

SAMEER VOHRA, M.D., J.D.

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POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL TRAINING

The University of Chicago Medical Center / Comer Children's Hospital, Chicago, IL *June 2011 - Present*
Pediatric Internship and Residency, Public Policy Track

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago: The Harris School of Public Policy, Chicago, IL *September 2012 - June 2015*
Master of Arts in Public Policy Candidate

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale/Springfield, IL *May 2011*
Medical Doctor, Juris Doctor

- School of Law Valedictorian, Class Rank 1/117
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor's Society

American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt *August 2005*
Seton Hall Law Cairo Summer Program

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL *June 2004*
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Science in Human Culture
Graduated with Honors in Political Science
Undergraduate Leadership Program

Westmont High School, Westmont, IL *June 2000*
Valedictorian

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine *July 2015 - Present*
Doug Carlson, Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

- Faculty position involves a combination of general pediatric clinical practice, the design and implementation of pediatric community health interventions, and the education of medical students on pediatric public policy and advocacy.
- Child policy research supported through a collaboration between Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago.

Health Policy Consultant - City of Gary, Indiana *November 2013 – January 2015*
Carol Brown, Director, Richard M. Daley Distinguished Senior Fellowship, Chicago, Illinois

- Responsible on a part-time volunteer basis, as part of the Daley Initiative at the Harris School of Public Policy, for helping Gary, Indiana evaluate the current structure and function of their Public Health Department (PHD)
- Researching mechanisms to make Gary's PHD simultaneously high functioning and cost-effective

American Academy of Pediatrics Department of Federal Affairs Internship Program *January 2011*
Katy Matthews, American Academy of Pediatrics, Department of Federal Affairs, Washington, DC

- Represented the Academy at national forums, congressional briefings, and on conference calls on diverse issues affecting pediatric healthcare.
- Analyzed laws and drafted Academy policy statements on medical loss ratio, dosage delivery devices, and cigarette warning labels.
- Advocated for the betterment of children and adolescent health care before the United States Congress

United States Fulbright Scholar - India

August 2009 - April 2010

Dr. Dharmapuri Vidyasagar, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Illinois – Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Dr. Ganesh Oruganti, Public Health Management Institute, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India

- Selected as a Fulbright-Nehru Scholar to India by the joint selection committee of the Fulbright Program for U.S. Students: Institute of International Education and the United States-India Educational Foundation.
- Under the guidance of Dr. Vidyasagar in the States and Dr. Oruganti abroad, the eight month research and educational fellowship concentrated on improving pediatric health care in India. The research culminated in a needs-based analysis of the neonatal ward at MediCiti Hospital in Andhra Pradesh.

American Pediatric Society & Society for Pediatric Research Fellow

June 2007- August 2007

Dr. S. Bryn Austin, Children's Hospital – Boston, Division of Adolescent Medicine, Boston, MA

- Researched and co-authored a paper on vomiting frequency and menstrual irregularity in subclinical eating disorders.
- Designed lesson plans, lectures, and fictional cases for Harvard School of Public Health
- Participated and attended conferences and presentations on adolescent medicine

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Law Fellow

May 2006 - December 2006

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Law Program, Atlanta GA

- Coordinated a descriptive epidemiological research study on articles analyzing the effect of public health law on public health outcomes.
- Created a public health law teaching module entitled, “Administrative Law in Public Health Practice.”
- Assisted the Office of General Counsel with memoranda preparation

Research Assistant

August 2005 - September 2006

Professors W. Eugene Basanta and Mark Lee, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

- Participated in the research of health law and corporate law scholarly articles
- Researched separation of powers within the context of the Terri Schiavo situation.

