization run by health professional students in GA
- Organized Rally to Close the Coverage Gap where over 120 graduate students, physicians, nurses, and other health professionals in Georgia advocated for Medicaid Expansion
- Trained students in legislative advocacy in preparation for 2018 Legislative Breakfast with Georgia state representatives and senators

Families USA, Washington, DC

January 2015 - June 2015

Health Equity Intern

- Co-authored two policy pieces which analyze how Health Systems Transformations can be used to promote Health Equity in Communities of Color
- Coordinated health care advocacy efforts to positively impact communities of color, immigrant populations, and LGBT communities

Fulbright-Nehru Full Grant, Coimbatore, India

August 2013 - June 2014

2013-2014 Student Researcher

- Designed and conducted anthropological research on menstrual health and hygiene practices in Southern India, namely the "manjal neer attu vizha" ceremony, to better understand how the practice influences the health, hygiene, and nutrition of adolescent girls

US Embassy Colombo, Department of State, Colombo, Sri Lanka

June 2012-August 2012

Economics Section, Intern

- Conducted food security assessment of post-war areas with USAID and the UN; analyzed data in the form of a cable which explained the kinds and extent of humanitarian assistance still needed in Sri Lanka

ABSTRACTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Journals

Sobhani NC, **Watson K**, Kannan K, Patzek S. (2024) Method of insulin delivery does not affect perinatal outcomes with type 1 diabetes mellitus. *Am J Obstet Gynecol*.

Watson, K, **Kannan, A.**, Sobhani, N. (2024) Impact of delivery for type 2 diabetes on perinatal outcomes. *Diabetes Epidemiology and Management*.

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Ramirez-Caban, L., **Kannan, A.**, Goggins, E., Shockley, M., Haddad, L., Chahine, E. (2020) Factors that Lengthen Patient Hospitalizations Following Laparoscopic Hysterectomy. *Journal of the Society of Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgeons*.

He, S., Kelley, R., Falk, K., & **Kannan, A.** (2019) An alternative approach to posterior colporrhaphy plication using delayed absorbable unidirectional barbed suture. *Female Pelvic Med Reconstr Surg*.

Kannan, A. (2016). Strengthening the Illinois Trauma System: How do we re-establish Illinois as a national leader in trauma? *Chicago Studies 2013*, 124-193

Posters

Singh, AK., Morgan, T., Amirault, R., Rosenstein, M (2023). The impact of certified nurse midwife presence on cesarean delivery rates during night shifts. Poster presented at: *Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine 43rd Annual Pregnancy Meeting*. San Francisco, CA.

Sobhani, NC. **Kannan, A.**, Tantoco, NK, Patzek S (2022). Do pregnancy outcomes differ by mode of insulin delivery for type 1 diabetes mellitus? Poster presented at: *Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine 42nd Annual Pregnancy Meeting*. Virtual.

He, S., Kelley, R., Falk, K., & **Kannan, A.** (2019). An alternative approach to posterior colporrhaphy plication using delayed absorbable unidirectional barbed suture. AUGS/IUGA Joint Scientific Meeting 2019, Nashville, TN.

Oral Presentations

Singh, AK. (2023). Post-procedure Group A Toxic Shock Syndrome – A Review of Two Cases. *UCSF OBGYN Grand Rounds*. San Francisco: University of California, San Francisco.

Singh, AK (2022). Recurrent Pregnancy Loss. *UCSF OBGYN Didactics*. San Francisco; University of California, San Francisco.

Kannan, A. Nandi, P. (2020). Tips and tricks for writing effectively on reproductive health in the mainstream media. *Seeing Women's Healthcare Politics in 20/20*. ACOG District I Junior Fellow and Medical Student Day. Virtual.

Kannan, A., Cohen, I (2017). The Turmeric Bathing Ceremony: an analysis of its practice and its impact on the menstrual experience of Women and Girls in Tamil Nadu, India, today. *Society for Menstrual Cycle 2017 Conference*. Kennesaw: Kennesaw State University.

Kannan, A., Amirthaveni, M., & Thilakavathy, S. (2014). Study of the Rituals, Nutritional, and Hygiene Practices During the Turmeric Bathing Ceremony in South India. *2014 First Ever International Women's Issues Conference (IWIC)*. Orlando: University of Central Florida Women's Studies Program.

