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# SPR Mission

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*Creating a multi-disciplinary network of diverse researchers to improve child health*



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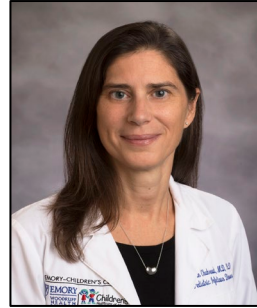
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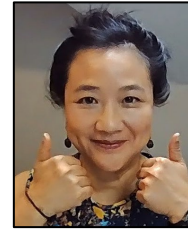
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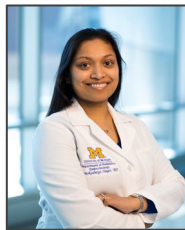
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# SPR Junior Council



**Yarityz Astudillo, MD**

DEI (2023-2024)

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Recruitment (2023-2024)

PGY6 Pediatric Infectious Diseases  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital



**Lauren Harasymiw, MD**

Seminar Series & Content Development  
(2023-2024)

PGY5 Neonatology  
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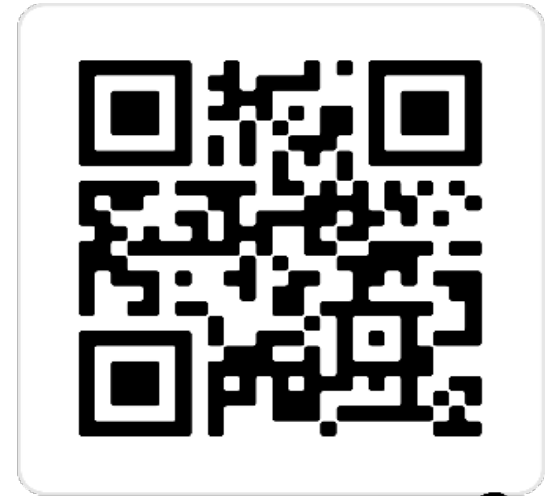
**Suganthinie Velagala, MD**

Networking (2023-2024)

PGY6 Neonatology  
Yale

# Benefits of SPR Membership

1. Academic Career Development Support
2. International Recognition as Pediatric Researcher
3. National Research Presentation Forum
4. High Visibility Service Roles in National Forums
5. Opportunities to Impact the PAS Meeting



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**SPR Membership  
Information**

**Call for SPR Membership Nominations: May 15 - July 15**

# Benefits of SPR Membership

- 6. Access to ~4,000 Members-Only Directory
- 7. Honors for Pediatric Researchers
- 8. Advocacy for Child Health Researchers
- 9. Online access to *Pediatric Research*
- 10. Opportunity to Impact SPR Strategy & Programs



**Call for SPR Membership Nominations: May 15 – July 15**

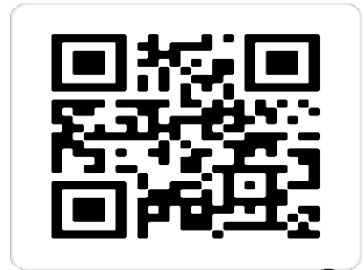


# SPR Member Categories

## Active Member

- Individual engaged in ongoing, independent, hypothesis-driven research related to pediatrics
- Track record of independent work initiated since fellowship (*original science manuscripts*)
- Typically hold a faculty appointment at the mid/late assistant or early associate level or higher
- Annual dues \$350(*includes online subscription to Pediatric Research*)

*Transition to Emeritus membership eligible upon retirement*



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# SPR Member Categories

## Junior Section Member

- Pediatric specialty trainee or early career faculty  
*(up to 6 years after graduating fellowship/post doc)*
- May self-nominate year-round
- No assessment of dues

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# SPR Helps Pediatric Researchers

Connect ~ Collaborate ~ Catalyze Research

What does SPR  
do?

Who is SPR?

How does SPR  
help Trainees?

- *4,500 academic pediatric researchers ~ Open to all specialties*
  - *Includes ~1,300 Junior Section Members – residents, fellows and beyond*
- *Grants, awards, mentoring, regional & national conferences, year-round educational programs, advocacy*
- **SPR helps Trainees** build a successful academic pediatric research career – and still have a (joyful!) life.

