

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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**EDUCATION**

2008 B.S., Sports Medicine/Athletic Training; Exercise Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL  
2014 M.D., Indiana School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

**POST GRADUATE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

2014 – 2015 Internship, General Surgery, University of Chicago Medicine  
2015 – 2021 Residency, General Surgery, University of Chicago Medicine  
2021 – 2023 Fellowship, Transplant Surgery, Emory University Hospital

**MEDICAL LICENSURE**

Illinois Medical License #036-141417, *expires 7/31/26*  
Georgia Medical License #88518, *expired 9/30/24*

**CERTIFICATION**

American Board of Surgery, General Surgery, Certification #070880  
Initial Certification Date: March 21, 2022

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2016 – 2018 Research Fellow, Section of Transplant Surgery, University of Chicago Medicine  
2023 – Assistant Professor of Surgery, Transplant Surgery, University of Chicago Medicine  
2023 – Associate Program Director, General Surgery Residency, University of Chicago Medicine  
2023 – Faculty Member, MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, University of Chicago Medicine

**OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

2005 – 2008 Athletic Trainer, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL  
2009 – 2010 Medical Assistant, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics of Tallahassee, Tallahassee, FL  
2009 – 2010 Exercise Technician, Tallahassee Orthopedic Sports and Physical Therapy, Tallahassee, FL  
2009 – 2010 Medical and Clerical Assistant, North Florida Regional Thyroid Center, Tallahassee, FL  
2022 – 2023 ABS Mock Oral Boards Examiner, Caliber Boards

**PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

2016 – Society of Black Academic Surgeons  
2016 – American Society of Transplant Surgeons  
2016 – The Transplantation Society  
2017 – MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics  
2024 – Association of Women Surgeons

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2004 – 2005 Florida State University President's List  
2005 – 2008 Phi Eta Sigma, Academic Honor Society  
2005 – 2008 Florida State University Dean's List  
2008 – 2009 Max Crowder Scholarship/Atlantic Coast Conference Student Athletic Trainer of the Year  
2007 – 2009 Florida State University Mentoring Multicultural Students for Health Professions Internship  
2010 – 2011 Indiana University School of Medicine Annual Scholarship  
2011 – 2014 Edward and Sarah Cullipher Scholarship  
2013 Gold Humanism Honor Society  
2013 – 2014 Class of 1974 Scholarship

2013 – 2014	Janice M. Pascuzzi Scholarship
2013 – 2014	Wendell I. Zaring Scholarship
2016 – 2017	Advances in Organ Transplantation Fellows' Choice Award
2016 – 2017	American Transplant Congress Young Investigator Award
2017 – 2018	International Transplantation Society Best Abstract Award
2017 – 2018	Transplantation Society Young Investigator Award
2017 – 2018	MacLean Medical Ethics Fellowship
2017 – 2018	American Society of Transplant Surgeons Resident Scientist Grant
2017 – 2019	ABSITE Academic Achievement Award
2018 – 2019	Hanns Frimpong Spirit in Surgery Award
2019 – 2020	Northshore Service Values Award
2019 – 2020	Robert J. Baker Excellence in Teaching Award
2019	Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
2020 – 2021	General Surgery Administrative Chief Resident
2020 – 2021	American Medical Association House of Delegates, ASTS Resident Representative
2020 – 2021	Hilger Perry Jenkins Award, Pritzker School of Medicine
2021 – 2023	American Medical Association House of Delegates, ASTS Fellow Representative
2022 – 2023	Transplant Surgery Administrative Fellow
2024 – 2025	Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence Pilot Grant Award

## RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

2008 – 2009	<p>Community-based intervention studies regarding calcium consumption in African Americans Center on Better Health and Life for Underserved Populations, Florida State University Mentor: Jasminka Ilich-Ernst, PhD Designed and implemented lesson plans and interactive activities for study participants at the Smith-Williams Community Center and Afro-Caribbean Dance Theatre. Presented results from Phase II of study at the Mentoring Multicultural Students for Health Professions student symposium on April 24, 2009.</p>
2010 – 2011	<p>Gender disparities in adolescent medicine Section of Adolescent Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Indiana University Mentors: Gregory Zimet, MD and Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD Conducted interviews of patient-parent dyad participants and educated participants on the significance of Human Papilloma Virus vaccination in males. Examined differences associated with concussions suffered by male versus female athletes. Conducted interview of our subject and analyzed her clinical progression status post-concussion.</p>
2016 – 2018	<p>Induction of sensitization and resistance to transplant tolerance by allogeneic pregnancy Chong Laboratory, Section of Transplant Surgery, Department of Surgery, University of Chicago Medicine Mentor: Anita Chong, PhD Developed a mouse model where we studied the immunological consequences of allogeneic pregnancy for transplantation, to identify desensitization therapies and allow for the successful induction of tolerance in individuals sensitized by pregnancy. Presented results at numerous national and international conferences.</p>
2025 – Present	<p>Advancing healthcare equity in transplant surgery: cultivating trust through surgeon-patient communication Section of Transplant Surgery, Department of Surgery, University of Chicago Medicine PI: <b>Ashley Suah</b>, MD; Protocol number: IRB24-1803 We aim to elucidate dynamics within the surgeon-patient relationship that perpetuate disparities in access to transplantation, develop actionable strategies to build trust between surgeons and patients, and recommend culturally competent interventions aimed at eliminating disparities in transplantation.</p>

## ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP

2016 – 2017	Community Outreach Co-chair, University of Chicago Medicine House Staff Diversity Committee
2016 – 2018	Resident Representative, University of Chicago Patient Falls Committee
2016 – 2018	General Surgery Resident Representative, University of Chicago Graduate Medical Education Committee
2017 – 2018	Administrative Lab Resident, General Surgery Residency Program, University of Chicago Medicine
2016 – 2021	<p>President, University of Chicago Medicine House Staff Diversity Committee Served as the institutional representative for the underrepresented minority house staff members. Directed the organization and functioning of the mentorship, professional development, communication/social media, house staff culture, and community outreach subcommittees. Managed the annual budget and provided monetary updates to the rest of the board at monthly meetings.</p>
2023 –	DEI Education Subcommittee, Department of Surgery, University of Chicago Medicine

2023 – GME Task Force, University of Chicago Medicine  
 2023 – GME Wellbeing Advisory Committee, University of Chicago Medicine  
 2023 – General Residency Admissions Committee, University of Chicago Medicine  
 2024 – Liver Transplant Medical Director Search Committee, University of Chicago Medicine  
 2024 – Vascular Surgery and Podiatry, Clinical Associate Search Committee, University of Chicago Medicine  
 2024 – Transplant Nephrologist Search Committee, University of Chicago Medicine  
 2024 – Surgeon Liaison, Data Safety Monitoring Board for Pancreatic Islet study, Witkowski Lab, UCM

#### TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

2011 Co-founder, Annique Wilson-Weekes Scholarship of Excellence, Indiana School of Medicine  
 2011 – 2014 Peer Mentor, Vertical Medical Student Mentoring, Indiana School of Medicine  
 2012 – 2014 Peer Mentor, Student 2 Student Mentoring, Indiana University School of Medicine  
 2015 – 2017 Resident Coordinator, Society of Black Academic Surgeons, University of Chicago Chapter  
 Developed and implemented the 2017 SBAS National Meeting program  
 2016 – 2018 Instructor, University of Chicago General Surgery Residency Intern Skills Club  
 2016 – 2018 Teaching Assistant, Surgical Lectures at Kenwood Academy High School, Chicago, IL  
 2016 – 2021 Peer Mentor, University of Chicago ‘Professional Empowerment and Education of Residents’ Mentoring  
 2018 – 2023 Medical Student Committee, Society of Black Academic Surgeons, National Chapter  
 2021 – 2023 Mentor to Medical Students and Residents, Emory School of Medicine EMPACT Mentoring Program  
 2023 – Lecturer, Clinical Medical Ethics Course, Pritzker School of Medicine  
 2023 – General Surgery Resident Advisor, Pritzker School of Medicine

#### Medical Students:

2023 – Jessica Lu, BS. Medical Student, Pritzker School of Medicine, Chicago, IL  
 2023 – Priya Desai, BS. Medical Student, Boston University Hospital, Boston, MA.

#### Residents:

2023 – Kyra Nicholson, MD. Surgical Resident, University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, IL  
 2024 – Moronke Ogundolie, MD. Surgical Resident, University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, IL

#### Fellows:

2024 – Michelle Campbell, MD. MIS Fellow, University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, IL  
 Faculty Mentor for MERITS One-Year Fellowship for GME Fellows Track  
 Project Title: Incorporating Compassionate Training into General Surgery Resident Curriculum