ACTIVITIES

Professional Affiliations

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Medical Association

Illinois State Medical Society

Chicago Medical Society

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

- Young Physician Section (YPS)
Young Physician Leadership Alliance *November 2014 - Present*
- Section on Medical Students, Residents, and Fellowship Trainees (SOMSRFT)
Executive Committee
District VI Coordinator *November 2012 – October 2013*
Communications Workgroup Co-Chair *November 2013 – October 2014*
Learning and Growth Workgroup Co-Chair *October 2014 - Present*
AAP-Legislative Conference Scholarship Selection Committee *January 2013*
Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Award Selection Committee *August 2013*
Advocacy Sub-Committee *November 2011 – Present*
- University of Chicago AAP Representative *July 2011 – July 2012*
- AAP Conferences Attended
AAP 2012 Chapter Advocacy Summit, Schaumburg, Illinois
AAP 2012 National Conference and Exhibition, New Orleans, Louisiana
AAP 2013 Annual Leadership Forum, Schaumburg, Illinois
AAP 2013 District I and VI Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota
AAP 2014 National Conference and Exhibition, San Diego, California

American Medical Association

American Medical Association Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS)

- Illinois State Medical Society Delegate to the Resident Fellow Section *November 2011 - Present*
- American Medical Association Conferences Attended
 - AMA-RFS 2011 Interim Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana
 - AMA-RFS 2012 Interim Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii
 - AMA-RFS 2013 Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
 - AMA-RFS 2014 Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
 - AMA-RFS 2014 Interim Meeting, Dallas, Texas

American Medical Association - Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

- Southern Illinois University – Carbondale *August 2006 - May 2007*
 - AMA/ISMS-MSS Alternate Delegate
 - AMA Chapter Vice President
- Southern Illinois University – Springfield *May 2007 - April 2008*
 - AMA/ISMS MSS Alternate Delegate *May 2008 – April 2009*
 - AMA/ISMS MSS Delegate
- National Committees
 - Committee on Legislation and Advocacy *August 2007 - July 2008*
 - Global Health and Policy Committee *August 2008 – July 2009*
- American Medical Association Conferences Attended
 - AMA-MSS 2006 Interim Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada
 - AMA-MSS 2007 Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
 - AMA-MSS 2007 Interim Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii
 - AMA-MSS 2008 Medical Student Lobby Day, Washington, D.C.
 - AMA-MSS 2008 Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
 - AMA-MSS 2009 Medical Student Lobby Day, Washington, D.C.
 - AMPAC 2011 Candidate Workshop, Washington, D.C.

Illinois State Medical Society

Illinois State Medical Society Board of Trustees

- Resident Trustee to the Board of Trustees – Two Terms *April 2012 – April 2014*

Illinois State Medical Society – Resident and Fellow Section (ISMS-RFS)

- ISMS-RFS Governing Council *July 2011 – April 2015*
- Delegate to the ISMS House of Delegates *July 2011 – June 2012*
- ISMS-RFS Vice Chair *April 2014 – April 2015*

Illinois State Medical Society – Medical Student Section (ISMS-MSS)

- ISMS-MSS Governing Council *August 2006 – April 2009*
 - April 2010-April 2011*
- ISMS Governmental Affairs Council Member *April 2010-April 2011*
- Delegate to the ISMS House of Delegates *April 2008 – April 2009*

Chicago Medical Society

- Resident Trustee to the Board of Trustees *July 2014 - Present*

Sangamon County Medical Society (SCMS)

- SCMS Board of Directors *January 2009 –April 2010*
- SCMS Community Health Committee *January 2008 –April 2010*

Cover the Uninsured Week (CTUW) Planning Committee

- Chair – Illinois CTUW Student Policy Day *February 2008 – April 2010*

Association of American Medical Colleges – Organization of Student Representatives (AAMC-OSR)

- AAMC-OSR National Administrative Board – Two Terms
 - National Delegate for Communications *December 2008 – November 2009*
 - Humanism in Medicine Selection Committee
 - AAMC-OSR Handbook Cover Art Selection Committee
 - Central Region Chair *December 2010 – November 2011*

OSR Liaison Nominating Committee

- Southern Illinois University OSR Representative *August 2006 - June 2011*
- Chair – Southern Illinois OSR Medical Student Roundtable Series
Roundtable Number One: Senator Dick Durbin *November 2008*
- AAMC Conferences Attended
 - AAMC 2007 Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
 - AAMC 2008 Central/Southern Region Meeting, Destin, Florida
 - AAMC 2008 Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
 - AAMC 2008 Leadership Forum, Leesburg, Virginia
 - AAMC 2009 Central Region Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
 - AAMC 2009 Leadership Forum, Washington, D.C.
 - AAMC 2009 Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts
 - AAMC 2010 National Spring Meeting, Austin, Texas
 - AAMC 2010 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
 - AAMC 2011 Central Region Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio
 - AAMC 2011 Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado

