
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME: Sarah Henn Koumtouzoua

eRA COMMONS USER NAME:

POSITION TITLE: Assistant Professor of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY
Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO	BS	05/2011	Clinical Laboratory Science
Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, NE	MD	05/2015	Medicine
Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA	Resident	05/2018	Internal Medicine, Primary Care

A. Personal Statement

As an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Emory University School of Medicine (EUSOM), Division of General Internal Medicine at Grady and full-time clinician educator, providing both direct patient care at Grady Memorial Hospital and supervisory teaching, recruitment, and mentorship in the EUSOM J. Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency program, I am honored to seek your support in fulfilling the DEI Chair-Elect position at Southern SGIM. My current clinical appointments include participation in direct patient care in the Grady Primary Care Center, (PCC) with a longitudinal primary care faculty practice; Women's Health Clinic; Emory High Risk Assessment/Pre-Operative Clinic; Grady Hepatitis C Liver Clinic and MASLD Clinic; and creation of a Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant (RIM) faculty practice clinic in the Grady PCC that serves as a regional referral base for community based RIM clinics and resettlement agencies in Dekalb County, GA to link communities to expanded healthcare access.

In addition to my academic and clinical appointments, a significant portion of my time is dedicated to community outreach and advocacy in improving equitable and accessible healthcare to our local refugee and immigrant communities. I have a strong interest and dedication to health equity initiatives and coordination of care within the refugee and immigrant population in Dekalb County/Clarkston, GA. I have partnered with Grace Village Medical Clinic, Dekalb County Board of Health, Ethne Clinic, Mosaic Health Center and Clarkson community stakeholders within the Clarkston Resource and Wellness Hub to develop clinical care pathways for the coordination of care of medically complex refugee and immigrant patients in Dekalb County. This new referral pathway creates more coordinated support of their medical specialty care and social determinants through referral to the newly established faculty practice within the Grady PCC in which I serve as the medical director and lead practitioner.

My commitment in creating diversity and equity extends beyond my clinical commitments and community outreach to my involvement in recruitment efforts in both the Division of General Internal Medicine at Grady and the J Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency Program. With my perspective as a first-generation undergraduate and medical student from a rural, federally designated medically underserved area, creating equitable opportunities for students and faculty and a diverse healthcare workforce is something that I am personally committed to. I am indebted to faculty mentors and advocates who have inspired and supported my medical career. Continuing to create a strong mentorship network that supports and advocates for a diverse

membership of student and faculty members and leaders in Southern SGIM and SGIM is integral to my application for this position.

I am strongly interested in and enthusiastic about holding the DEI Chair Elect position in Southern SGIM over the next two years and would welcome the opportunity to further my regional commitment to efforts that support diversity, equity and inclusion for our patients, members and community.

B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors

Positions and Employment

July 2018- Present Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, Emory University Dept of Internal Medicine

July 2023-Present Medical Director, Emory High Risk Pre-Operative Medical Assessment Clinic, Grady Memorial Hospital, Correll Advanced Surgical Services Center

March 2025-Present Medical Director, Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant (RIM) Clinic, Grady Memorial Hospital, Primary Care Center

July 2025-Present Assistant Medical Director, MASLD Clinic, Grady Liver Clinic, Grady Memorial Hospital, Primary Care Center

Other Experience and Professional Memberships

2015-Present Member, American College of Physicians

2017-Present Member, Society of General Internal Medicine

Honors and Awards

Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honor Society inductee, Saint Louis University, 2009

Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society inductee, Saint Louis University, 2010

Alpha Eta Allied Health Honor Society inductee, Saint Louis University, 2010

Pre-Professional Health Studies Outstanding Academics Award, Saint Louis University, 2011

Sigma Xi Student Research Presentation Award, Saint Louis University, 2011

ASCLS Education Student Assembly Research Paper Award, American Society of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, 2011

Aesculapian Student Humanitarian Award, Creighton University School of Medicine, 2013

Medical Dean's Magis Award, Creighton University School of Medicine, 2013

Medical Dean's Diversity Enhancement, Creighton University School of Medicine, 2011-2013

Creighton University SOM Luke Society, Creighton University School of Medicine, 2014

HIV Distinctions, Emory University School of Medicine, J. Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency Program, 2015-2018

- Completed a course in HIV medicine during residency training that included outpatient and inpatient HIV medicine related experience, didactics, scholarly activity and completion of 30 hours of online HIV CME courses.