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2002 – 2008 Student Volunteer, Helping Other People Everywhere (HOPE) Worldwide  
 Received a scholarship from HOPE Youth Corps and traveled to Colorado Springs, CO, where along with 20 other students, I worked with juvenile offenders. Traveled to New Orleans, LA and served on a team of 1500 students from universities across the nation – we cleared and prepared 54 lots in the Lower Ninth Ward for families who had lost their homes to Hurricane Katrina in 2005.  
 2011 Medical Assistant, ABroaderview Volunteers, Cusco City, Peru  
 Volunteered at Clinica San Juan De Dios and Cusco City Children’s Hospital and attended Aurora Andina Spanish School.  
 2012 Cabin Medical Staff, Camp John Warvel, North Webster, IN  
 Provided care for eight-year-old girls with Type I Diabetes. Facilitated diabetes education to campers and their families. Taught newly diagnosed campers how to dose and administer insulin.  
 2013 – 2014 Mentor, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Indiana, Indianapolis, IN  
 ‘Big Sister’ and friend to 10-year-old girl named Kristyn. Encouraged and supported Kristyn in setting and reaching her goals in school and at home. Indiana University School of Medicine Chapter Co-chair.  
 2017 – 2021 Volunteer, University of Chicago’s Day of Service and Reflection (DOSAR)  
 2020 Panelist, Strength Against an Invisible Enemy – COVID19 Community Education Panel  
 2020 Panelist, Helpful Information During the COVID Crisis – Multidisciplinary Resident Physician Panel  
 2023 Panelist, Organ Donation and Transplantation Community Discussions, Gift of Hope  
 2024 Speaker, Junia Arise Women’s Conference, Liberty Boilingbrook Church, IL

#### EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

##### Ad hoc reviewer:

2023 – AMA Journal of Ethics 3x/yr  
 2024 – Vascular Journal 2x/yr

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-reviewed publications in the primary literature, exclusive of abstracts:

1. **Suah, A**, Millis, JM, Bodzin, AS. Indications for early reoperation following liver transplantation. *HPB & Transplant Surgery: Practical Management of Dilemmas Textbook for AHPBA*. 2018. 127:895-904.
2. **Suah, A**, Millis, JM, Bodzin, AS. Congenital membranous occlusion of the suprahepatic inferior vena cava in a pediatric liver transplant. *Hepatobiliary Surgery and Nutrition*. 2018. Feb; 7(1):29-31.
3. **Suah, A**, Angelos, P. How should trauma patients' informed consent or refusal be regarded by clinicians in a trauma bay or other emergency settings? *AMA Journal of Ethics*. 2018. May; 20(5):425-430.
4. **Suah, A**, Tran, D, Hsu-Wei Khiew, S, Andrade, M, Pollard, J, Jain, D, Young, J, Yin, D, Chalasani, G, Alegre, M, Chong, A. Pregnancy-induced humoral sensitization overrides T cell tolerance to fetus-matched allografts in mice. *Journal of Clinical Investigation*. 2021. Jan; 131(1):e140715.
5. **Suah, A**, Clarkson-During, A, Cone, J. Chest tube placement for possible hemothorax. *Journal of Medical Insight*. 2020. doi:10.24296/JOMI/299.3
6. **Suah, A**, Williams, B. Exploratory laparotomy in a hemodynamically stable patient for an abdominal gunshot wound. *Journal of Medical Insight*. 2020. May 25. doi:10.24296/JOMI/299.8
7. **Suah, A**, Patel, D, Hafez, N, Williams, B. Exploratory laparotomy and splenectomy for ruptured spleen following blunt force trauma. *Journal of Medical Insight*. 2020. doi:10.24296/JOMI/299.9
8. **Suah, A**, Millis, JM. Ethics and national policy change: a case study of the transplant system in china. *Difficult Decisions in Surgical Ethics – An Evidence-Based Approach*. 2021. 43:605-616.
9. **Suah, A**, Williams, B. How should clinicians address a patient's experience of transgenerational trauma? *AMA Journal of Ethics*. 2021. June; 23(6):e440-445.
10. Blanchard, A, Blanchard, J, **Suah, A**, Dade, A, Burnett, A, McDade, W. Reflect and reset: black academic voices call the graduate medical education community to action. *Academic Medicine*. 2022 Mar 15. doi:10.1097/ACM.0000000000004664. Epub ahead of print.
11. **Suah, A**, Saunders MR. Racial Disparities in Living Donor Kidney Transplantation-How Can We Bridge the Gap? *JAMA Netw Open*. 2023 Dec 1;6(12):e2347808.
12. Brubaker AL, Sellers MT, Abt PL, Croome KP, Merani S, Wall A, Abreu P, Alebrahim M, Baskin R, Bohorquez H, Cannon RM, Cederquist K, Edwards J, Huerter BG, Hobeika MJ, Kautzman L, Langnas AN, Lee DD, Manzi J, Nassar A, Neidlinger N, Nydam TL, Schnickel GT, Siddiqui F, **Suah A**, Taj R, Taner CB, Testa G, Vianna R, Vyas F, Montenegro MI. US Liver Transplant Outcomes After Normothermic Regional Perfusion vs Standard Super Rapid Recovery. *JAMA Surg*. 2024 Apr 3:e240520.
13. Al Sayyab, M, **Suah, A**. What are the indications and risks of intraoperative CRRT in liver transplant. *Difficult Decisions in Abdominal Transplant – An Evidence-Based Approach*. In Press.

