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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION:

- 2004 Washington University in St. Louis St. Louis, MO, U.S.A.
A.B.; Economics
- 2005 Columbia University
New York, New York, U.S.A.
M.P.H.; Health Policy and Management
- 2013 University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A. M.D.; Medicine
- 2016 University of Colorado
Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.
Internship and Residency; Internal Medicine – Primary Care

LICENSURE:

Medical Board of California, A140141, 09/30/2025

BOARD CERTIFICATION:

- 2016 - 2022 Specialist, American Association of HIV Medicine
- 2016 - 2026 Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2023-Present Associate Chief Medical Officer and Director of Primary Care
Los Angeles County Health Services Ambulatory Care Network

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Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.

- 2023-Present Health Sciences Associate Clinical Professor
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Department of Medicine, Olive View – UCLA Medical Center
Sylmar, CA, U.S.A.
- 2022-Present Clinical Assistant Professor
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
Internal Medicine, College of Medicine
Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.
- 2021-2023 Associate Medical Director, South Los Angeles Health Center Group
Los Angeles County Health Services Ambulatory Care Network
Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.
- 2021-Present Medical and Population Health Advisor
Sunnyside.co
- 2020-2021 Director of Primary Care, Olive View – UCLA Medical Center
Los Angeles County Health Services
Sylmar, CA, U.S.A.
- 2018-2020 Adult Primary Care Clinic Medical Director, Olive View – UCLA Medical Center
Los Angeles County Health Services
Sylmar, CA, U.S.A.
- 2017-2023 Health Sciences Assistant Clinical Professor
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Department of Medicine, Olive View – UCLA Medical Center
Sylmar, CA, U.S.A.
- 2016-2021 HIV Primary Care Medical Director, Olive View – UCLA Medical Center
Los Angeles County Health Services
Sylmar, CA, U.S.A.
- 2011-2012 HIV and Telemedicine Research Fellow
Dept. of Dermatology, University of California San Francisco
San Francisco, California, U.S.A.
- 2009 Consultant, Global AIDS Program Mozambique
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Maputo, Mozambique
- 2006-2008 Allan Rosenfield Global Health Fellow, Global AIDS Program
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.

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- 2005-2006 Cost-Effectiveness Consultant
Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center
New York, New York, U.S.A.
- 2005 Intern, Network Public Health Program Open Society Foundations
New York, New York, U.S.A.

COMMITTEES:

- 2023-Present Member, Los Angeles County Health Services Ambulatory Care Network Medical Executive Committee
- 2023-Present Member, Los Angeles County Health Services Utilization Management Committee
- 2023-Present Member, Los Angeles County Health Services Interdisciplinary Practice Committee
- 2022-2023 Member, Los Angeles County Health Services Diagnostics & Testing Committee
- 2021-Present Co-Chair, Los Angeles County Health Services HIV Services Work Group
- 2020-2021 Co-Founder, Physicians of Olive View Working to End Racism (POWER) Initiative
- 2018-2021 Member, Olive View – UCLA Medical Center LGBTQ Committee
- 2017-Present Member, Medical Advisory Committee, Division of HIV and STD Programs, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- 2017-Present Member, Los Angeles County Health Services Infectious Disease Work Group
- 2017-Present Member, Los Angeles County Health Services Substance Use Disorder Work Group

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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| Lead
Regulatory Survey Readiness
Medical Record Review | Los Angeles County Health Services Ambulatory
Care Network
2024-Present |
| Quality Measure Lead
-HIV Screening
-HIV Viral Load Suppression
-Colorectal Cancer Screening
-Adult Cognitive Health Screening | Los Angeles County Health Services
Quality Incentive Pool Program
2021-Present |
| Lead
Covid-19 Vaccine Implementation Team | Olive View – UCLA Medical Center
2021 |

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Lead Influenza Vaccine Implementation Team	Olive View- UCLA Medical Center 2020-2021
Coach Center for Care Innovations Catalyst Program	Center For Care Innovations 2019-2021
Judge SGIM California – Hawaii Meeting	Society of General Internal Medicine 2017
Judge ACP Southern California Region 1 Meeting	American College of Physicians 2016
Member	Society of General Internal Medicine 2016-Present
Member	American College of Physicians 2008-2020
Reviewer	International Journal of Drug Policy 2007

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Lead Primary Care Provider Development Initiative	Los Angeles County Health Services Ambulatory Care Network 2024-Present
Preceptor Long Beach Memorial Family Medicine Residency Substance Use Disorder Clinic Rotation	Hubert H. Humphrey Comprehensive Medical Center 2022-Present
Preceptor UCLA Infectious Disease Fellowship HIV Clinic	Olive View – UCLA Medical Center 2022-Present
Preceptor HIV Clinical Fellowship Continuity Clinic	Hubert H. Humphrey Comprehensive Medical Center 2021-Present
Site Director UCLA Infectious Disease Fellow HIV Clinic	Olive View – UCLA Medical Center 2016-2022
Preceptor Internal Medicine Residency Clinic	Olive View – UCLA Medical Center 2016-2021

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS RECEIVED:

