

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CONTACT INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

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EDUCATION

IL Leadership Education Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Fellow, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2014
B.S. Human & Family Resources, Northern Illinois University, 1995

CURRENT POSITIONS

Institute on Disability and Human Development (IDHD) at University of Illinois Chicago (UIC), IL's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), Chicago, IL
Research Associate II/Coordinator of Community Education, October 2021-present

IL Leadership Education Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) at UIC, Chicago, IL
Self Advocacy Training Mentor, January 2017-present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Institute on Disability and Human Development (IDHD) at University of Illinois Chicago (UIC), IL University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), Chicago, IL
Research Associate II/Community Education & Training Coordinator, January 2018-September 2021

IL Self Advocacy Alliance, Chicago, IL
Project Specialist, May-October 2021

Institute on Disability and Human Development (IDHD) at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), IL's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), Chicago, IL
Visiting Research Associate-Asians with Disabilities Outreach Project Think-Tank (ADOPT), 2013-2015

Community Counseling Centers for Chicago (C4), Chicago, IL
Prevention Specialist-Quetzal Center, March 1999-December 2011

PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

Hasnain, R., Zawilenski, A, Singh, G., et al (2013). The ADOPT Toolkit: Finding Resources & Strategies for Improving Outreach to Asian Americans with Disabilities
Listed with lead authors

RESEARCH (Selected)

Family Supports Resource Training Center (FSRTC) R1: Strive to Thrive: Supporting Families across the Aging and Disability Networks, University of IL Chicago Department of Disability and Human Development (DHD), Chicago, IL

Co-PI, (2024-present).

Virtual Future is Now Training, University of IL Chicago Department of Disability and Human Development (DHD), Chicago, IL
Trainer, (2022-2025).

Asians with Disabilities Outreach Project Thinktank (ADOPT), University of IL Chicago Department of Disability and Human Development, Chicago, IL
Visiting Research Associate I; (2013-2015).

AWARDS AND HONORS

2026 AHJS Humanitarian of the Year Award-University of Illinois College of Applied Health Sciences

2011 FoundAsian Award-City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on Asian Affairs

Grants Received (selected)

Crossroads Fund Seed Grant, Chicagoland Disabled People of Color Coalition (DPOCC), 2023-2024
\$10,000 General operating funds.

Crossroads Fund Seed Grant, Chicagoland Disabled People of Color Coalition (DPOCC), 2022-2023
\$10,000 General operating funds.

National COVID Resiliency Network (NCRN) Morehouse School of Medicine, Chicagoland Disabled People of Color Coalition (DPOCC), (2022-2023)
\$20,000 Long COVID19 Story Collection and Resource Guide Project

Chicago Beyond Rapid Response Fund, Chicagoland Disabled People of Color Coalition (DPOCC), 2022-2023
\$26,000 general operating funds

TEACHING

University of Illinois Chicago DHD 302 Class Presentation, April 2026
Gordon, T., Pak, J., Guest lecture on disability, advocacy, and policy.

DePaul University MSW583 Class Presentation, May 2025
Pak, J., Advocacy and Activism: Connections to Social Work

Illinois LEND-University of Illinois at Chicago, Fall/Spring semesters-2018-present
Instructor: Presented on disability culture, self-advocacy, disability policy, accessibility, vocational rehabilitation, intersection of disability and race/culture, gender based violence against people with disabilities, and disability and human trafficking.

University of Illinois Chicago AHS 210 Class Presentation
Guest lecturer on self-advocacy, disability, vocational rehabilitation, and intersectional rehabilitation sciences.

University of Illinois Chicago DHD 302 and DHD 581 Class Presentation, April 2023
Gordon, T., Pak, J., Guest lecture on disability, advocacy, and policy.

PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

EL Valor Staff Training, May 2026
Pak, J., Self Determination & Self Advocacy

AHS Research Day 2026, April 2026
Heller, T., Abdelrahim, R., Mishra, P., Diaz, M., **Pak, J.**, Virtual Future is Now: Expanding the Reach poster

Arc of Illinois 2026 Convention, April 2026

Abdelrahim, R., Mishra, P., **Pak, J.**, Virtual Future in Now (VFIN) Train the Trainer Project

Arc of Illinois 2025 Convention, April 2025

Gordon, T., **Pak, J.**, Virtual Future is Now: An Online Future Planning Curriculum for Adults with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities and their Families

IL Statewide Transition Conference, November 2024

Gordon, T., **Pak, J.**, Virtual Future is Now: An Online Future Planning Curriculum for Adults with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities and their Families

Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) 2024 Conference, November 2024

