



#### MURIEL BOWSER MAYOR

DEC 1 4 2017

The Honorable Phil Mendelson Chairman Council of the District of Columbia John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 211 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.11), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Dr. Joette James 639 Keefer Place NW Washington, DC 20010 (Ward 1)

for appointment as a psychologist licensed in the District member of the Board of Psychology, replacing Dr. John Robinson, for a term to end November 30, 2019.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely.

Muriel Bowser

Mind Chairman Phil Mendelson at the request of the Mayor

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35 36 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on .

To confirm the appointment of Dr. Joette James to the Board of Psychology.

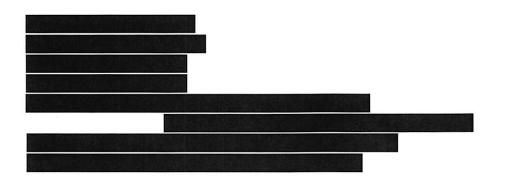
RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Board of Psychology Joette James Confirmation Resolution of 2017".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

Dr. Joette James 639 Keefer Place NW Washington, DC 20010 (Ward 1)

- as a psychologist licensed in the District member of the Board of Psychology, pursuant to section
- 211 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective march 25, 30
- 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.11), replacing Dr. John Robinson, for a term 31
- 32 to end November 30, 2019.
  - Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
- upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.
  - Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

# JOETTE DEANNA JAMES, Ph.D., ABPP-CN Board-Certified in Clinical Neuropsychology



#### **EDUCATION:**

#### 2003:

Received Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Clinical Psychology from Northwestern University Medical

School, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Division of Psychology, Chicago, Illinois

Dissertation Title: Functional Health Status and Psychological Adjustment in Low Birth Weight Jamaican Preadolescents

Advisor: John Lavigne, Ph.D.

#### 1995:

Received Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Honors Psychology with Distinction from Huron College, University of

Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

#### January 2014- present: Director & Owner, Alina Assessment Services, PLLC

Director of private clinic conducting clinical and forensic neuropsychological evaluations- the clinical aspect of the practice focuses on assessment of <u>toddlers through young adults</u> with developmental and acquired injuries to the brain; the forensic aspect of the practice focuses on the assessment of <u>adolescents and adults</u> with neurodevelopmental and acquired disorders in the context of the legal system, including criminal (e.g. competency to stand trial, competency to waive Miranda, Atkins hearings, JLWOP, juvenile waiver/transfer) and civil (e.g. guardianship, IMEs, lead poisoning) cases.

#### November 2012- March 2014: Training Director, Weinfeld Education Group

Promoted training at local, state, and national level to address issues related to children with special needs, parents, educators, and administrators. Topics include the nature of assessments, special education advocacy, behavior management, and transition planning. Responsible for planning and coordinating the annual "Diamonds in the Rough" special needs conference.

#### August 2010-December 2013:

Assistant Professor, Depts. Of Pediatrics and Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, The George Washington University Medical Center; Pediatric Neuropsychologist, HSC Pediatric Center/Children's National Medical Center (Washington, DC)

Faculty position at HSC Pediatric Center. Director of pediatric neuropsychological services. Duties include the provision of inpatient and outpatient pediatric neuropsychological evaluations to pre-school, school-age children and young adults. Clinical psychologist for the Transitional Infants & Toddlers Unit. Additional duties include didactics and supervision of predoctoral trainees.

#### September 2006-August 2010:

Assistant Professor, Depts. Of Pediatrics and Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, The George Washington University Medical Center; Pediatric Neuropsychologist, Children's National Medical Center (Washington, DC)

Faculty position within the Pediatric Neuropsychology Program at Children's National Medical Center. Duties involve the provision of pediatric neuropsychological services to several clinical programs, including the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders and the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit of the Health Services for Children (HSC) Pediatric Center, as well as participation in

ongoing research projects within the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (CASD). Additional duties include Extern Coordinator and the supervision of pre-doctoral and postdoctoral trainees.