### Work presented as posters or oral presentations at national and international meetings:

1. Alexander, A, Stupiansky, N, Ott, MA, **Suah, A**, Shew, ML, and Zimet, GD. Parent-son decision making about hpv vaccination. Poster Presentation, Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine Annual Conference; March 2012; New Orleans, LA.
2. Hale, A, **Suah, A**, Mahapatra S, and Rohr-Kirchgraber T. A stake in the game: concussion incidence and outcomes in girls. Poster presentation, American Medical Women's Association Annual Meeting; April 2012; Miami, FL.
3. **Suah, A**, Young, J, Hsu-Wei Khiew, S, Wang, Q, Yin, D, Alegre, M, Chong, A. Induction of sensitization and resistance to transplant tolerance by allogenic pregnancy. Poster presentation, Great Lakes Transplant Immunology Forum; October 2016; Chicago, IL.
4. Schneider, AB, Benjamin, AJ, **Suah, A**, Roach, P, Posner, M, Matthews, J, Schindler, N, Roggin, KK. I need an intraoperative resident feedback system STAT! – using smart-phones for evaluations. Poster presentation, American Surgical Congress; February 2017; Las Vegas, NV.
5. **Suah, A**, Young, J, Hsu-Wei Khiew, S, Wang, Q, Yin, D, Alegre, M, Chong, A. Induction of sensitization and resistance to transplant tolerance by allogenic pregnancy. Oral presentation, Annual Charles B. Huggins Symposium; February 2017; Chicago, IL.
6. **Suah, A**, Young, J, Hsu-Wei Khiew, S, Wang, Q, Yin, D, Alegre, M, Chong, A. Induction of sensitization and resistance to transplant tolerance by allogenic pregnancy. Oral presentation, Advances in Organ Transplant Fellows Conference; April 2017; Cleveland, OH.
7. **Suah, A**, Krezalek, M, Xue, L, Singh, P, Stack, M, Roggin, K, Umanskiy, K. Repetitio est mater studiorum – a comprehensive and distributed intern surgical skills curriculum. Poster presentation, American Program Directors in Surgery Meeting; April 2017; San Diego, CA.
8. **Suah, A**, Young, J, Hsu-Wei Khiew, S, Wang, Q, Yin, D, Alegre, M, Chong, A. Induction of sensitization and resistance to transplant tolerance by allogenic pregnancy. Oral presentation, American Transplant Congress; May 2017; Chicago, IL.
9. **Suah, A**, Young, J, Hsu-Wei Khiew, S, Wang, Q, Yin, D, Alegre, M, Chong, A. Induction of sensitization and resistance to transplant tolerance by allogenic pregnancy. Oral presentation, Transplantation Science Symposium; May 2017; Victoria, BC, Canada.