The University of Chicago, Department of Pediatrics

- Graduate Medical Education Committee - Pediatric Representative *July 2013 – June 2014*
- Resident Advocacy Committee Chairperson *July 2012 – June 2014*
- Resident Class Advocacy Representative *August 2011 – June 2012*

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Student Organizations

- Memorial Medical Center Human Values and Ethics Committee *January 2008 – July 2009*
- Southern Illinois University Student Assembly
- Southern Illinois University Pediatric Interest Group
- Southern Illinois University Internal Medicine Interest Group
- Southern Illinois University Population Health Interest Group

Southern Illinois University School of Law Student Organizations

- *Law Journal* -- Student Contributor for the Journal of Legal Medicine and Legal Medicine Perspectives; Concentrations include Islamic medical law, specifically the right to die, and food and drug law, specifically prescription drug vending machines.
- *Moot Court Board* -- Participated in the Illinois Appellate Lawyer's Association Moot Court Competition and Southern Illinois's 2005 Intramural Moot Court Competition;
- *Southern Illinois American Inn of Court*

HONORS AND AWARDS

United States Fulbright Scholar – India, *August 2009 –April 2010*
American Medical Association Foundation 2014 Excellence in Medicine Leadership Award
Southern Illinois University School of Law Valedictorian, Class Rank 1/117
Phi Kappa Phi Honor's Society, *Inducted in May 2006*
Southern Illinois University School of Law 2006 Award for Academic Excellence
Southern Illinois University 2006 Health Law Contribution Award
Garwin Family Foundation Scholarship
Order of Barristers, *Inducted in May 2007*
Best Brief – Southern Illinois University 2005 Intramural Moot Court Competition
Second-Place Award Winner -- Southern Illinois University 2005 Intramural Moot Court Competition
Grand Prize Award Winner – 2012-2013 American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Medical Students, Residents, and Fellowship Trainees Advocacy Campaign Competition – “Read, Run, and Have Fun.”

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Read, Run, and Have Fun Founder

April 2013 - Present

- Established a community group concentrated on improving childhood literacy and childhood obesity.
- Awarded AAP-SOMSRT Childhood Literacy Advocacy Grand Prize Award in October 2013.

Political Campaign Volunteer Experience

Sheila Simon Carbondale Mayoral Campaign
Hillary Clinton Presidential Campaign
Quinn/Simon Illinois Gubernatorial Campaign

January 2006 - November 2006
October 2007- May 2008
May 2010-November 2010

Enos Elementary School Mentor

September 2007 - June 2008

- Weekly lunches with underserved elementary school children in Springfield, Illinois

Care & Share U.S.A. Foundation

June 1996 - August 2004

- Experienced in activities run by a philanthropic organization
- Involved in programs that raised \$25,000 for victims of AIDS in India

Good Samaritan Hospital

June 1998 - August 2000

3815 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60615

- Volunteered in ER Departments as well as experienced patient care as a transport.
- Organized patient charts and stocked supply and exam rooms.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)

2014 Dec 3; 312(21): 2215-16

Vohra S. A Piece of my Mind: Learning Not to Move Forward

Academic Medicine

85(11):1682, November 2010

Vohra, Sameer S. and Ricci Sylla: SERVICE: Selecting Educational Residencies with Value, Incentives, Cost, and Effectiveness

Journal of Adolescent Health

2008; 42(5): 450-458

Austin SB, Ziyadeh NJ, Vohra S, Forman S, Gordon CM, Prokop LA, Keliher A, Jacobs D. Irregular menses linked to vomiting in a nonclinical sample: findings from the National Eating Disorders Screening Program in High Schools.

