

# Kelsey Mercedes (Kunk) Morgan

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## EDUCATION

### **UT Southwestern**, Dallas, Texas

Emergency Medicine Residency, July 2023 - June 2026

### **University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC)**, Jackson, Mississippi

Doctor of Medicine, August 2019 - May 2023

### **Mississippi College**, Clinton, Mississippi

Pre-medical Classes, Fall 2016 - Spring 2018

### **University of Mary Hardin-Baylor**, Belton, Texas

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, *magna cum laude*, August 2011 - December 2014

Minor in Spanish

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## CERTIFICATIONS

BLS, expires June 2025

ACLS, expires June 2025

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## AWARDS/HONORS

### **Emergency Medicine Residents Association, 20 in 6 Speaker**, selected August 2023

The EMRA 20 in 6 Resident Lecture Competition is hosted by residents, for residents. We seek out the best resident speakers in the country and each year, they compete for the title “Best Resident Lecturer.” Residents are given up to six minutes and exactly 20 slides to lecture on any topic that is relevant to emergency medicine. It’s designed to be a fast-paced, intellectually-stimulating event in a fun, EMRA-style atmosphere.

### **Dr. Jefferson Hollingsworth Medical Scholarship**, awarded May 2023

Established to assist senior medical students who have shown academic excellence in the school of medicine curriculum.

### **Medical Student Professionalism and Service Award in Emergency Medicine**, awarded May 2023

This award, sponsored by the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) and the Department of Emergency Medicine, is presented to a senior medical student emergency medicine bound for recognition of outstanding care to patients in a manner that exemplifies professionalism and a humanistic approach to patients, their families, and fellow health care workers.

### **Gold Humanism Honors Society, Jeanette D. Pullen Chapter, President**, selected March 2022

One of only 104 chapters in the US, the GHHS promotes the tradition of the caring doctor. Selection is based on input from peers, clerkship faculty and staff, and administrative personnel within the School of Medicine in order to identify students who demonstrated excellence in patient care, compassion, and dedication to service.

### **American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), Health Policy Primer Speaker**, selected May 2021

Seven speakers were chosen from the applicants to give approximately five minutes - TED-talk style - mini-lectures focusing on timely legislative topics. Selected speakers worked with the EMRA/YPS Executive Committee to build and finalize lectures prior to the LAC2021 conference. I gave a short talk on Health Equity and how Health Policy can be used to achieve Health Equity as ER physicians.

**Group on Women in Medicine and Science (GWIMS), Emerging Star Award, nominated February 2021**

The Emerging Star Award's purpose is to acknowledge a female UMMC student, resident, or fellow who has achieved significant academic accomplishments. Such an individual has great potential to significantly impact women, as well as the larger community, as evidenced by previous as well as involvement in and commitment to activities within the institution and/or community. The candidate must exhibit evidence of: success as a role model for women trainees; participation in committees or activities to further develop leadership skills; exemplary professionalism; and an effort to influence or institute a positive cultural change

**Carl G. Evers Honor Society, Member, 2017 - 2023**

The Carl G. Evers, MD Society was established as an honorary and service organization. It is composed of medical students from all four years, each elected by the members of his/her class. This student-run organization seeks to improve medical education at UMMC primarily through the evaluation of course work required in the preclinical and clinical years of medical school. We author, distribute, and collect evaluations for each course, maintaining strict anonymity and confidentiality of all materials. We then compile survey information into a narrative report where we present data, include student comments, identify strengths, and offer suggestions for improvement. Evers reports are one of many standard documents used by The Office of Medical Education in the formal evaluation process of our school's curriculum.

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

**Resident Member**, Emergency Medicine Residents Association, 2023 - present

*EMRA Rep to Coalition on Psychiatric Emergencies (CPE), 2023 - present*

**Resident Member**, American College of Emergency Physicians, 2023 - present

**Resident Member**, Texas Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, 2023 - present

**Student Member**, Emergency Medicine Residents Association, 2020 - 2023

*Medical School Council Southcentral Representative, March 2021 - March 2022*

*Medical School Council Chair & Board Member, March 2022 - March 2023*

**Student Member**, American College of Emergency Physicians, 2020 - 2023

**Student Member**, Mississippi Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, 2020 - 2023

*Co-Social Media Coordinator, 2022-2023*

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**ACADEMIC/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Hyperglycemic Patients in the Emergency Department**, Resident Researcher, September 2023 - May 2024

PIs: Dr. Melissa Smith, Dr. Peter Yun

- reviewed, determined inclusion/exclusion, and input data in REDCAP from collection of patient charts that had a glucose documented above 400