Policy Analysis

Hernandez-Cancio, **Kannan**, and Burroughs (2015). "Why Reforming Health Care Payment and Delivery is a Health Equity Issue." *Families USA*. Washington, D.C. <http://familiesusa.org/blog/2015/04/why-reforming-health-care-payment-and-delivery-health-equity-issue>

Hernandez-Cancio, **Kannan**, and Burroughs (2015). "Tackling Health Disparities While Reforming Health Care Payment and Delivery." *Families USA*. Washington, D.C. <http://familiesusa.org/blog/2015/05/tackling-health-disparities-while-reforming-health-care-payment-and-delivery>

Hernandez-Cancio and **Kannan** (2015). "White House Makes Push to Enroll Asian American and Pacific Islanders in Health Insurance." *Families USA*. Washington, D.C. <http://familiesusa.org/blog/2015/02/white-house-makes-push-enroll-asian-american-and-pacific-islanders-health-insurance>

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Op-Ed

Singh, Akshaya Kannan. "I can't come home to Florida if I can't provide abortions."

Orlando Sentinel. Orlando, FL, (USA), June 30, 2022

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/2022/06/30/ob-gyn-resident-i-cant-come-home-to-florida-if-i-cant-provide-abortion-commentary/>.

Gordon, Deborah and **Kannan, Akshaya.** "It's time to say goodbye to employer-based health insurance." The Hill. Washington, DC, (USA), May 29, 2020

<https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/499907-its-time-to-say-goodbye-to-employment-based-health-insurance/>.

Kannan, Akshaya. "For Good Food, Look South."

The Citizen. Cambridge, MA, (USA), November 22, 2019

<https://citizen.hkspublications.org/2019/11/22/for-good-food-head-south/>.

Kannan, Akshaya. "Fetal Heartbeat Bills Protect No One."

Women's Policy Journal. Cambridge, MA, (USA), November 13, 2019

<https://wpj.hkspublications.org/2019/11/13/fetal-heartbeat-bills-protect-no-one/>.

Kannan, Akshaya. "Texas should embrace the chaos and expand Medicaid."

The Houston Chronicle. Houston, TX, (USA), January 17, 2019

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/Texas-should-embrace-the-chaos-and-expand-13542249.php>.

Kannan, Akshaya. "Will I learn how to provide abortions in 2020?"

Orlando Sentinel. Orlando, FL (USA), January 19, 2019.

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-op-my-word-abortion-20190116-story.html>.

Kannan, Akshaya. "Can a rising tide of female legislators lift all boats?"

The Hill. Washington, D.C, (USA), December 8, 2018

<https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/420402-can-a-rising-tide-of-female-legislators-lift-all-boats>.

Kannan, Akshaya. "Resolving race issues requires open talk, individual efforts."

Orlando Sentinel. Orlando, FL (USA), August 24, 2013

http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2013-08-24/news/os-ed-racial-intolerance-newvoices-082413-20130823_1_race-issues-race-today-black-and-hispanic-americans.

Kannan, Akshaya. "Centering Around Progress."

Chicago Maroon. Chicago, IL (USA), April 19, 2013 <http://chicagomaroon.com/2013/04/19/centering-around-progress/>

Kannan, Akshaya. "Turning away from DC, Looking to Philly."

Orlando Sentinel. Orlando, FL (USA), September 4, 2010

http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2010-09-04/news/os-ed-partisanship-racism-newvoices-20100903_1_arizona-immigration-law-health-care-health-care

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

UCSF OBGYN Residency Interview Committee

August 2021- Present

Member

- Reviewed 300+ medical student residency applications and participated in program interviews

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2017 Medical Student Teaching Competition

August 1, 2017

Competitor

- Presented on Shockable vs Nonshockable rhythms in 8 minute “Bite-Size Teaching” format to diverse audience of medical students, residents, fellows, and attendings
- 1 of 8 finalist competitors selected from 40+ medical student applicants

Harriet Tubman Women’s Clinic, Atlanta, GA

September 2015- January 2017

Co-coordinator

- Managed budget, coordinated specialty colposcopy services, and directed patients, volunteers, and physicians at free Emory University School of Medicine Women’s Clinic which serves uninsured and underinsured women of Atlanta.
- Established partnership with Clarkston Community Health Center and led transition of clinic services from the clinic’s original Atlanta site to Clarkston

Vagina Monologues, Atlanta, GA

February 12, 2016

Performer

- Performed solo-monologue on the wonders of childbirth to an audience of 150 students to raise money for Emory Health Against Human Trafficking

Students for Health Equity, Chicago, IL

September 2011-September 2015

Co-Founder, Co-President

- Formed research committee; built network of physician and medical student supporters on Chicago’s South Side; developed relationships with University of Chicago hospital representatives to build consensus between the hospital and the community on issues of the trauma center and community health

SKILLS

Languages: English; Tamil (Limited Working Proficiency)

Technology: Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop, SPSS, STATA