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### EDUCATION

**University of California, Los Angeles** September 2020 –  
PhD, Health Policy and Management

**University of Pennsylvania** August 2018 – December 2019  
Master of Bioethics

**New York University** August 2014 – May 2018  
Bachelor of Arts, Public Health/Sociology with a minor in Chemistry  
University Honors Scholar/Founders' Day Award  
Study Abroad: Madrid (Summer 2015), Sydney (Spring 2016), London (Fall 2016)

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Wexler Lab, Department of Medical Ethics & Health Policy, UPenn** October 2018 –  
*Research Associate, PI: Dr. Anna Wexler*

- Responsible for developing IRB protocols, survey instruments, interview guides, and qualitative coding protocols for studies exploring the ethical, legal, and social implications of emerging technologies
- Execute survey dissemination, qualitative and quantitative data analysis, and manuscript preparation

**Department of Medical Ethics & Health Policy, UPenn** November 2019 – September 2020  
*Research Assistant, PI: Dr. Pamela Sankar*

- Developed a search protocol to track machine learning trends in precision medicine
- Assisted in the development of a qualitative codebook and coded a preliminary subset of semi-structured interviews

**Department of Medical Ethics & Health Policy, UPenn** May 2019 – August 2019  
*Research Assistant, PI: Dr. Harald Schmidt*

- Managed survey design and implementation for study on Medicaid work requirements
- Monitored and tracked responses, including preliminary data analysis

**Department of Emergency Medicine, NYU** August 2017 – August 2018  
*Research Associate, PI: Dr. David Lee*

- Assisted on a study which aimed to develop and validate novel geographic methods to enhance rural health surveillance

- Responsible for mailed-survey data, including inputting RedCap entries and analyzing data

**Department of Population Health, NYU**

May 2016 – August 2016

*Research Assistant, PI: Dr. Amanda Shallcross*

- Developed a scoring protocol for ActiLife data collected from watches that monitor participant sleeping patterns
- Managed and coded behavioral data and assisted with manuscript writing

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**UPenn, Health Policy & Politics in Comparative Perspective** August 2019 – December 2019

*Teaching Assistant, Professor: Dr. Julia Lynch*

- Worked with Dr. Lynch to create educational materials, including weekly reading quizzes and exam questions
- Guided students through in-class, active learning activities and provide feedback on assignments

**NYU College of Global Public Health Student Council**

May 2017 – May 2018

*President*

- Managed a team to organize public health events, including NYU's first National Public Health Week
- Served as a student representative for public health undergraduates in the Student Government Assembly

**NYU Class Activities Board**

May 2017 – May 2018

*Vice President of Administration*

- Responsible for taking meeting minutes and disseminating information via email, keeping track of club archives, and making room reservations
- Programmed monthly large-scale events for all seniors such as Last First Day, 100 Nights Before Commencement, and Senior Week

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Nagappan, A.**, Kalokairinou, L., & Wexler, A. (in press). "Ethical and Legal Considerations of Alternative Neurotherapies." *AJOB Neuroscience*.

Kalokairinou, L., Zettler, P. J., **Nagappan, A.**, Kyweluk, M. A., & Wexler, A. (2020). "The Promise of Direct-to-Consumer COVID-19 Testing: Ethical and Regulatory Issues." *Journal of Law and the Biosciences*.

Wexler, A., **Nagappan, A.**, Beswerchij, A., & Choi, R. (2020). "Direct-to-Consumer Orthodontics: Surveying the User Experience." *The Journal of the American Dental Association* 151 (8), 625-636.

Wexler, A., **Nagappan, A.**, Kopyto, D., & Choi, R. (2020). "Neuroenhancement for sale: assessing the website claims of neurofeedback providers in the United States." *Journal of Cognitive Enhancement* (published online first), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41465-020-00170-8>.

**Nagappan, A.** (2020). "CBD For Your Anxiety: Ethical Concerns." *The Neuroethics Blog*. <http://www.theneuroethicsblog.com/2020/01/cbd-for-your-anxiety-ethical-concerns.html>

Lee, D., Feldman, J., Osorio, M., ...**Nagappan, A.**, Shim, C., Vinson, A., Thorpe, L., McGraw, N. (2019). "Improving the Geographic Precision of Rural Chronic Disease Surveillance by Using Emergency Claims Data: A Cross-Sectional Comparison of Survey versus Claims Data in Sullivan County, New York." *BMJ Open*.

## PRESENTATIONS / PANELS

Nagappan, A., Kalokairinou, L., & Wexler, A. "Ethical and Legal Considerations of Alternative Neurotherapies." Poster presentation. International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting [virtual], October 22-23, 2020.

Wexler, A., Nagappan, A., Kopyto, D & Choi, R. "Neuroenhancement for Sale: Assessing the Website Claims of Neurofeedback Providers." 15th World Congress of Bioethics [virtual], June 19-21, 2020.

Wexler, A., Nagappan, A., Beswerchij, A., and Choi, R. "Challenging Dental Authority: Insights into Users of At-Home Teeth Aligners." Poster presentation. 15th World Congress of Bioethics [virtual], June 19-21, 2020.

Wexler, A., Nagappan, A., and Kopyto, D. "Neuroenhancement for Sale: Assessing the Website Claims of Neurofeedback Providers." International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL October 17-18, 2019. \*Selected for oral abstract presentation and travel stipend.

Wexler, A., Nagappan, A., and Kopyto, D. "Neuroenhancement for Sale: Assessing the Website Claims of Neurofeedback Providers." Poster presentation. International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL October 17-18, 2019.

Nagappan, A. "A Comparison of Public Health Interventions Based on GIS and ED Data." NYU Culminating Presentations: Experiential Learning Poster Presentation, NYU Kimmel Center, New York, NY, May 2018.

Nagappan, A., *London's Holy Grime*, NYU Global Engagement Symposium Student Presenter, NYU Global Filmmaking Panel, New York, NY, March 2018.

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

International Neuroethics Society  
American Society for Bioethics & Humanities

May 2019 – Present  
September 2018 – Present

## SERVICE

Sofar Sounds, ambassador/volunteer  
Penn Franklins, volunteer  
Project Happy, volunteer  
KEEN New York, volunteer

August 2019 – Present  
January 2019 – January 2020  
September 2017 – May 2018  
January 2017 – May 2017

## AWARDS / ACHIEVEMENTS

NYU President's Service Award

April 2018

*London's Holy Grime* – Director, Writer

December 2016

- Short film, 7:20 minute documentary on the role of grime music in London's multicultural music scene

NYU Intersections Leadership Retreat, selected as a student leader

April 2016

## OTHER SKILLS

**Software:** MS Office, SPSS, Stata, Qualtrics, Tableau, RedCap, Dedoose, EndNote, Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Illustrator, WordPress

**Certifications:** CITI Human Subject Research Certificate, Mental Health First Aid Certificate

**Languages:** English, Spanish (intermediate), Tamil (conversational)