Baer, S., Angus, M., Kermon, M., **Pak, J.**, Arana, J., Strengthening the Self-Advocacy Discipline: Results & Recommendations Based on Small Pilot Study Utilizing the Self-Advocacy Competencies

TMU Visiting Student Presentation, August 2024

Pak, J., Advocacy in Action

International Association of Scientific Study of Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IASSIDD) Congress, August 2024

Gordon, T., Harris, C., Compton, E., **Pak, J.**, Smith, V., Nelis, T., Inclusive Research Self Advocacy

Heller, T., Caldwell, J., Hsieh, K., Gordon, T., **Pak, J.**, Mishra, P., Virtual Future is Now: An Online Future Planning Curriculum for Adults with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities and their Families

ACAPT Accessibility Summit, June 2024

Hermann, D., VanPunbrouch, L., **Pak, J.**, Caston, S., Addressing Implicit Bias and Promoting Diversity in Physical Therapy Education

2024 Illinois Occupational Therapy Association (ILOTA) Student Conclave, February 2024

Gordon, T.J., **Pak, J.**, Wallaert, C., Supporting our Clients with Disabilities while Challenging Ableism

PCORI/B.E.S.T. Youth Webinar, January 2024

Pak, J., Gordon, T., Healthy Relationships

PCORI/B.E.S.T. Youth Webinar, November, 2023

Pak, J., Gordon, T., Sexuality & Sexual Health

Planned Parenthood DEI Learning Lab, November 2023

Pak, J., Gordon, T., Disability Diversity Presentation

Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) 2023 Conference, November 2023

Arnold, K., Heller, T., **Pak, J.**, Virtual Future in Now

Speak Up & Speak Out Summit, October, 2023

Gordon, T.J., Myshra, P., **Pak, J.**, Virtual Future is Now

National Louis University, March 2023

Pak, J., Healthy Sexuality and Relationships

Speak Up Speak Out Summit, Nov 2021

Pak, J., Campazano, J., Gordon, T.J., Ramos, G., King, B. #HearOurVoices Panel on Intersection of Disability & Racial Justice

Institute on Disability and Human Development (IDHD) at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), IL's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) Webinar Series, April 2020

Pak, J., Healthy Sexuality

ARC of OR, June 2019

Mahar, L., Stober, K., **Pak, J.**, Future Planning Training

National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) Conference, July 2019

Pak, J., Colville, S.K., Reil, E. Unheard Screams: Human Trafficking
IL Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) Statewide Conference, March 2019
Pak, J., Community Collaborations Workshop
Speak Up Speak Out Summit, October 2018
Ahern, T., **Pak, J.**, Mobilizing Support for Survivors with Disabilities
Health and Human Services National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center, October 2018
Pak, J. J., Reid, J., & Vandenberg, M. Human Trafficking and Individuals with Disabilities [webinar].
SABE National Conference, June, 2018
Ahern, T., **Pak, J.**, Our Right Right Now: Empowering Survivors with Disabilities via IL Imagines

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (selected)

Member: Disabilities Fund, Chicago, IL, 2024-present.
Co-Founder, Chicagoland Disabled People of Color Coalition (DPOCC), 2018-present.
Chairperson, Statewide Independent Living Council of IL (SILC), 2019-2022.
Steering Committee Member, Disability Immigration Taskforce of IL (DITI), 2019-present.
Steering Committee Member, National Human Trafficking and Disabilities Working Group, 2017-2019.
IL Imagines Chicago Co-Chair, Chicago, IL, 2015-2017, and 2019-2021
Chairperson, Community Counseling Centers of Chicago (C4) Cultural Competency Committee, Chicago, IL, 2008-2011.
Asian Giving Circle Co-Chair/Member, Chicago, IL, 2007-2015.
Board of Directors, Illinois Caucus on Adolescent Health (ICAH), 2007-2012

BOARDS/COMMITTEES

National

National Human Trafficking & Disabilities Working Group (NHTDWG), UCEDD representative (2016-present)

State

Quality Care Board of IL (01/2020-present)
Access & Functional Needs Advisory Committee of IL (04/2022-present)
Speak Up Speak Out Summit Planning Committee 2020-present
Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) of IL (05/2017-06/2022)
Executive Committee member (08/2018-06/2022)
Reappointed Member (11/2024-present)

University of IL Chicago Department of Disability and Human Development

UIC DHD Diversity Equity Inclusion & Accessibility Committee (11/2022-present)
UIC Chancellor's Committee on Status of Asian Americans (CCSAA) (08/2023-present)
UIC AHS Clinical Services Strategic Planning Committee (01/2025-05/2025)

Volunteer

Disability Pride Parade Planning Committee (01/2025-present)