- presented 2 abstracts from initial data collection

**Medical Student Research Program (MSRP)**, Student Researcher, Emergency Department COVID-19, June 2020 - July 2020, 40 hours/week for seven weeks, chosen via application process

Project: "PETAL Repository of Electronic Data COVID-19 Observational Study (RED CORAL)" - sponsored by NIH/National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) Prevention and Early Treatment of Acute Lung Injury (PETAL)

PIs: Dr. Utsav Nandi, MD, Department of Emergency Medicine, UMMC, Rebekah Peacock, BSN, RN, CEN, Department of Emergency Medicine, UMMC, and James Galbraith, MD, Department of Emergency Medicine, UMMC

- obtained all patient data required for study from EMR charts and uploaded into REDCAP

- received training from Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program on Social / Behavioral / Humanistic Research

**Barriers and Facilitators to Implementing A Brief Physician Delivered Depression Intervention in the Emergency Department**, student researcher, Emergency Department, October 2019 - March 2020

- This research study aimed to identify how best to adapt a depression intervention so it's feasible for physicians to deliver in the emergency department. This information will be used to develop a brief physician delivered intervention aimed at both reducing depressive symptoms and promoting adherence behaviors among emergency department patients with comorbid depression.

- Physicians from the Emergency Department were invited to a 1-1.5 hour focus group. The focus group was audio recorded and transcribed; however the names were removed from the data

**Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis**, Student Researcher, "The Reasoning Behind the Refusal of Vaccinations"

- Conducted all literature searches, authored manuscript, presented data at thesis defense, prepared manuscript for publication, and successfully published manuscript.

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SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Yun, P., Smith, M., **Morgan, K.**, Kim, R., Bardakos, N., Hoyer, G., and Behnia, F. Targeted Follow-Up Reduces Hyperglycemia Related Emergency Department Visits in a County Hospital System. Abstract Oral Presentation. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting (SAEM24). Phoenix, AZ. May 17, 2024

Smith M, Yun P, **Morgan K**, Kim R, Bardakos N, Hoyer G, and Behnia F. Diabetic Prescriptions at Discharge Not Correlated with Emergency Department Return Visits. Abstract Poster Presentation. TCEP Annual Research Forum at TCEP CONNECT (Texas College of Emergency Physicians) Lake Conroe, Texas. April 20, 2024

**Morgan, K.** & Karl, E. *Barriers to U.S. Visiting Student Rotations for Overseas Applicants*. EM Resident. March, 25, 2023

Wohlford, L., Dickens, J., **Morgan, K.**, Carvey, M., Bennett, K., Rigdon, T., Bunnemann, G., Rammaha, S., & Wilson, D. *SLOEs: Leaving Students Blind*. EM Resident. February 12, 2022

**Morgan, K.** & Darkwa, N. (2021) Toxicology Cases: Opioid Overdose. In Nadeem S, & Strobel, E. (Eds.) *EMRA Simulation Guide: A Guide for Beginners*. Irving: Emergency Medicine Residency Association.

**Morgan, K.** *Resources & Guidance for EM-Bound Medical Students - 2022*. EM Resident. August 2, 2021.

**Morgan, K.** *Equity through Policy: A Quick Guide to National Health Policy*. EMRA Drop the Mic Competition. Washington, DC. Presented July 2021.

**Kunk, K.**, Mosby, A., McDonald, M., Chowdhury, Z., Wojohn, L., Nandi, U., Peacock, B., and Galbraith, J. "PETAL Repository of Electronic Data COVID-19 Observational Study (RED CORAL)" Jackson, MS. Virtual presentation. July 2020.

Wojohn, L., Mosby, A., **Kunk, K.**, McDonald, M., Chowdhury, Z., Nandi, U., Peacock, B., and Galbraith, J. "Randomized Control Trial of Losartan for Inpatients with COVID-19." Jackson, MS. Virtual presentation. July 2020.

Chowdhury, Z., Mosby, A., Wojohn, L., **Kunk, K.**, McDonald, M., Nandi, U., Peacock, B., and Galbraith, J. "Effect of COVID-19 Pandemic on US Emergency Department Operations and Staffing." Jackson, MS. Virtual presentation. July 2020.

Shaw, J., **Kunk, K.**, Sterling, S., and Dehon, E., "Barriers and Facilitators to Implementing A Brief Physician Delivered Depression Intervention in the Emergency Department" Jackson, MS. March, 2020. unable to present due to COVID19.

**Kunk, K.**, "Suicide Assessment in the Emergency Department" Poster Presentation at the Alpha Chi Honors Society National Conference. Chicago, Illinois. March, 2015

**Kunk, K.**, "An Examination of the Rationales for Refusing Vaccinations with Attention to Prospective Interventions" Oral presentation at Undergraduate Honors Thesis Defense. Belton, TX. November, 2014.

