

USC ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM

Name: Sofia Gruskin

Academic Track and Rank: Full Professor with tenure, Distinguished Professor of Population, Public Health Sciences & Law

Department/School:

- Department of Population and Public Health Sciences, Keck School of Medicine
- Gould School of Law, University of Southern California
- Institute on Inequalities in Global Health

Graduate degrees (with year, university, and discipline):

- JD, Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, 1990
- MIA, specialization in public health and human rights, Columbia University, New York, NY, 1993

Major academic responsibilities:

I direct the Institute on Inequalities in Global Health and serve as Division Chief for the Division of Disease Prevention, Policy and Global Health in the Department of Population and Public Health Sciences. I hold appointments at Keck School of Medicine and Gould School of Law and work directly with faculty and students across the University.

My work ranges from global policy to the grassroots level, with a focus on developing the conceptual, methodological and empirical links between health, law and human rights, with a focus on child and adolescent health, HIV/AIDS, non-communicable disease, sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence and health systems. A current area of focus is assessing how law impacts health outcomes, including health and wellbeing, and delivery and use of health services in the context of abortion (in the wake of the Dobbs decision), gender-affirming care, and pandemics. I have led a USC Collaboration Fund cross-university initiative on law and global health over the past five years.

I teach courses focused on the intersection of health, law, and human rights open to graduate students from across the university; an experiential learning course with the city of Los Angeles Mayors office and a summer initiative on sexual and reproductive health and rights; and bring a group of students to Geneva each year to engage with UN entities and participate in the World Health Assembly.

Previous service on USC, Senate, or school committees:

- Pilot Funding and Community Outcomes Review Committee, Southern California Clinical and Translational Science Institute, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2011–2015
- University Wide Research Committee, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2012–2014
- University Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure – Social Science Panel, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2012–2015
- Provost Committee on Strategic Transformation, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2012–2015
- Steering Committee, Media, Memory and Digital Humanities, University of Southern California, Shoah Foundation, Los Angeles, CA, 2013–2014
- Member, Southern California Empirical Legal Studies Committee, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2014–2016
- Convener and Co-Chair, Law and Global Health Collaboration Fund, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2014–present
- Committee Member, Committee on Teaching and Academic Programs, University of Southern California Academic Senate, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2015–2016
- Steering Committee Member, Center for Health Equity in the Americas, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2015–present
- Committee Member, Search Committee for the Dean of the Keck School of Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2016
- Committee Member, Provost Strategic Planning Committee, University of Southern California Academic Senate, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2015–2017
- Committee Member, International Research Committee (IRC), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2016–present
- Committee Member, Faculty Appointments and Promotions, Department of Population and Public Health Sciences, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2016–present
- Committee Member, Committee on Faculty Tenure and Privileges Appeals, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2017–present

- Committee Member, USC Faculty Sanctioning Committee on Professional Responsibility, Advisory to the Provost, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2017–present
- Committee Member, Academic Review Committee, PhD Program in Political Science and International Relations, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2017
- Elected at Large Member, Academic Senate Executive Board, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2017–2019
- Elected Member, Joint Academic Senate and Provost Task Force on Interdisciplinary Communities, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2017–2020
- Council Member, Employee Communications Advisory Council, University of Southern California Academic Senate, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2018–2019
- Co-Chair, Sustainability Committee, Academic Senate, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2018–2021
- Committee Member, Anthropology Chair Search Committee, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2018–2019
- Faculty Advisory Group, USC Center for Sustainability Solutions, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2018–2021
- Chair, USC Ad-Hoc Working Group on Self-Care, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2019–2023
- Member, Keck Research Council, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2019–present
- University Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure – Social Science Panel, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2019–2021
- Committee Member, USC Good Neighbors Campaign, COVID-19 Grant Review Committee, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2020
- Committee Member, Committee on Framework for Sustainability, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), President’s Sustainability Working Group, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2020–present
- Ad Hoc Committee Member, Dornsife Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure (DCAPT), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2021
- Committee Member, Keck Global Medicine Program Review, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2021

- Academic Senate Executive Board Liaison, University Research Committee, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2021–2022
- Chair, Assistant/Associate Professor (Tenure Track) Search Committee, Department of Population and Public Health Sciences, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2021–2023
- Elected-at-Large Member, Senate Executive Board, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2021–present
- Appointed Faculty Observer, Board of Trustees Alumni Affairs and University Development Committee, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2021–present
- Chair, Pre-Departure Training and Short-Term Global Health Experiences, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2021–present
- Member, Curriculum Steering Committee, Master of Science in Global Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2022–2023
- Member, Faculty Women’s Reproductive Care Working Group, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2022–2023
- Faculty Advisor, Student Group If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice, Gould School of Law, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2022-present
- Member, ChatGPT Committee, Department of Population and Public Health Sciences, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2023-present
- Member, Senate Faculty Environment and Employment Committee, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 2023
- Selection Committee, Associates Award for Creativity in Research and Scholarship, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 2023