Global Health Distinctions, Emory University School of Medicine, J. Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency Program, 2016-2018

- Selected among five other residents to participate in global health didactics, scholarly activity and rotations through primary care and inpatient settings in Tuba City, AZ on the Navajo reservation and Addis Adaba, Ethiopia.

Alanna Stone Rising Star Early Career Physician Award, Grady Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, Emory University School of Medicine, October 2019

SGIM TEACH Scholar recipient, 2020-2022 cohort, January 2020

Volunteerism in Primary Care, Community Connection Award, 2021, Emory Primary Care Consortium

Primary Care Clinician Educator Award, Grady Division of General Internal Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, May 2023

Emory University School of Medicine Alumni Distinction in Community Service Award, Emory Medical Alumni Association, March 2024

Volunteerism and Community Service Award, Georgia ACP, September 2024

Ildelfanso Tellez Distinguished Citizenship Award, Grady Division of General Internal Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, October 2024

Emory School of Medicine Doctor's Day Recognition, Emory University School of Medicine, March 2025.

Emory at Grady Community Impact Award, Emory at Grady Department of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, Grady Memorial Hospital, April 2025

RYSE Health Equity Day Clinical Quality Poster Category Award, RYSE Health Equity Day, Grady Memorial Hospital, May 2025.

Emory Primary Care Consortium Certificate of Excellence Award, Emory Primary Care Consortium, May 2025

Senior Physician Clinical Distinction, Emory University School of Medicine, May 2025.

C. Contributions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

- a. HealthPREP Virtual Observership, Emory University School of Medicine, preceptor for students participating in virtual observations of attending physicians during inpatient hospital rounds. The program supports about 20 scholars from historically underrepresented backgrounds for a summer enrichment program introducing them to health careers. June 2023 and May 2025
- b. Member, Immigration Informed Care Coalition, Grady Memorial Hospital, coalition formed by medical providers based at Grady Memorial Hospital that wish to advocate for and troubleshoot interventions and initiatives to improve the clinical care of Grady's refugee and immigrant population, 2023-present
- c. Faculty Lead for Refugee and Immigrant Health, Emory @ Grady Division of General Internal Medicine, Emory University Department of Medicine. Serve as faculty lead for leading initiatives that advocate for and implement improved coordination of care for immigrant and refugee patients both from the community and internally at Grady Memorial Hospital, while also addressing inequities in care amongst the RIM patient population. Initiatives span across direct patient care, improved access and coordination of care in the community, evaluation of policies and procedures that address improved delivery of culturally competent care in the healthcare system, and teaching, education and mentorship of learners on refugee, immigrant and migrant health.
- d. Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant (RIM) and Non-English-Speaking Patient (NELP) Faculty Practice,

Faculty Lead and Clinic Director, Grady PCC, 4 half sessions/month. Serve as a referral base and primary care home for immigrant, refugee and NELP referred from both internally and externally from the community, providing improved access to subspecialty care, preventive primary care services and advanced medical services for patients having trouble accessing the healthcare system. Collaborate directly with external community clinics in Clarkston, including Grace Village Medical Center, Dekalb County Board of Health, Ethné, Embrace Refugee Services, Mosaic Health Center and Easter Seals of North Georgia. Internally, I have established a referral system with ECC, PCC and Division of Hospital Medicine. March 2025-present