**Kunk, K.**, "The Prevalence of Obesity in Developing Countries: A Literature Review" Poster Presentation at The Alpha Chi Honors Society National Conference. St. Louis, Missouri. March, 2014

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## OTHER PRESENTATIONS

*The Waiting Game: Mental Health Patients & Issues*, Webinar Panel Member, hosted by American Association of Women Emergency Physicians (AAWEP), June 26, 2024

*Balancing Family, Finances, and Medical Training*, Panel Member, hosted by EMRA Hangouts, December 14, 2023

*A Resident's Guide to Residency Applications*, Panel Member, hosted by A.T. Still School of Osteopathic Medicine - EM Interest Group, February 20, 2023

*EM Organizations*, Panel Member, EM Over Easy Podcast. February 4, 2023.

<https://emovereasy.com/2024/02/05/em-organizations-med-student-over-easy/>

*Applying to Away Rotations*, Panel Member, hosted by EMRA Hangouts, January 26, 2023

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## LEADERSHIP

### **Jackson Free Clinic, Internal Operations Co-Director, 2022 - 2023**

As Internal Operations Director, I worked directly with the Executive Board Members on troubleshooting issues related to volunteers, lab draws, patient appointments, organizing the board member supervisor duties each week, and optimizing the overall clinic flow. Each week myself or the other co-director created a group text and emailed the supervisors for the week, assisted with voicemails and answered any questions they had. Each month I attended both operations board meetings and general board meetings along with my assigned clinic Saturdays throughout the semester.

### **Emergency Medicine Interest Group, President, 2022 - 2023**

As President, I work with the other officers to maintain our communication with our student members and relationships with other interest groups. We were able to host multiple meetings including panels of fellowship directors and EM residents, along with a rising M4 EM interest dinner with faculty and residents. We also co-planned a procedure day with the anesthesia interest group for medical students.

### **Gold Humanism Honors Society, Jeanette D. Pullen Chapter - President, 2022 - 2023**

As President, I oversaw the other officers and committees within the honors society. I organized the election of awards, worked with the secretary and events committee to plan ceremonies, and helped complete projects that centered on wellness of the medical students and residents.

### **EMRA Medical School Council (MSC) - Chair, 2022 - 2023**

As Chair, I attended the monthly EMRA Board of Directors meetings, bringing a medical student perspective to agenda items and pertinent Emergency Medicine (EM) topics such as: physician workforce projections, telehealth utilization, residency application process. I attended the Council of Residency Directors (CORD) Conference as a board member where I advocated for equity among medical students by reviewing drafts of the new SLOE 2.0 and Consensus Statement for the Emergency Medicine Away Rotations as well as voted on behalf of EMRA MSC on RepCo Resolutions. I attend the MSC meetings, where I delegate duties and poll student representation for board discussion. Some of my other first duties as chair involved selecting the medical students for the MSC as well as organizing and running EMRA's Virtual Medical Student Forums & Virtual Residency Fair.

### **EMRA Reference Committee, October 2021**

The members of this committee are selected by the EMRA Speaker. We conducted an open hearing on the resolutions brought to the organization for incorporation into their compendium. We then drew up a report of the recommendations that were suggested by the participants of the open hearing and online forum. The report was then presented to the Council for approval.

**Curriculum Committee, Clinical Education Subcommittee - Class of 2023 Representative, 2021 - 2023**

In this position, I was one of two student representatives on this committee of the clerkship directors and medical school deans. We meet every other month to work as a group to process changes from the evaluation of the clinical curriculum, coordinate appropriate changes for the curriculum based on student outcome data and feedback, and utilize appropriate evaluation tools for the clinical curriculum. We help to identify and recommend policies and procedures for uniform implementation across courses and assist in the implementation process. In the past year, we updated the dress code for OSCEs and clinical rotations, discussed strategies to improve our standing with LCME on certain topics, and worked to improve each rotation's orientation from student feedback.

**Emergency Medicine Interest Group, Vice President, 2021 - 2022**

As Vice President, I work with the other officers to maintain our communication with our student members and assist the president as needed. We were able to host an informational meeting on interviews/applications with a panel of new EM interns, a rising M4 EM interest dinner with faculty and residents, and host a coat drive for the Emergency Department's clothing closet.

**Jackson Free Clinic Student Education Co-Director, 2021 - 2022**

In this position, I created opportunities for our board members and student volunteers to be able to practice procedures and exams prior to patient interactions. I hosted an ultrasound guided IV class with ED physicians for the board members to be able to assist with hard blood draws in the clinic. I also come on clinic days to teach and assist students with phlebotomy, EKGs, and physical exams. In the spring, I helped lead a physical exam class for 1st year medical students that is a part of their M1 curriculum, complete with lectures and competency check offs at the end of the class.