Journal of Legal Medicine

Volume 73, Pages 341-359 (September 2006)

Vohra, Sameer. An American Muslim's Right to Die: Incorporating Islamic Law into the Debate

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Chicago Medicine: The Official Magazine of the Chicago Medical Society

March 2015, Page 3

Sameer Vohra, MD, JD, The Struggle for Balance

Chicago Medicine: The Official Magazine of the Chicago Medical Society

February 2015, Page 4

Sameer Vohra, MD, JD, The Continued Relevance of Organized Medicine

Chicago Medicine: The Official Magazine of the Chicago Medical Society

September 2014, Page 4

Sameer Vohra, MD, JD, The Graduate Medical Education Crisis: Help Prevent a Tragic Ending to Medical Training

Springfield State Journal Register

April 26, 2008, Page 18

Johnson, Torie and Sameer Vohra, Accessibility Top Issue for Healthcare.

Sangamon Medical News

March 2008, Page 7

Vohra, Sameer. Together We Can Do Great Things: A Medical Student's Perspective on Organized Medicine

Health Care Lawyer*Published in September 2005, December 2005, March 2006, and June 2006**Illinois State Bar Association*

- Wrote case briefs of contemporary Illinois court decisions regarding health care.

PRESENTATIONS

Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics 2014 Educational Conference *September 20, 2014**Poster Presentation: Read, Run, and Have Fun: An Innovative Pediatric Resident Advocacy Program to Promote Childhood Literacy and Family Exercise*Authors: **Sameer Vohra MD JD**, Nicole Boniquit MD, Laura Holmes MD, Andrew Spearman MD, Laura Sillers MD, Justin Triemstra MD, Joyce Woo MD, Valerie Press MD MPH, Monica Vela MD, and Nanah Park MD.

Lisle, Illinois

University of Chicago Pediatric Research Day*June 5, 2014**Poster Presentation: The Effect of Reach Out and Read Educational Module on Pediatric Resident Attitudes and Practices Regarding Early Literacy*Authors: **Sameer Vohra MD JD**, Rachel Follmer MD, Jasmine Dowell MD, Nicole Poole MD MPH, Richard Friesen MD, Nicole Boniquit MD, Andrew Spearman MD, Kshama Shah MD MPH, Raj Bhanvadia, Elizabeth Donnelly, Sean Gaffney, Nick Graves, Olumuyiwa Idowu, Jane Rivas, Vanessa Rivas-Lopez, Jack Weick, Ashley Woods, Valerie G. Press MD MPH, Monica Vela MD, and Nanah Park MD

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

University of Chicago Department of Pediatrics Resident Noon Conference*April 22, 2014**Clinical Pathological Correlation: Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

University of Chicago Department of Pediatrics, Chicago, Illinois

2014 Medical-Legal Partnerships Summit*April 11, 2014**Poster Presentation: ACA Implementation for Children and Families through an Innovative Coordinated Care Entity Model*Authors: Amanda Kim JD, **Sameer Vohra MD JD**, Stephanie Altman JD, Barbara Bayldon MD, and Amy Zimmerman JD
Seattle, Washington**Chicago Pediatric Advocacy Day***February 11, 2014**Poster Presentation: Read, Run and Have Fun: An Innovative Pediatric Resident and Medical Student Collaboration to Promote Childhood Literacy and Family Exercise*Authors: **Sameer Vohra MD JD**, Rachel Follmer MD, Jasmine Dowell MD, Nicole Poole MD MPH, Richard Friesen MD, Nicole Boniquit MD, Andrew Spearman MD, Kshama Shah MD MPH, Raj Bhanvadia, Elizabeth Donnelly, Sean Gaffney, Nick Graves, Olumuyiwa Idowu, Jane Rivas, Vanessa Rivas-Lopez, Jack Weick, Ashley Woods, Valerie G. Press MD MPH, Monica Vela MD, and Nanah Park MD

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

University of Chicago Department of Pediatrics Resident Morning Report*June 20, 2013**Morning Report: Autism*

University of Chicago Department of Pediatrics, Chicago, Illinois

University of Chicago Department of Pediatrics Resident Journal Club*August 17, 2011**Hydroxycarbamide in Very Young Children with Sickle Cell-Anemia: Evaluation of the Lancet Publication*

