

Short Biography – Joshua C. Morganstein, M.D.

Dr. Joshua C. Morganstein is Associate Professor and Assistant Chair in the Department of Psychiatry and Assistant Director at the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress (CSTS) in the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and a Captain in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service. He is a Chair of the Committee on the Psychiatric Dimensions of Disaster and Distinguished Fellow at the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Morganstein received his medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He completed a combined residency in Psychiatry and Family Medicine in the National Capital Consortium in Washington, DC. Dr. Morganstein leads the Disaster Mental Health and Public Health education and consultation services at CSTS. In this capacity he has overseen and provided support to dozens of national and global disasters, working with local, state, national and international partners to support the well-being of individuals and communities adversely impacted by these events. He has been an invited speaker and consultant for national organizations and federal interagency partners. Dr. Morganstein provided mental health subject-matter expertise to the United Nations' 2015 Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. He co-authored the only Curriculum Recommendations for Disaster Behavioral Health Professionals and was a co-author for a landmark Presidential report on the Impact of Climate Change on Human Health in the United States. Dr. Morganstein authored numerous articles, chapters, and technical reports on the mental health impact of various disaster events, including climate-related disasters, mass violence, terrorism, nuclear exposure, and pandemics and is Assistant Editor for the second edition of the Textbook of Disaster Psychiatry. He has studied the effects of stress and trauma in organizational settings, including the military drone intelligence community as well as personnel impacted by the 2013 mass shootings at the Washington Navy Yard. Dr. Morganstein is currently working with the United States National Guard to better understand risk and protective factors associated with COVID-19 deployments on the psychological health and operational readiness of servicemembers.