

# Esther C. Kim

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## EDUCATION

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**University of Georgia, Morehead Honors College**, Athens, GA December 2024  
*Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations*, College of Journalism and Mass Communication GPA: 3.77/4.00

*Certificate in Personal and Organizational Leadership*, Institute for Leadership Advancement  
*Certificate in New Media*, New Media Institute

Honors & Awards: William I. Ray Jr. Scholarship (2023), UGA Student Employee of the Year (2023), Blue Key Honors Society (2023), Palladia Women's Honors Society (2022), ILA Servant Leader Award (2022), Kimbo Foundation Scholarship (2022), Crane Leadership Scholarship (2022, 2023), James Waldo Woodruff, Jr. Scholarship (2022), Ash Service Award (2021), Presidential Scholar, Dean's List, HOPE Scholarship, Lettie Pate Whitehead Scholarship

**Penn Foster College** Nov 2022 – present  
*Certified Clinical Medical Assistant*, Medical Assistant Diploma

**University of Oxford**, Oxford, England Jul 2022 – Aug 2022  
Relevant Coursework: Biomedical Ethics, History and Literature of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible  
Honors & Awards: Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant, Experiential Learning Scholarship

**The Institute for Study Abroad**, Havana, Cuba May 2022 – Jun 2022  
*Concentration in Health and Medical Journalism*  
Honors & Awards: Foundation Incentive for Central America Scholarship, Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Athens Nurses Clinic**, Athens, GA May 2023 – present  
*Medical Assistant (Formerly Student Intern)*

- Provide care and medical support to patients dedicated to serving uninsured, low-and-no income individuals
- Conducted triage assessments evaluating patient's medical conditions and preparing them for treatment by physicians and nurse practitioners; and administer injections, lab tests, and medication as directed by healthcare professionals
- Led projects redesigning the clinic's website, creating monthly newsletter, and overseeing the clinic's social media

**New Media Institute**, Athens, GA Aug 2021 – present  
*Program and Teaching Assistant*

- Assist with operations of one of the largest interdisciplinary certificate and graduate programs of 500+ students at UGA
- Serve as teaching assistant for upper-level course NMIX 4200/6200: New Media & TED
- Give lectures, plan and lead discussions, and grade assignments for a class of 20 students

**Dasan USA**, Duluth, GA May 2020 – Aug 2021  
*Accounting Administrative Assistant*

- Maintain 5 bank records, a chart of accounts, and company finances with QuickBooks and Wix Commerce
- Match purchasing receipts, shipping costs, and net terms for approval of the payment process

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**The Backpack Project of Athens**, Athens, GA Sep 2020 – present  
*Executive Director (Formerly Volunteer Coordinator, Intern, Vice President)*

- Serve a 501c3 dedicated to easing the burden of homelessness in Athens through cultivating relationships with clients, service providers, and other chapter leaders of The Backpack Project, Inc.
- Lead and train 8 executive board members, 17 staff members, and 550+ volunteers on best practices, collaborate with other student organizations and service providers to hold volunteer events
- Oversee and ideate operations of 6 initiatives: community engagement, volunteer engagement, donations and partnerships, public policy, finances and fundraising, and marketing
- Devised and implemented organizational restructure for continuity and long-term growth, share expertise as a premier example with other university chapters

**TEDxUGA**, Athens, GA Aug 2020 – present  
*Curator (Formerly Presenter Advisor, Assistant Curator)*

- Oversee the development of 9 TEDxUGA talks that have been viewed over 5.9 million times from ideation to delivery providing expertise on talk content, structure, and messaging
- Manage all areas of event including communication with organizers and presenters, pre-planning, and post-production
- Serve as a critical member of the TEDxUGA Steering Committee's leadership team, maintaining communication with students, faculty, and staff at UGA

## COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

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**Athens-Clarke County Homeless Coalition**, Athens, GA Jun 2021 – present  
*Encampment Engagement Committee*