Previous administrative responsibilities at USC:

Previous service to scholarly or professional associations:

Harvard University

- Director, Program on International Health and Human Rights, François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, 1996-2011
- Acting Director, François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, 1999
- Human Subjects Committee, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, 2001-2011
- Committee on Educational Policy, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, 2002-2005

- Co-Director, Interdisciplinary Concentration on Women, Gender and Health, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA 2002-2012
- Policy Committee, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2003-2011
- Brazilian Studies Committee, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2003-2011
- Director, Program on International Health and Human Rights (PIHHR), Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, 2006-2011
- Faculty Chair, The Group on Reproductive Health and Rights, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2006-2012
- Faculty Diversity Committee, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, 2007-2011
- Master of Science Committee, Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, 2007-2011
- Faculty Committee, Women, Gender and Sexuality, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2007-2011
- Committee on the Concerns of Women Faculty, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, 2009-2011

Other Universities

- External Examining Committee, School of Public Health & Family Medicine, University of Cape Town, 2003-2006
- Advisory Board, Master of Arts in Women's Health Program (MAWH), Center for Women's Health and Human Rights, Suffolk University, 2005-2010
- Advisory Board, Human Rights Advocates Program, Center for the Study of Human Rights, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, 2005-2010
- Advisory Board, The Global Institute for Health and Human Rights (GIHHR), University at Albany, State University of New York, 2013-2018

United Nations

- International Coordinating Committee, "Operationalizing Cairo and Beijing: A Global Training Initiative in Gender and Reproductive Health," World Health Organization, 1997-2006
- Global Strategy Team, UNAIDS, 1999-2002
- Advisory Committee, Gender, Human Rights and HIV/AIDS, The United Nations Development Fund for Women, 2000-2003
- Health and Human Rights External Advisory Committee, World Health Organization, 2000-2003
- Chair, UNAIDS Global Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland, 2002-2006
- Human Rights Advisory Committee, Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR), World Health Organization, 2003-2009
- Expert Committee, Indicators for Monitoring Compliance with International Human Rights Instruments, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2005-2006
- Steering Committee, Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Health of Men and Women Living with HIV/AIDS, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization, 2005-2010

- UNAIDS Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG), UNAIDS, 2005-2012
- Expert Group on Making HIV Trials Work for Women and Adolescent Girls, UNAIDS, Global Coalition on Women and AIDS (GWAC), International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), and Tibotec, Inc, 2007-2010
- Inter-Agency Working Group on Linkages between Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV, World Health Organization, The World Bank and partners, Geneva, Switzerland, 2010-2012
- Technical Advisory Group, The Global Commission on HIV and the Law, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2010-2012
- United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) Enabling Environment Experts Group, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO), 2010-2012
- Steering Group for Evidence on the Impact of Human Rights-Based Approaches on Women's and Children's Health, World Health Organization, 2011-2013
- Steering Committee, International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Beyond 2014 Operational Review, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), 2011-2013
- Expert Advisory Group, Mortality Among Children Under Five as a Human Rights Concern, World Health Organization, 2013-2018
- Steering Committee, World Health Organization and Partners —Ensuring and Monitoring Rights, Equity and Quality in Family Planning Programmes, and Chair Indicators Working Group World Health Organization, 2013-2018
- Guidance Group, Review of the Impacts of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), 2014-2015
- Expert Advisory Group, Knowledge Summary on Technical Guidance Documents for Application of a Human Rights Based Approach to Reduce Maternal and Child Mortality and Morbidity, Partnership on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health/World Health Organization, 2014-2015
- Advisory Group, Strengthening Family Planning Normative Standards for Monitoring, Evaluation and Accountability, at Country, Regional and Global Levels, Department of Reproductive Health, World Health Organization, 2015-2019
- Technical Advisory Group for the Political Expert Group, Health and Human Rights of Women, Children and Adolescents, World Health Organization and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2016-2020
- Commissioner, *The Lancet* Commission on Health and Human Rights, *The Lancet*, Johns Hopkins University, 2018-present
- Steering Committee Member, Scientific Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), 2019-present
- Commissioner, The Lancet Commission on Gender and Global Health, *The Lancet*, United Nations University International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH), and the Center for Gender and Global Health at University College London (UCL), 2020–present
- International Working Group, Room 16: #JustRecovery — Toward the Universal Advancement of Accountable, Inclusive, People-Centered Social and Justice Policies in the Post-COVID Era, 17 Rooms: Sustainable Development Goals Process, The Brookings Institution and The Rockefeller Foundation, 2021

- Expert Working Group, Measurement Consultations for the Global Fund Strategy 2023–2028: Pandemic Preparedness & Response, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, 2021–present