D. Community Outreach:

- a. CUSOM Advocates, Creighton University School of Medicine, 2012-2015.
 - i. Role: Founder, President and Volunteer. Founded, organized, and led medical student organization in Omaha, NE, aimed to serve vulnerable and high-risk populations through partnering of medical students with high-risk, high-needs patients from community clinics to promote better health, wellness, and continuity of care in coordination with their primary care providers. Also created health education and promotion sessions with refugee and community outreach agencies. Developed quality improvement project aimed to assess impact of opportunity on medical students' education and professional development, along with effectiveness of the program for patients.
- b. Global Health Distinctions Program, J. Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency Program, 2016-2018.
 - i. Developed ongoing QI project on improvement of diabetes management and care delivery in a Navajo population in Tuba City, AZ in May 2017, while rotating on a month-long rotation at Tuba City Regional Health Care. Worked with residents from Black Lion Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to brainstorm, construct and begin PDSA cycles of QI projects selected by residents as part of a new QI curriculum in their residency program. Mentored and provided QI lectures to approximately 30 first year residents during a month-long rotation at Black Lion Hospital in March 2018.
- c. Clarkston Summit Meeting, Clarkston, GA, November 10, 2018
 - i. Participated as representative of Grady Memorial Hospital in community summit kick-off event for the Refugee and Immigrant Health and Wellness Alliance (RIHWA), formed by a partnership of the Emory Global Health Institute, Georgia State University, Kaiser Permanente, Dekalb County Board of Health, refugee resettlement agencies, and others working with refugee and immigrant communities in Clarkston.
- d. Grace Village Medical Clinic volunteer and Faculty Lead, Jan 2019-present, Clarkston, GA.
 - i. Volunteer as an attending providing supervision and educational support to residents volunteering at a free, community-based clinic serving a predominately refugee and immigrant population in Clarkston, GA. Conduct recruitment and organization of faculty volunteers to support resident volunteer program.
- e. Georgia Coalition of Refugee Stakeholders member, Dekalb County, GA, 2018-present.
 - i. Represent Grady PCC in meetings held at the Dekalb County Board of Health with refugee community stakeholders in discussing provision of complex care coordination for refugees resettled in Dekalb County.
- f. Atlanta Asylum Coalition member and Co-Chair of Continuing Care for Asylum Seekers, Atlanta, GA, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, August 2019-present.
 - i. Represent Emory University School of Medicine J. Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency Program and Grady PCC as part of a coalition of professionals and community organizations involved in advocating for asylum seekers and coordinating the completion of medical affidavits aimed to support those seeking asylum through the immigration court system. As Co-Chair of Continuing Care, provide coordination among community organizations and stakeholders in the coalition in linking current asylum seekers to community resources, including healthcare.
- g. Asylum Physical Examination Evaluation provider, September 2019-present
 - i. Completed Weill Cornell Center for Human Rights Forensic Asylum Training certification program

F. Selected Peer-reviewed Publications/ Contributions to Science

Most relevant to the current application

- a. Fluker S, Darby R, McDaniel K, Quairoli K, Mbonu C, Kilakkathi S, Koumtouzoua S, Jagannathan R, Miller LS. Large-Scale, Primary Care-Based Hepatitis C Treatment in an Urban, Underserved Patient Population. Public Health Reports 2024 Mar-Apr; 139 (2):163-168. doi: 10.1177/0033354923117020

Additional recent publications of importance to the field (in chronological order)

- a. **Henn S**, Varman M, and Bednicek J. Sorting out a sore spot. J Pediatric Infect Dis Soc. 2014 Dec; 3(4): 360-4. doi:10.1093/jpids/piu067. Epub 2014 Aug 2.
- b. **Koumtouzoua S**, Higgins S. Evaluating and Managing the Patient with Back Pain. Med Clin North Am. 2021 Jan;105(1):1-17. doi: 10.1016/j.mcna.2020.08.014. Epub 2020 Nov 7. PMID: 33246512
- c. Julian Moran, Julia Ossi, Alyssa Cruse, **Sarah Koumtouzoua**. "Therapeutic inertia and anchoring: late-onset antisynthetase syndrome masquerading as asthma ". CHEST, October 2025 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, October 2025. (manuscript)

G. Research Support

Ongoing Research Support

N/A

Completed Research Support

N/A