**AMA Medical Student Outreach Leader, 2021 - 2022**

As an Outreach Leader, I worked with several classmates to bring AMA membership outreach efforts to our students. We hosted a Lunch and Learn Event for the first year students to educate them on the opportunities that AMA has for students and how to become a member both locally and nationally. We also hosted another educational lunch meeting on advocacy as a medical student.

**EMRA Medical School Council - Southcentral Representative, 2021 - 2022**

In this position, I help maintain the relationship between EMRA and Emergency Medicine Interest groups at medical schools in the eight states found in the South Central region. As part of this position, I am the medical student council liaison for the Medical Education Committee and Administration/Operations Committee within EMRA. In Spring 2021, I attended the CORD Academic Assembly 2021 and helped plan the Medical Student Spring Forum, both virtual due to COVID-19. I also attended ACEP's Leadership and Advocacy Conference as a speaker and helped write EMRA's EM-Bound Guide to Residency Applications.

**Curriculum Redesign Committee, 2020 - 2023**

As a student member, I worked with faculty to help create the pathways and ensure the feasibility of the options for students. Our goal is to design, implement, and oversee various self-directed-learning experiences for students progressing from the M1 to the M2 year. A number of different pathways will be developed for students and a process by which students will also be able to develop his or her own pathway.

**UMMC MSMA/AMA-MSS Student Chapter Community Outreach Chair, 2020 - 2022**

As Outreach Chair, I have been involved in facilitating the membership and involvement of all students the UMMC Section; Maintaining contact with the MSMA and AMA Student Membership Staff Administrator to coordinate recruitment and community service efforts; Supporting Membership or Recruitment efforts at schools within the Region; Coordinating Community Service efforts for the UMMC Section at least once per semester; and serve as the resource for Section Involvement Grants.

**Psychiatry Outreach Program Coordinator, 2020 - 2021**

As coordinator, I organized the physician, student volunteer, and patient schedules. We had offered appointments for patients one - two Saturdays a month at The Jackson Free Clinic (JFC). I worked with the medical side of the clinic to schedule appointments for their patients with our psychiatrists and student volunteers. Each Saturday, I put together the student teams and facilitated the patient appointments from rooming the patient to scheduling the follow-up appointments and assisting the physicians as needed.

**Emergency Medicine Interest Group, Co-Sim Lab Coordinator, 2020 - 2021**

In this position, I worked with the other coordinator to provide medical students with opportunities to practice procedures and exams in the simulation lab. Due to COVID, we had a limited ability to host events, but were able to host an eFAST ultrasound lecture and hands-on practice time with faculty from the Emergency Department.

**Associated Student Body (ASB), Chief-of-Staff, 2020 - 2021**

As Chief-of-Staff, I worked with the varying committees within the ASB to ensure they were able to achieve their duties and goals for the year. Due to COVID, we were unable to host as many events as the ASB usually would. However, I was able to work with the president and several officers to create a virtual trivia night for all the students from the different schools to participate in.

**Carl G. Evers, MD Honor Society, Class Coordinator, 2019 - 2021**

As class coordinator, I am the leader of my class's seventeen other Evers members. I organized work distribution, due dates, edited surveys and reports, and shared information with our class as a whole. I also worked closely with our President-elect and President to improve our surveys and processes, update our by-laws, and adjust our procedures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Psychiatry Student Interest Group, President, 2019 - 2022**

As president of the psychiatry student interest group, I organized and planned our organization meetings with the Department of Psychiatry faculty as guest speakers. As a group we offered multiple inpatient shadowing opportunities in both adult and child psychiatry for pre-clinical medical students. We did fundraising and built a psychiatry specific clinic area at the JFC building to help further expand the Psychiatry Outreach Program.

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**WORK EXPERIENCE****University of Mississippi Medical Center, July 2017 - March 2021**

Psychiatric Emergency Services Staff Nurse, June 2018 - July 2019

PRN Emergency Department Staff Nurse, July 2017 - June 2018 and July 2019 - March 2021

ER Orientation Performance Improvement Committee, April 2018 - August 2018

**St. Dominic's Hospital**

Emergency Department Staff Nurse, July 2016 - July 2017

**Baylor Scott and White Memorial Hospital**

Emergency Department Staff Nurse, February 2015 - June 2016

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**INTERESTS/HOBBIES**

- Cooking and Baking - I run a small home bakery that specializes in gluten-free baking
- Medical Education, Health Policy, Toxicology, and Psychiatric Emergencies
- Reading, fiction (especially by authors such as Jane Austen or J.R.R. Tolkein) and criminal non-fiction
- Yoga