# SPR Mid-Career Research Leadership Development Program

**Developed to  
aid mid-career  
pediatrician  
scientists**

**Build skills and  
competency in  
important  
topics**

- The program will include six virtual sessions, held over a year
- Topics to be covered include Leading a Research Group and Career Transitions with multiple sub-topics including managing interpersonal conflict, and leadership pathways to academia
- To learn more and express interest in participating in the pilot year (Sept 2024 – August 2025, scan the the QR code!



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Want your  
research  
recognized?

SPR offers 30+  
competitive  
awards, many for  
Trainees!

# SPR Awards for Trainees

- **Financial Support**
  - *PRomotion of FellOWS' PEdiatric Research (PROSPER) Award/Grant*  
~\$15,000 and Mentoring
- **Regional & National Recognition**
  - *Enhance Diversity in the Research Workforce ~ 4*
- **Recognition at the PAS Meeting**
  - *House Officer Research Awards ~ 3*
  - *Students Research Awards ~ 6*
  - *Fellows' Research Awards (Basic & Clinical) ~ 10*
  - *Richard D. Rowe Award ~ 1*
  - *David G. Nathan Award ~ 1*

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Need research  
& career  
mentoring?

**SPR Research  
Cohort  
Program**  
can help!

# Regional & National SPR Research Cohort Program

Launched with Midwest SPR these Cohort Networks are specifically designed to support early career pediatric researchers.

- Opportunities to present scientific talks in a friendly, intimate setting
- Small group discussion for feedback on scientific work
- Safe space to learn from peers and successful pediatric researchers
- All career advice topics are welcome. No stupid questions!
- Cohort opportunities, no matter your geographic location!

**Want to submit  
an NIH K award?**

**Join the SPR  
Junior Section  
and apply for the  
Grant Writing 101  
Program!**

# SPR Grant Writing 101 Program

- Provides practical, expert hands-on guidance for selected Junior Section members planning to write and submit an NIH K award (K08, K23, K99/R00)
- Program participants highly successful in securing grant funding
- Intense 6-month interactive workshop format course facilitated by highly successful pediatric researchers with proven grant track record
- Participants write a complete K grant with facilitator guidance, review and feedback on each grant section
- Cohorts limited to 5 Junior Members to ensure 1:1 highly individual hands-on guidance
- Applications accepted February 1 through March 1.

Are You A  
Resident?  
Fellow? <6 years  
from completing  
your Fellowship?

Join SPR's  
Junior Section  
for resources and  
educational  
opportunities  
designed for you!

# SPR Junior Section Membership

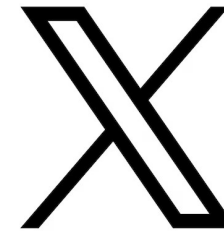
- Provides **hands-on, practical help** to build your academic career
  - Grant-writing workshops
  - Career development workshops
  - Research cohorts for feedback & support
  - \* Mentoring/Coaching
  - \* Weekly SPR updates
- **Aids your transition** to Fellow and then to Faculty
- Builds your **network with leading researchers** and peers
- Offers **regional and national conference opportunities**
- **30+ competitive awards** to recognize promising researchers
- No membership dues!



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# Follow SPR Junior Section!



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## SPR Junior Section

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The SPR Junior Section promotes networking within pediatrics and provides resources and educational opportunities for developing pediatric physician-scientists.

[societyforpediatricresearch.org/juniorsection](https://societyforpediatricresearch.org/juniorsection)  Joined September 2020

151 Following 396 Followers



## Pediatric RESEARCH

- Publishes basic, clinical, epidemiological research and quality improvement
- Provides a forum for scientific discussion
- Promotes early career investigators
- Highlights policy implications of published articles
- Creates professional diagrams of relevant pathways

### Bench, Bedside and Beyond

Official Journal of the Society for Pediatric Research,  
the American Pediatric Society and the European Society for Paediatric Research





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# SPR Welcomes 127 New Members in 2024



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# SPR and PAS

**Pediatric Academic Societies** – SPR is founder and co-host of the PAS Meeting

## Partner Societies

- **Society for Pediatric Research (SPR)**
- Academic Pediatric Association (APA)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- American Pediatric Society (APS)

