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Bio

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Internal Medicine
- Medical Education
- Bedside Exam
- The Patient-Physician relationship
- Medical Errors
- Story and Ritual of Medicine

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Medicine

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Faculty, Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics, (2009- present)
- Adjunct Faculty, Freeman Spogli Institute: Stanford Health Policy, (2010- present)
- Clerkship Director, Stanford University, Department of Medicine, (2007- present)
- Vice Chair for the Theory & Practice of Medicine, Stanford University, Department of Medicine, (2007- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- National Humanities Medal, President Obama and the National Endowment for the Arts (2016)
- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh (2014)
- Honorary Doctorate, Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland (2014)
- The Heinz Award in Humanities, The Heinz Foundation (2014)
- Doctor of Humane Letters (Hon), Upstate Medical University, SUNY Syracuse (2012)
- Member, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences (2011)

- Doctor of Humane Letters (Hon), University of Northern Illinois (2007)
- John P. McGovern Medal, Osler Society, Montreal (2007)
- Member, Association of American Physicians, Association of American Physicians (2006)
- Master, American College of Physicians (2005)
- Doctor of Science (Hon), Swarthmore College (2001)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Residency: East Tennessee State University Medicine (1983) TN
- Medical Education: Madras University Medicine (1980) India
- Master of Fine Arts, The University of Iowa , Fiction (1991)
- Board Certification: Pulmonary Disease, American Board of Internal Medicine (1988)
- Board Certification: Infectious Disease, American Board of Internal Medicine (1986)
- Fellow in Infectious Diseases, Boston Univ School of Medicine , Infectious Diseases (1985)
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine (1983)

LINKS

- my web site: <http://www.abrahamverghese.com>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My interest is in clinical skills and the bedside exam, both in its technical aspects, but also in the importance of the ritual and what is conveyed by the physician's presence and technique at the bedside. This work interests me from an educational point of view, and also from the point of view of ethnographic studies related to rituals and how they transform the patient-physician relationship. Recently we have become interested in medical error as a result of oversights in the bedside exam.

Teaching

COURSES

2018-19

- Internal Medicine: Body as Text: MED 201 (Aut)
- Reading the Body: How Medicine and Culture Define the Self: THINK 48 (Spr)

2017-18

- Internal Medicine: Body as Text: MED 201 (Aut)
- Reading the Body: How Medicine and Culture Define the Self: THINK 48 (Spr)

2016-17

- Ideo, Presence & The Human Experience in Medicine: MED 267 (Spr)
- Internal Medicine: Body as Text: MED 201 (Aut)
- Reading the Body: How Medicine and Culture Define the Self: THINK 48 (Spr)

2015-16

- Internal Medicine: Body as Text: MED 201 (Aut)
- Reading the Body: How Medicine and Culture Define the Self: THINK 48 (Spr)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **My Own Country: A Doctor's Story of a Town and Its People in the Age of AIDS** *Simon & Schuster, New York, NY 1994.*
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- **The Importance Of Being.** *Health affairs*
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- **Evolutionary Pressures on the Electronic Health Record: Caring for Complexity.** *JAMA*
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- **Cutting for Stone** *A novel published by Alfred P. Knopf, NY*
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2009
- **Learning bedside medicine.** *The virtual mentor : VM*
Kugler, J., Verghese, A.
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- **The Calling** *New England Journal of Medicine*
Verghese A
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- **Humanizing Artificial Intelligence** *JAMA-JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*
Israni, S., Verghese, A.
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- **Transdisciplinary Strategies for Physician Wellness: Qualitative Insights from Diverse Fields.** *Journal of general internal medicine*
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2019
- **Humanizing Artificial Intelligence.** *JAMA*
Israni, S. T., Verghese, A.
2018
- **'A Man Walks Into a Bar': Riddles in the Teaching of Medicine** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINE*
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- **The Physical Examination as Unattested Ritual Social Sciences and Embodiment in the Context of the Physical Examination** *MEDICAL CLINICS OF NORTH AMERICA*
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Book Review Authored by: Verghese, A.
2017; 122 (26): 16
- **Making mindset matter.** *BMJ (Clinical research ed.)*
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- **The Value of Physical Examination: A New Conceptual Framework** *SOUTHERN MEDICAL JOURNAL*
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2016; 109 (12): 754-757
- **Bedside Medicine: Back to the Future?** *SOUTHERN MEDICAL JOURNAL*
Elder, A., Verghese, A.
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Witteles, R. M., Verghese, A.
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- **How valuable is physical examination of the cardiovascular system?** *BMJ (Clinical research ed.)*
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 - **KNOCKING ON HEAVEN'S DOOR The Path to a Better Way of Death (Book Review)** *NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW*
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 - **SALVATION CITY (Book Review)** *NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW*
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2010: 9-9
 - **LONG FOR THIS WORLD The Strange Science of Immortality (Book Review)** *NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW*
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