- Support individuals living in encampments through connecting these individuals to permanent and supportive housing resources to reduce harm and trauma
- Facilitate and mediate tension between the homeless community and private landowners as a key member of the Displacement Response Team

**MEDLIFE at UGA**, Athens, GA Aug 2020 – May 2023  
*Public Relations Chair, Service Projects Chair*

**The Church in Christ, Inc.**, Duluth, GA Jan 2019 – present  
*Korean-English Interpreter and Translator*

- Provide live interpretation services during church services and special events, facilitating effective communication between Korean-speaking and English-speaking audiences
- Serve as the Korean-to-English translator during the Korean adult service
- Translate wide range of printed materials such as brochures, flyers, and documents

## CAMPUS & OTHER INVOLVEMENT

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**Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication**, *Ambassador*, Athens, GA May 2023 – present

**Palladia Women's Honors Society**, *President*, Athens, GA Oct 2022 – present

**UGA Sky Dawgs**, *Vice President*, Athens, GA Mar 2023 – present

**Campus Compass Mission Church**, *Worship Team Lead*, Athens, GA Aug 2022 – present

**Morehead Honors College Student Council**, *Peer Assisted Leadership Mentor*, Athens, GA Jan 2021 – present

**Code for Athens**, *Member*, Athens, GA Dec 2021 – May 2023

**Club Swim at UGA**, *Member*, Athens, GA Aug 2020 – Jan 2023

**Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital**, *College Volunteer*, Athens, GA Aug 2020 – May 2022

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University**, Druid Hills, GA Jul 2019 – May 2022  
*Research Assistant (Formerly Summer Scholars Research Program Intern)*

Principal Investigator: Pamela Allen, M.D., M.Sc. and Mary Jo Lechowicz, M.D.

- Analyze data to assess mitigation strategies and risk factors for subsequent bacteremia, infection, and colonization of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) patients
- Collected over 500 patient data and analyzed outcomes from medical records
- Contributed towards introduction, background, methodology, creating tables for abstract, poster presentation, and paper

## PUBLICATIONS AND ABSTRACTS

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Allen, Pamela; Goyal, Subir; Switchenko, Jeffrey; Tarabadkar, Erica; Pouch, Stephanie; Parikh, Priya; Palmer, Alex; Martini, Dylan; **Kim, Esther**; Lechowicz, Mary Jo. (2022). Mitigation strategies among cutaneous T-cell lymphoma patients with positive Staphylococcus aureus skin and soft tissue cultures have unclear impacts on the risk of subsequent bacteremia. *Leukemia & Lymphoma*. 10.1080/10428194.2022.2081324.

Allen, Pamela; Switchenko, Jeffrey; Ayers, Amy; **Kim, Esther**; Lechowicz, Mary. (2020). Risk of Bacteremia in Patients with Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma (CTCL). *Leukemia & Lymphoma*. 1-7. 10.1080/10428194.2020.1779259.

Allen, Pamela; **Kim, Esther**; Ayers, Amy; Lechowicz, Mary. (2019). Mortality and Risk Factors for Bacteremia in Patients with Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma (CTCL) at Emory University. *Blood*. 134. 4043-4043. 10.1182/blood-2019-131626.

## PRESENTATIONS

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25th Annual Student Leadership Conference, Athens, GA, October 2021. "The Foundation of Leadership: Service as a Lifestyle," (speaker and panelist).

American Society of Hematology Meeting and Exposition, Orlando, FL, December 2019. "Mortality and Risk Factors for Bacteremia in Patients with Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma (CTCL) at Emory University" (poster).

Winship Summer Scholars Research Program Symposium, Decatur, GA, July 2019. "Risk Factors and Subsequent Mortality for Bacteremia in Patients with Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma (CTCL) at Emory University" (oral and poster).

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

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Content Curation, Grant Writing, HTML/CSS, Web Development, Event Management, Database Management, Project Management, QuickBooks, Leadership, Public Speaking, Podcasts, TED Talks (Favorite: The Largest Room in the World by Chris Fischer), Traveling (lived in and visited 10 countries), Skydiving (Licensed), Club Swim Team