## SPR Members @ PAS

- Present leading pediatric research findings
- Build new research partnerships; Mentor early career pediatric researchers
- Review abstracts, moderate sessions
- Serve on PAS Program Committee and in leadership positions to shape the future of PaS





# SPR Members & Junior Members: PAS Sessions & Events Planned For You!

Friday, May 3

**3:45 PM – 5:15 PM ET** - SPR Presidential Plenary:  
Innovative Discoveries to Transform Child Health  
Across the Translational Spectrum

**3:45 PM – 5:15 PM ET** - Workshop: Collaborative  
Development of Shared Curricula for Pediatrician-  
Scientist Development



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**Saturday, May 4**

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM ET** - Society for Pediatric Research Clinical Research Assembly

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM ET** - Confound It! Understanding and Addressing Confounding Bias in Pediatric Clinical Research

**9:30 AM – 10:50 AM ET** - PAS Enhancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Reception

**12:30 PM – 2:00 PM ET** - SPR Regional Research Showcase Reception

**2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ET** - Society for Pediatric Research Basic/Translational Research Assembly: Delineating pathways regulating development and disease at molecular and cellular resolution

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM ET** – SPR Junior Section Networking Event & Reception (*Not limited to SPR Junior Members – All Trainees Welcome*)



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## **SPR Members & Junior Members: Sessions & Events Planned For You!**

**Sunday, May 5**

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM ET** - SPR Presidential Plenary:  
Best of SPR Featured Science

**12:30 PM – 2:00 PM ET** - Eat. Greet. Celebrate: SPR  
Awards & New Members Reception



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## SPR Members & Junior Members: Sessions & Events Planned For You!

**Monday, May 6**

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM ET** - The Changing Face of Neonatal  
Clinical Trials

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM ET** - Bots for Tots: Artificial Intelligence  
and Machine Learning in Pediatric Care and Research



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# Other Noteworthy Events

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## Friday, May 3

**2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ET** - PAS Opening General Session, Debbie Anagnostelis Keynote Speaker, and Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award

## Saturday, May 4

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM ET** - Adolescent Medicine 1 & SPR Douglas K Richardson Award for Perinatal and Pediatric Health Care Research: "Human Papillomavirus and the Intersection of Epidemiology, Mucosal Immune and Microbial Environments and Public Health Policy"

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM ET** - APS Presidential Plenary: Embracing the Diversity of our Mission & the 2024 Norman J. Siegel, Mary Ellen Avery, & David G. Nichols Awards

## Monday, May 6

**7:00 AM – 8:00 AM ET** - Pediatric Policy Council Legislative Breakfast: A Canadian Perspective on Child Health Policymaking

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# SPR Programs for URiM Individuals

## PRomotion of FellOwS' PEdiatric Research (PROSPER) Diversity Awards

### 2024 Awardees

Awardee receives:

- **\$15,000**: \$7,500 from SPR + \$7,500 institution match
- **Mentoring** by experienced pediatric researcher

**For 1-year pediatric research project** that facilitates an academic research-focused career trajectory for fellows from under-represented minority background(s)



**Paula Dias Maia**  
*University of Colorado*



**Srishti Jayakumar**  
*Johns Hopkins University*

Awards sponsored by

# SPR Programs for URiM Individuals

## SPR Awards to Enhance Diversity in the Research Workforce

Award provides PAS travel support for talented child health researchers who comes from an underrepresented background  
One award per regional society of the SPR.

### Awardees

#### Eastern SPR



**Srishti Jayakumar, MBBS, MPH**  
*Johns Hopkins University*

#### Midwest SPR



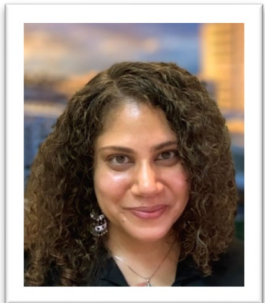
**Camille Fonseca, MD, MPH**  
*University of Chicago, Comer Children's Hospital*

#### Southern SPR



**Caleb Shi, BA**  
*McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston*

#### Western SPR



**Daniah Beleford, MD, PhD**  
*University of California, Davis*

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# DEI Actions You Can Take

## SPR Endorsed DEI Session at PAS

Friday, May 3, 2024

**3:45 PM -5:15 PM ET** - Health Equity in Health Systems: Translating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion into the Clinical Enterprise

Saturday, May 4, 2024

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM ET** - A Practical Approach to a Thorny Issue: Evaluating the Role of Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry in Clinical Decision-Making

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM ET** - From Citizenship to Scholarship: Crafting your Professional Identity in Advocacy, DEI, and Education

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM ET** - Patient-Centered & Destigmatizing Language: How Words Matter in Documentation

# DEI Actions You Can Take

## SPR Endorsed DEI Session at PAS

Sunday, May 5, 2024

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM ET** - Actions May Speak Louder, But Words Matter- Communication Strategies to Empower Diverse Voices to Lead

**2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ET** - We're screening, now what? Creating Healing-Centered Social Care Interventions in the Inpatient Setting

Monday, May 6, 2024

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM ET** - Improving the Diversity of the Pediatric Workforce



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# SPR Regional Societies

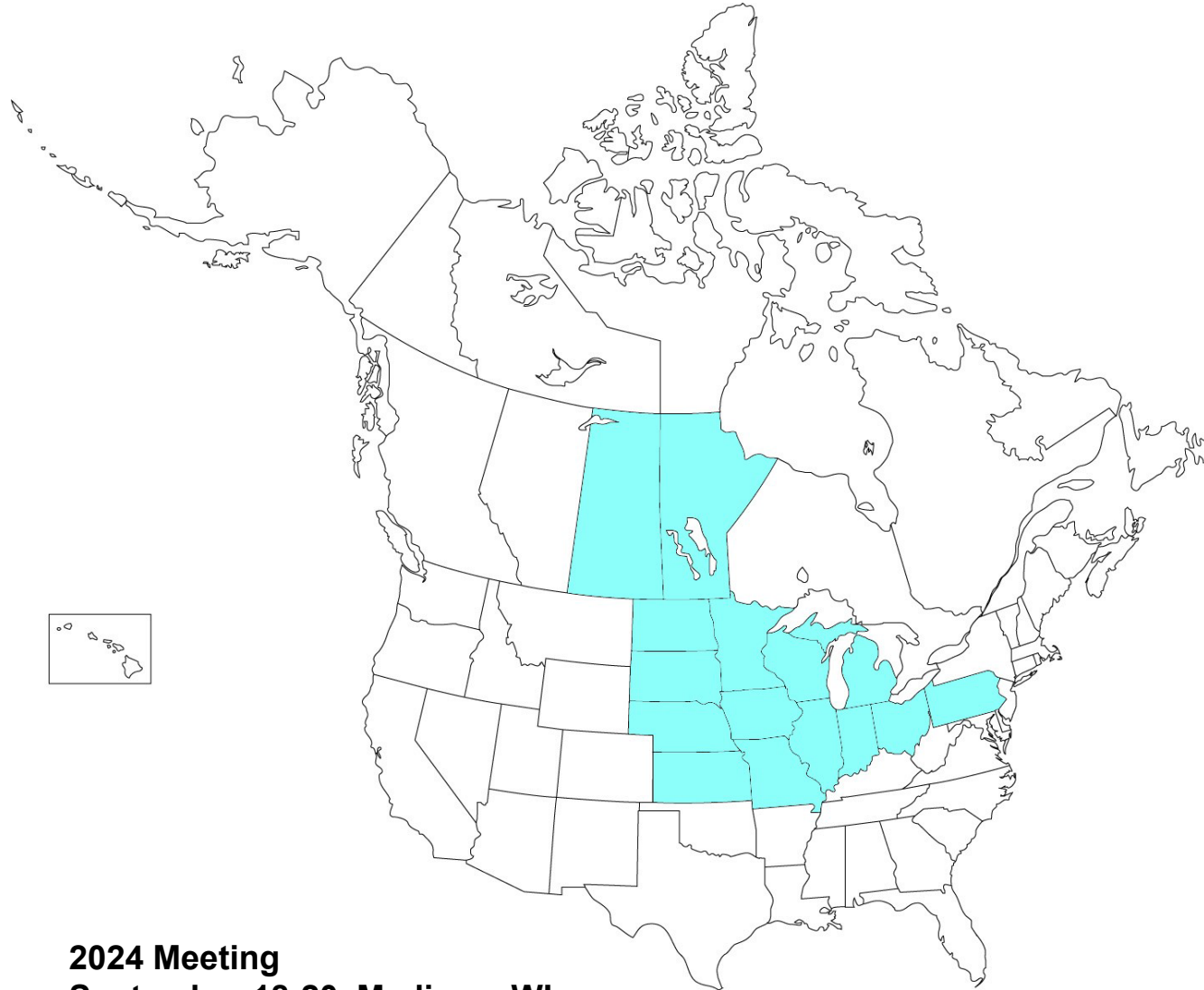


**SPR Collaborates closely  
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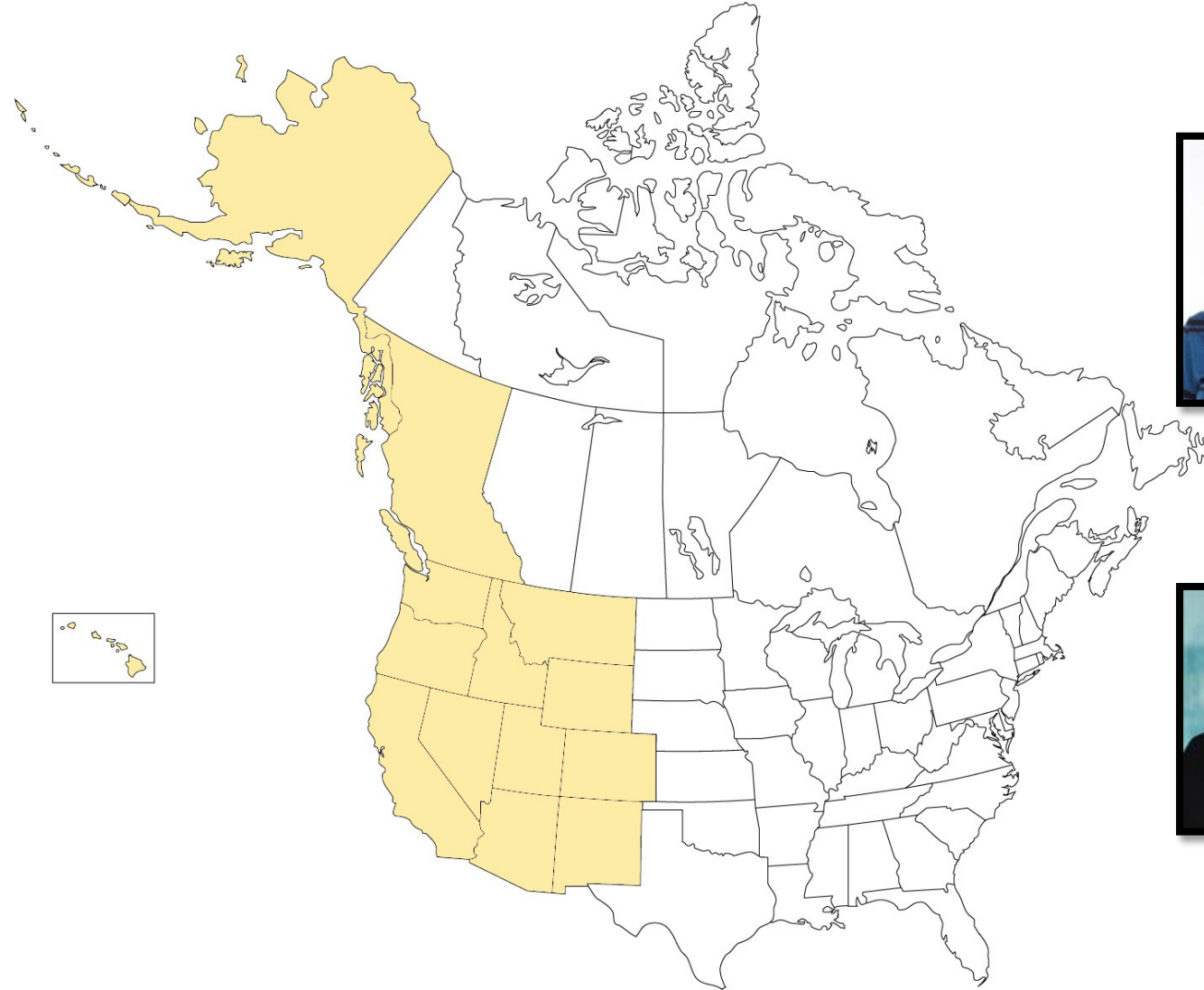
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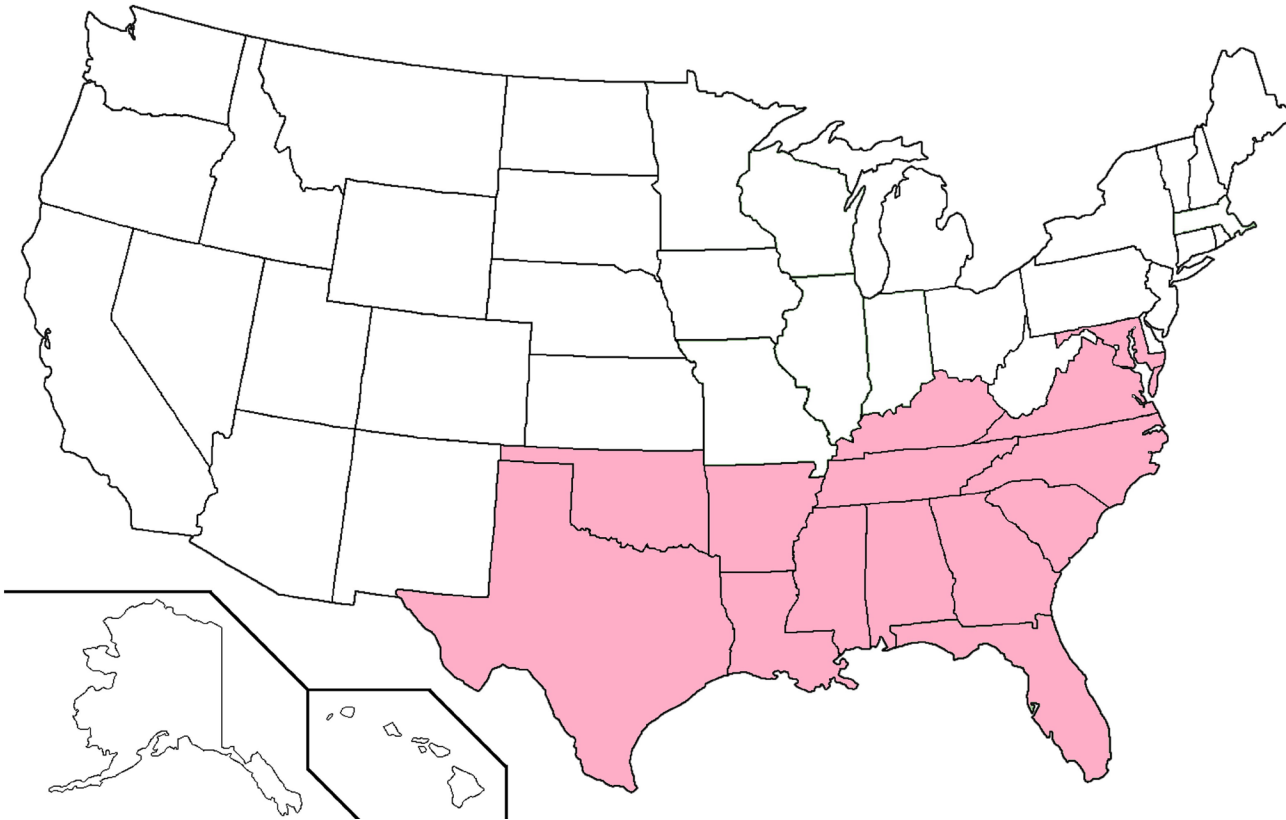


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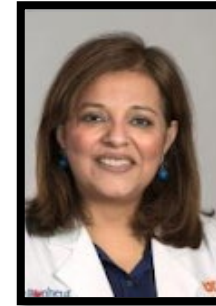


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