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Recent Publications

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2. Schroth, W.S., & **Kavan, M.G.** (2013, June). *Beyond specialty advising: Three different models for holistic advising programs that incorporate careers in medicine, academic advising, financial advising, and medical student wellness*. Presented at the 2013 AAMC Careers in Medicine Professional Development Conference, San Diego, CA.
3. Dent, G.G., **Kavan, M.G.**, Richard, G.V., & Schroth, W.S. (2013, June). *Town hall discussion on unmatched students*. Presented at the AAMC Careers in Medicine Professional Development Conference, San Diego, CA.
4. Kahn, M.J., Frank, R., **Kavan, M.G.**, & Koenig, T. (2012, November). *Tools of your trade: Construction of a professional development program for student affairs professionals*. Presented at the 2012 AAMC Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
5. Kahn, M.J., **Kavan, M.G.**, Owens, D.P., & Pappas, L.M. (2012, March). *Providing a safe place in student affairs: The role of the ombudsman in medical schools*. Presented at the 2012 AAMC CGSA and SGSA Joint Spring Conference, Clearwater, FL.
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9. Osborne, M.L., Barrier, P.A., Garrity, M., Kahn, M.J., **Kavan, M.G.**, Overton, R., W.S. Schroth, & Signer, M. (2011, November). *The match: Unscrambling the SOAP (Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program)*. Presented at the 2011 AAMC Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
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