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Noaman Kayani received his doctorate from Kansas State University in economics. Since then he has worked as a visiting assistant professor at Kansas State University and for the past six years as a research analyst for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. His research involves: the analysis of the health and economic burden of smoking; racial and other disparities in smoking-attributable mortality; the use and effectiveness of the Missouri Tobacco Quitline; and analysis of Project Smokebusters for different regions of Missouri. Dr. Kayani's work has also included determining the years of potential life lost for various chronic diseases; the health and economic impact of traumatic brain injury; and monitoring Missouri's Healthcare Safety Net; Dr. Kayani created the first Healthcare Safety Net Report for Missouri, which is posted on the department's web site at:

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He has published his research in peer-reviewed journals including Public Health Reports and Missouri Medicine and currently has a manuscript in review for the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). He reviews papers for the American Journal of Public Health and Medical Science Monitor. He has presented his research at several national and state conferences including the Council for State Territorial Epidemiologists, *combio de colres*, state advisory board on tobacco-related disparities and the state Epidemiology Grand Rounds.