US and Local Government

- Special Emphasis Panel, “Behavioral and Social Consequences of HIV/AIDS,” Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health (NIH), 2003
- Special Emphasis Panel, “Religious Organizations and HIV,” Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health (NIH), 2004
- Scientific Review Committee for Behavioral and Social Consequences of HIV/AIDS, National Institutes of Health (NIH), 2005-2009
- Committee for the Outcome and Impact Evaluation of Global HIV/AIDS Programs Implemented under the Lantos-Hyde Act of 2008 (PEPFAR), Institute of Medicine (IOM), 2010-2013
- Bioethics Panel, Division of AIDS, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), 2011
- Advisory Committee, Los Angeles County Enhanced Comprehensive HIV Prevention Planning (ECHPP) Scientific Advisory Committee, 2011-2012
- Scientific Advisory Board, President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), 2015-present
- Special Emphasis Panel, “Ethical, Legal and Policy Issues in Research on HIV/AIDS,” National Institutes of Health (NIH), 2016
- Recency Testing Expert Working Group, President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), 2019-2020

Civil Society

- Advisory Committee, Doctors for Global Health, 1996-1999
- Board of Directors, Amnesty International USA, 1996-2000
- Nominated Member, Monitoring the AIDS Pandemic, 1997-2004
- Founding Member, The Consortium for Health and Human Rights, 1997-2005
- Advisory Committee, The Abortion Access Project, 2000-2010
- Development Committee, South Africa Partners, 2003-2010
- Board of Governors, Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction, 2003-2011
- Scientific Committee, “Ensemble pour une Solidarité Thérapeutique Hospitalière En Réseau” (ESTHER), 2003-2011
- Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Sexual Rights, International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region, 2010-2012
- International Advisory Committee, International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy, 2010-2015
- Co-Chair, Rights Oriented Sexual and Reproductive Health and Human Rights Research Network (RORE), 2012-present
- Board of Directors, The Guttmacher Institute, 2013- 2016
- Advisory Council, Global AIDS Policy Watch Project (GAPW), Brazilian Interdisciplinary AIDS Association (ABIA), 2014-present

- Chairperson, Global Advisory Board for Sexual Health and Wellbeing, Durex, Reckitt Benckiser Group, 2015-2020
- Steering Committee Member, Scientific Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), 2019-present
- Technical Advisory Committee, Clinical Abortion Training Center Evaluation, RAND Corporation, USA, 2020-present

Journals

- Associate Editor, *Health and Human Rights*, François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights, 1995-1997
- Editor-in-Chief, *Health and Human Rights*, François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights, 1997-2006 (editorial board member 2006-present)
- Associate Editor, *American Journal of Public Health*, American Public Health Association, 2001-2018
- Associate Editor (International Health Policy and Practice), *Global Public Health: An International Journal for Research, Policy and Practice*, Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, 2005-present
- Editorial Board, Membre du Conseil Scientifique, *Pandémiques: Pandémies, Éthique, Société*, Département de recherche en éthique, Université Paris Sud/11 and Espace éthique/AP-HP, [Pandemics: Pandemics, Ethics and Society], 2006-2010
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Reproductive Health Matters*, Elsevier Limited, 2008-2018
- Trustee, *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*, Elsevier Limited, 2018-present
- Editorial Board, *Sustainability*, MDPI, 2021-2022

Personal statement about why you want to serve in this role for the Senate:

I see the Academic Senate as the key player representing faculty interests on the broad range of issues pertaining to the life of the University from teaching and research, to administration, to our interface with local and global partners, as well as the impacts on our lives on issues ranging from childcare to retirement. I have had the privilege of serving the past two years through a number of transitions and am invested in moving the work forward, and would welcome the opportunity to engage in this capacity on several new issues that I believe need to be addressed to support the health of our university going forward. There are many areas where I can contribute, as well as places where potentially I can serve a leadership role. With respect to current issues of concern to the Academic Senate, I believe I bring particular expertise to several areas:

- 1) Addressing and supporting the university-wide mission of USC, with attention to strengthening the linkages between HSC and UPC.
- 2) Addressing the metrics by which we support our faculty, students and staff in the current moment— with particular emphasis on how we understand social impact and the protection of rights in ways that resonate both inside and outside the university setting – particularly the balance between public safety and freedom of speech.
- 3) Addressing many of the issues which hinder USC’s ability to be a model for how to do interdisciplinary work effectively – with particular emphasis on active fostering of

collaboration amongst faculty across different schools, how we work across schools in the training of our students and in the conduct of research, as well as what this means for how we individually and collectively engage with local and global partners.

- 4) Engaging with the changing realities of the political and institutional environments that surround us – from local government through to global funders-- with particular emphasis on the importance of the intellectual and moral health of the university.