University of Chicago Department of Pediatrics, Chicago, Illinois

Pediatric Academic Societies and Asian Society of for Pediatric Research 2011 Joint Meeting *May 3, 2011**Poster Presentation: An Analysis of Neonatal Mortality in a Rural Tertiary Care Hospital in India*Authors: **Sameer Vohra**, Naveen Kumar Minumala, K.V. Raghava Rao, P.S. Reddy, Dharmapuri Vidyasagar

Denver, Colorado

April 22, 2011

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Global Health Forum*Playing Global Health Politics: Overcoming Obstacle on a Fulbright Scholarship in India*

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, Illinois

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Decatur Family Medicine Conference

February 25, 2011

Health Care Reform: America's Journey for Universal Coverage

Southern Illinois University Department of Family Medicine, Decatur, Illinois

Southern Illinois University Second Annual Symposium on Teaching and Learning

February 2, 2011

*Poster Presentation – Three Year Evaluation of Professional Ethics and Responsibility Program*Authors: Michael S. Sinha, Kristina Dzara, **Sameer S. Vohra**, and W. Eugene Basanta

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, Illinois

Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) 2010 Annual Meeting

November 7, 2010

Academic Medicine Session

SERVICE: Selecting Educational Residencies with Value, Incentives, Cost, and Effectiveness

Washington, District of Columbia

AAMC – Organization of Student Representatives 2010 Annual Meeting

November 5, 2010

Student Programming Showcase

Professional Responsibility Day: Southern Illinois University's Educational Initiative that Bridges the Divide between Medical and Law Students

Washington, District of Columbia

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Department of Urology Conference

October 20, 2010

Medical Malpractice: A Urological Perspective

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, Illinois

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds

October 14, 2010

Improving Pediatric Health Care in India: Lessons Learned on a Fulbright Scholarship

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, Illinois

Against the Odds: Making a Difference in Global Health

September 21, 2010

Student Panel on Global Health Experiences

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois

MediCiti Hospital – Final Fulbright Research Presentation

April 7, 2010

Improving Pediatric Health Care: Lessons from MediCiti Hospital

MediCiti Hospital, Ghapur Village, Andhra Pradesh, India

American College of Legal Medicine 2010 Annual Meeting

March 5, 2010

*Poster Presentation – Evaluation of Professional Ethics and Responsibility Program*Authors: Michael S. Sinha, Kristina Dzara, **Sameer S. Vohra**, and W. Eugene Basanta

Orlando, Florida

Fulbright Conference for U.S. Fulbright Scholars in India and Bhutan

November 25, 2009

Improving Pediatric Health Care: Lessons from Niloufer Hospital

Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, India

Cover the Uninsured Week 2008 – Luncheon for Safety-Net Providers

April 30, 2008

The Crisis of the Uninsured – A Medical Student's Perspective

Springfield, Illinois

Cover the Uninsured Week 2008 – Local Faces of the Uninsured: A Community's Response

April 28, 2008

The Crisis of the Uninsured – A Medical Student's Perspective

Springfield, Illinois

American College of Legal Medicine 2007 Annual Meeting

March 3, 2007

An American Muslim's Right to Die: Incorporating Islamic Law Into the Debate

Orlando, Florida

PROFILES

- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) News** July 1, 2014
Fellows in the News – Sameer Vohra, MD, JD
<http://aapnews.aappublications.org/content/35/7/32.full>
- Illinois State Medical Society Membership News** May 16, 2014
Dr. Vohra Receives AMA Foundation Leadership Award
https://www.isms.org/Membership/Members_in_the_News/Dr_Vohra_Receives_AMA_Foundation_Leadership_Award/
- The Daily Egyptian – Southern Illinois University** September 15, 2009
Fulbright Recipients Travel the Globe:
- Springfield State Journal Register** May 31, 2009
SIU Medical Students Wins Fulbright Scholarship:
<http://www.sj-r.com/homepage/x124606655/SIU-medical-student-wins-Fulbright-Scholarship>
- Southern Illinois University- Carbondale: The Saluki Times** May 18, 2009
Graduate Student Wins Fulbright Scholarship:
- Springfield State Journal Register – Heartland Magazine** February 1, 2008
Joining the Race: Campaign Volunteers on Why They Get Involved – The Overachiever
- Southern Illinois University News** July 19, 2007
Candidate for Dual JD/MD Degree Enjoys Challenge: