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Professional Profile

Dr. Hyun Gu Kang is a specialist who has helped clients navigate the complex world of new technologymarket fit, data-based decision support, human-centered design and real-world participant studies. He brings over 20 years of experience and expertise in novel technology evaluation, usability and UX, aging and health, statistics and epidemiology, biomechanics and ergonomics, and mathematical modeling. With his expertise, he has guided local and federal governments as well as corporate clients in healthcare delivery IT, logistics, EHS and robotics. He solved problems in product development and adoption, program development and launch, community health, occupational health, data science, enterprise performance, and logistics engineering.

Dr. Kang is known for his deep knowledge of human participant studies of novel experiences and technology, which he leverages to help clients build and iterate on products that perform in even the most challenging usage scenarios. His experience in health data, user studies, program and product launches, and technology launch decisions make him an invaluable resource for leaders seeking to stay ahead of the curve. He is also known for systems and mathematical modeling with applications in behavior prediction, health outcomes, music and the brain, failure modes, recommendation systems, and decision support.

Employing expertise in statistics, machine learning, and system modeling, Dr. Kang can assist clients with developing and executing data strategies, modeling and taming complex systems, predict the efficacy and cost of an intervention, and understanding user experience for the next product iteration. He is skilled in protocol development, human subjects compliance, clinical trial design, risk factor identification, process automation, data visualization, ergonomic evaluations, user studies, and usability studies of novel technology.

Before joining Exponent, Dr. Kang helped numerous government and corporate clients in healthcare, logistics, robotics, and maintenance industries. These clients improved their employee engagement, enterprise performance, and data strategy and made investment decisions of nascent technology.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

- Ph.D., Kinesiology, University of Texas, Austin, 2007
- M.S., Biomedical Engineering, University of Virginia, 2003
- B.S., Chemical Engineering, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2001

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Kinesiology, California State University San Marcos, 2014-2020

Assistant Professor, Kinesiology and Health Promotion, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, 2009-2014

Research Fellow, Medicine, Harvard Medical School, 2007-2009

Prior Experience

Healthcare Analyst, Alaka'ina Foundation for Defense Health Agency, 2023

Senior Product Manager – Technical, Amazon Robotics, 2021-2022

Senior Human Factors Engineer, Amazon Robotics, 2021

Data Scientist, TEKsystems for Defense Health Agency, 2020

Assistant Professor, California State University San Marcos, 2014-202

Assistant Professor, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, 2009-2014

Research Assistant Scientist, Marcus Institute for Aging Research and Harvard Medical School, 2007-2009

Professional Affiliations

- 2004 American Society of Biomechanics, Member
- 2004 International Society of Biomechanics, Member
- 2007 American Geriatrics Society, Member
- 2007 The Gerontological Society of America, Member
- 2008 Gait and Clinical Movement Analysis Society, Member
- 2014 International Society of Posture and Gait Research, Member

Languages

Korean

Japanese

Publications

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Kang HG and Thap DB. Slow Gait does not protect against distractions. International Society of Posture and Gait Research, Vancouver, BC, Canada, July 2014.

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Kang HG, Velazquez V, Hino S, Rosario E. Feasibility of Music-based Multitask Training in Brain Injury Patients. Southwest Chapter of the American Society of Sports Medicine, Costa Mesa CA, 2014

Kang HG, Beaulieu R, Hino S, Brandt L, Saidro J. Participant Attitudes toward Dalcroze Eurhythmics as a Community Fall Prevention Program in Older Adults. International Conference of Music Perception and Cognition. San Francisco CA, 2016

Beaulieu R, Kang HG. An Action Research Approach to Adapting Jaques-Dalcroze Eurythmics as Community Fall Prevention Program for American Older Adults. Gerontological Society of America. New Orleans, LA, 2016

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Kang HG, Beaulieu R, Hino S. A New Model of Community Fall Prevention: Music-based Multitasking Older Adults and Kinesiology Students. International Society of Posture and Gait Research, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 2017.

Kang HG, Hsu J. Postural Control, Trips and Slips in Community Dwelling Older Adults: the MOBILIZE Boston Study. International Society of Posture and Gait Research, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 2017.

Kang HG, Hsu J. Moving beyond Trips and Slips with Proximal Determinants of Falls in Older Adults: the MOBILIZE Boston Study. American Society of Biomechanics, Rochester MN, 2018.

Peer Reviews

Gait and Posture

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Annals of Biomedical Engineering

Journal of Applied Physiology

Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences

Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering

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