- 2017 Center for Care Innovations Catalyst Program
Six-month capability building training award and program. Catalysts learn and practice human-centered design to explore strategic challenges within an organization. The Catalyst program emphasizes “co-design,” wherein the stakeholders affected by the problem – whether they are clients, caregivers, frontline or ancillary staff, or community partners – play a pivotal role in co-creating service experiences of the future.
Role: PI
- 2019 Center for Care Innovations Addiction Treatment Starts Here
One year capability building training award and program providing methods and tools to guide primary care health centers through designing new or expanding existing medication-assisted treatment programs in the primary care setting with a focus on opioid use disorder.
Role: PI
- 2020 AIDDP (Rosen). ACCT-AD Implementation for Dementia Diagnosis in Primary Care Practice. Two-part implementation of the Assessment of Cognitive Complaints Toolkit for AD (ACCT-AD) toolkit to optimize its usability by PCP’s. Phase 1 is dedicated to piloting and refinement of the ACCT-AD contents, creating a patient/informant questionnaire, testing the diagnostic accuracy of ACCT-AD using non-expert trainees at three CADC sites and preparing for community practice implementation. Phase Two will take place in years three, four and five and be dedicated to implementation of ACCT-AD in three community practices and collection of qualitative and quantitative metrics regarding the impact of ACCT-AD on practice processes related to dementia assessment, diagnosis, and management.
Role: PI of Olive View – UCLA site (subcontract)
- 2021 COVID-OUT: Early Outpatient Treatment for SARS-CoV-2 Infection (Bramante).
Randomized clinical trial measuring if metformin vs fluvoxamine vs ivermectin vs metformin+fluvoxamine vs metformin+ivermectin is superior to placebo in non-hospitalized adults with SARS-CoV-2 disease for preventing Covid-19 disease progression.
Role: PI of Olive View – UCLA site (subcontract)
- 2022 Embedding Comprehensive Smoking Cessation Programs into County Clinics (Friedman). Four-year smoking cessation implementation project funded by the University of California’s Tobacco Related Disease Research Program. This study is comparing implementation of two smoking cessation services, a counseling group and medication management, to treatment as usual across 10 clinics in the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services and Department of Mental Health.
Role: Associate Investigator
- 2022 CLARO: Collaboration Leading to Addiction Treatment and Recovery from Other Stresses (Watkins). Three-year study evaluating collaborative care as a treatment approach for people

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with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Patients that have opioid use disorder (OUD) as well as PTSD and/or depression are randomized to collaborative care or usual care to evaluate patients' response to treatment and assess whether collaborative care is beneficial in treating OUD and PTSD/depression.

Role: PI of Olive View – UCLA/ Hubert H. Humphrey Health Center site (subcontract)

2023 Covid-19 Test to Treat Equity Grant

CA Department of Public Health COVID-19 therapeutics equity grant program to expeditiously connect patients who test positive for COVID-19 with therapeutic treatment to decrease related morbidity and mortality.

Role: PI

2023 ACTIV-6: COVID-19 Study of Repurposed Medications (Naggie). Three-year, Phase 3 clinical trial evaluating the effectiveness of repurposed medications, including montelukast and metformin, in reducing symptoms of non-hospitalized participants with mild to moderate COVID-19.

Role: PI of Olive-View-UCLA site (subcontract)

2024 ADDPCP (Rosen). Advancing the Diagnosis of Dementia in Primary Care Practice. 5-year NIH-funded trial to pair biomarker testing with implementation of a modified Assessment of Cognitive Complaints Toolkit for AD (ACCT-AD) toolkit for the diagnosis and management of dementia in the primary care setting.

Role: PI of Olive View – UCLA site (subcontract)

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

2013 “HHV-8 associated Multicentric Castleman's Disease in an HIV- infected 8 year-old girl in Mbarara, Uganda.” Gross and Microscopic Dermatology Symposium American Academy of Dermatology 71st Annual Meeting March 1-5; Miami Beach, FL.

2017 “PrEP Talk: Pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV” Mid Valley Comprehensive Health Center Van Nuys, CA, October 4, 2017.

2021 “Updates in HIV Primary Care” Primary Care Rounds, University of Kansas Health System, Kansas City, KS, February 18, 2021.

HONORS AND SPECIAL AWARDS:

2010 Neal and Sarah J. Gault International Study Award

2012 Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee

2013 University of Minnesota Foundation Graduating Medical Student Research Award

2016 4th Place, Oral Case Presentation, ACP Colorado Chapter Resident's Scientific Meeting

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2016 Westside Adult Clinic, Resident of the Year Award

NOT YET RETAINED

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RESEARCH PAPERS

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2. **Belani, H.**, & Muennig, P. (2008). Cost-effectiveness of needle and syringe exchange for the prevention of hiv in new york city. *Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services*, 7(3), 229-240.
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2. **Belani, H.**, Meinhardt, E., Leslie, K. (2012). Neutrophilic urticaria with systemic inflammation. Poster presentation at: Skin is Vital. The European Academy of Dermatology and Venerology 21st Annual Congress; 2012 September 27-30; Prague, Czech Republic.
3. Kissler, M., **Belani, H.**, Ryan, P. (2016). Delayed discharge: Transient global amnesia in the hospital. Oral presentation at the American College of Physicians Colorado Chapter Resident's Scientific Meeting. 2016 May 16; Denver, Colorado.
4. Rosenstock, P., Balingit, P., **Belani, H.** (2019) You booze, you lose...sensation: a case of alcoholic peripheral neuropathy. Poster presentation at the Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting. 2019 May 9; Washington, D.C.
5. Thetford, J., Heinze, E., **Belani, H.** (2019) Gout of the ordinary: Clavicular gout in HIV. Poster presentation at the Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting. 2019 May 9; Washington, D. C.
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8. Khidir, H., Carson, S., Vassar, S., Nafisi, A., Abdullahi, G., Shah, S., **Belani, H.**, Meza, B., Brown, A., Gonzalez, C. (2022) Effects of a Longitudinal Intervention to Improve Clinical Educator Implicit Bias Recognition and Management in Teaching and Clinical Settings. Poster presentation at the Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting. 2022 April 9; Orlando, FL.
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