



EARLY CAREER PSYCHIATRY - Katherine Koh, MD, MSc



Katherine (Katie) Koh, MD, MSc has been a public and community psychiatrist dedicated to underserved, homeless, and marginalized populations since graduating residency in 2018. Dr. Koh was awarded numerous prizes and honors for her humanitarianism, service, teaching, and outstanding research since starting college at Harvard University, through her MSc at Oxford University, throughout her time at Harvard Medical School and the MGH/McLean Adult Psychiatry Residency. Starting as a Principal Investigator on a research grant near the end of college, she was already focused on the homeless population. This interest has endured, grown, and is her current contribution to underserved and marginalized populations locally, nationally, and internationally.

Dr. Koh has published 11 first author publications out of her 33 publications in JAMA, JAMA Psychiatry, JAMA Internal Medicine, Annals of Internal Medicine, Lancet, and other journals. Dr. Koh lectures, teaches, supervises, and mentors residents and junior faculty locally at several medical schools and provides Grand Rounds throughout the United States on topics focused on Homelessness, Street Psychiatry and Medicine, and the clinical care of underserved populations. She works in the Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Psychiatry in both the outpatient clinic and as part of the Street Team at Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program as well as leads and participates in social psychiatry research.

It is no surprise that within four years of completing residency, she was promoted to Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Koh's commitment to service of those she comes in contact within the Halls of Academia, colleagues, supervisees, outpatients, and the many individuals she helps on the street and whom she worries about who are highlighted in the daily news is her daily *raison d'être* to get out of bed in the morning!

A list of some of her awards includes: graduating Magna Cum Laude with Highest Honors in Psychology (2009); serving as a White House Intern for the First Lady in 2011; SAMHSA Minority Fellowship from American Psychiatric Association; 4 Best Poster Prizes at the 6th, 9th, 10th, and 11th (2018, 2021, 2022, 2023) Annual Community Psychiatry Symposium at MGH; Ed Messner Award (2018) for residency graduate who best "demonstrates the qualities of kindness, compassion, understanding, insightfulness, humility and selflessness in her daily teaching and supervision of residents"; the Paul Howard Award (2018) at residency graduation for "exemplifying comprehensive and humane patient care"; the Bruno Lima Award (2021) from the APA for "contribution to the care and understanding of victims of disaster"; Dean's Community Service Award at HMS (2023) for dedication and commitment to community service with an outstanding positive impact locally and globally; Jonathan Borus Outstanding Early Educator Award (2024) from HMS for demonstrating "exceptional promise, initiative, and commitment in the area of psychiatric education"; and now the 2024 MPS Early Career Psychiatrist Award!

Without a doubt, Dr. Koh provides high-quality clinical care, teaching, mentorship, leadership, and research in the areas of homelessness, disaster psychiatry, and vulnerable populations.

Given her significant contributions to the understanding and delivery of quality healthcare to Underserved and Marginalized Populations, the MGH Department of Psychiatry, MPS, APA, the International Street Medicine Institute, and the AACPP in the first 6 years out of training, it is a delightful honor and with great pleasure that MPS awards Dr. Katherine (Katie) Koh with the 2024 Outstanding Psychiatrist Award for an Early Career Psychiatrist!