10. **Suah, A**, Hsu-Wei Khiew, S, Young, J, Wang, Q, Yin, D, Alegre, M, Chong, A. Acquired resistance to transplantation tolerance as a result of prior pregnancy requires B cells. Poster presentation, Great Lakes Transplant Immunology Forum; October 2017; Madison, WI.
11. **Suah, A**, Hsu-Wei Khiew, S, Young, J, Wang, Q, Yin, D, Alegre, M, Chong, A. Acquired resistance to transplantation tolerance as a result of prior pregnancy requires B cells. Oral presentation, Society of Black Academic Surgeons; April 2018; Birmingham, AL.
12. **Suah, A**, Hsu-Wei Khiew, S, Young, J, Wang, Q, Yin, D, Alegre, M, Chong, A. Acquired resistance to transplantation tolerance as a result of prior pregnancy requires B cells. Oral presentation, American Transplant Congress; June 2018; Seattle, WA.
13. **Suah, A**, Hsu-Wei Khiew, S, Young, J, Wang, Q, Yin, D, Alegre, M, Chong, A. Acquired resistance to transplantation tolerance as a result of prior pregnancy requires B cells. Oral presentation, Transplantation Science Symposium; July 2018; Madrid, Spain.
14. Strobl, H, **Suah, A**, Bendix, P. Trauma informed care simulation-based training for healthcare providers. Poster presentation, Society of Black Academic Surgeons; April 2019; New York City, NY.
15. Tran, D, **Suah, A**, Hsu-Wei Khiew, S, Young, J, Wang, Q, Yin, D, Alegre, M, Chong, A. Acquired resistance to transplantation tolerance as a result of prior pregnancy requires B cells. Poster presentation, American Transplant Congress; June 2019; Boston, MA.
16. Juengel B, Bachul P, Kyeso Y, Perez-Gutierrez A, Cimen A, **Suah A**, Gaffan A, Krishnamoorthy S, Cunningham P, El Kassis Y, Josephson M, Concepcion B, Fung J, Barth R, Witkowski P. Advantages of simultaneous kidney and pancreas transplantation in selected patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus: a single-center study. Poster presentation, Transplantation Science Symposium; September 2024; Istanbul, Turkey.
17. Nguyen T, Khuraa N, Torres N, Pries C, Pruso B, Masoumi A, Cimen A, **Suah A**, Barth R, Concepcion B. The impact of pretransplant evaluation satellite clinics on access to kidney transplantation. Poster presentation, Cutting Edge of Transplantation; March 2025; Scottsdale, AZ.

#### **Media coverage and other publicly available works:**

1. One dynamic partnership. *Radius – IU East Alumni Magazine*. Winter 2013. 3(2): 3-6. Interview and photographs.
2. Bud Billiken Parade kicks off new school year. *At the Forefront – UChicago Medicine*. September 2017. Interview and photographs.
3. Medical residents step up to care for patients, reach out to community during pandemic. *At the Forefront – UChicago Medicine*. June 17, 2020. Interview and photographs.
4. Residents step up, reach out. *Medicine on the Midway*. October 2020. Interview and photographs.
5. Diversity, excellence, and inclusion in transplant surgery with dr. ashley suah. *The Black Doctors Podcast*. Jan 7, 2024. Interview.
6. Demystifying the field of transplant surgery with dr. ashley suah. *The Black Doctors Podcast*. Jan 14, 2024. Interview.
7. Prescription drug affordability board press conference. *Multiple print and broadcast media outlets*. March 27, 2024. Interview, photographs and video recording.
8. Ashley suah, one of the country's only black female transplant surgeons, promotes education and equity. *Biological Sciences – UChicago Medicine*. April 29, 2024. Interview and photographs.
9. Medication-assisted weight loss leads to lifesaving kidney transplant. *Biological Sciences – UChicago Medicine*. June 10, 2024. Interview.
10. Sharing a local hero's story and the importance of being a living donor. *ABC Interview*. January 22, 2025. Video, photographs, and audio.
11. Medical monday: promotion of organ donation and living donor transplantation. *FM Omni Radio Channel*. Feb 24, 2025. Radio interview.

#### **ADDITIONAL LECTURES**

1. **Suah, AN**. Strength in multidisciplinary partnership – chief resident grand rounds. University of Chicago Department of Surgery; 2021 June 2; Chicago, IL.
2. **Suah, AN**. Communicating with surgeons: relationships matter. Emory Transplant Center Grand Rounds; Emory University Hospital; 2023 Mar 8; Atlanta, GA.
3. **Suah AN**. Informed consent. Clinical Medical Ethics Course, Pritzker School of Medicine; 2024 Jan 30; Chicago, IL.
4. **Suah, AN**. Bleeding versus clotting – vascular complications in liver transplant. SICU Lecture Series, University of Chicago Medicine; 2024 Feb 27; Chicago, IL.
5. **Suah AN**. Indications for CRRT in liver transplant. UChicago Transplant Surgery Fellow Lecture Series; 2024 Apr 4; Chicago, IL.
6. **Suah, AN**. Organ offers: acceptances and turndowns. Pre-kidney/LD Meeting; 2024 June 12; Chicago, IL.
7. **Suah, AN**. Informed consent. Clinical Medical Ethics Course, Pritzker School of Medicine; 2025 Jan 28; Chicago, IL.
8. **Suah, AN**. Impact of obesity and chronic kidney disease on transplant surgery. National Kidney Foundation of Illinois Black History Month Webinar; 2025 Feb 27; Chicago, IL.