#### **SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:**

September 2004-August 2006:

Postdoctoral Fellow in Pediatric Neuropsychology (Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC)

Conducted neuropsychological evaluations with school-age children and adolescents with wide range of developmental and acquired neurological difficulties, rotations in epilepsy, traumatic brain injury (National Rehabilitation Hospital), hematology/oncology, Executive Function clinic, member of Autism Team, conducted diagnostic evaluations using the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (50 hours/week)

<u>Supervised by Gerard Gioia, Ph.D., Lauren Kenworthy, Ph.D., Jennifer Janusz, Psy.D., ABPP-Cn; Licensed Pediatric Neuropsychologists</u>

January 2004-August 2004:

Postdoctoral Fellow in Pediatric Neuropsychology (Children's Evaluation Center, Newton, MA)

Conducted neurodevelopmental and neuropsychological assessments with children from birth to adolescence with wide range of developmental and learning issues (focus on autism spectrum disorders) in private practice setting (40 hours/week)

Supervised by Rafael Castro, Ph.D., Licensed Pediatric Neuropsychologist

September 2002-July 2003:

Advanced Fellow in Pediatric Psychology (Children's Hospital, Boston, Developmental Medicine Center)

Primary treatment provider for children with emotional, behavioral and academic difficulties in the outpatient primary health care clinic (PHA) of Children's Hospital; Member of multidisciplinary team conducting developmental assessments with children from birth to 3 years; Member of multidisciplinary team conducting psychiatric diagnostic interviews with children from 8 to 11 years. Conducted psychoeducational assessments of school-aged children with learning difficulties. (35 hours/week)

Supervised By Elaine LeClair, Ph.D., Jayne Singer, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologists

#### September 2001 – August 2002:

Advanced Fellow in Pediatric Psychology (Children's Hospital, Boston, Developmental Medicine Center)

LEND fellow (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities-Maternal and Child Health Bureau)

Member of multidisciplinary team conducting developmental assessments and treatment with children from birth to 6 years with range of emotional, behavioral and developmental challenges (including Autism Spectrum Disorders); Participated in several infant and preschool diagnostic clinics; Participated in social skills training group for preschool children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, co-led parent group (children with newly diagnosed ASD) and co-led toilet training group for preschool children; (60 hours/week)

<u>Supervised by Lauren Murphy, Ph.D., Jayne Singer, Ph.D., Elaine LeClair, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical</u> Psychologists

#### September 2000 - August 2001:

Predoctoral Intern, Harvard Medical School (Children's Hospital, Boston) (Department of Psychiatry)

Completed 6-month rotation (September 2000-February 2001) in neuropsychological assessment, inpatient medical consultation-liaison, emergency room consultation; 6-month rotation (March 2001-August 2001) in neurodevelopmental assessment, inpatient psychiatry; Full-year rotation in the Behavioral Medicine Clinic (included training in biofeedback); (50-55 hours/week)

Supervised by Celiane Rey-Casserly, Ph.D., Betsy Kammerer, Ph.D., Anthony Rao, Ph.D., Elaine LeClair, Ph.D., Jayne Singer, Ph.D., Peter Hunt, Ph.D., Elizabeth Wharff, Ed.D, David DeMaso, M.D., Pamela Beasley, M.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologists and Board Certified Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists

#### January 1998 - May 2000:

#### School Counselor, United Stand (Chicago, IL)

Conducted individual, group, and family counseling, teacher consultation, student staffing and psychoeducational assessment with children and adolescents in the Catholic elementary school system (St. Adrian's Elementary, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Benedict's the African); Participated in in-services for teaching staff. Presenting problems included poor school

adjustment, academic difficulties, aggressive behavior, abuse and neglect; Led anger management, social skills and primary prevention groups (8 hours/week); Conducted short and long-term counseling with children, adolescents and families at the United Stand Counseling Center (3 hours/week)

Supervised by Sister Kim Mis, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist

July 1998 - June 1999:

Psychology Extern, Cook County Hospital, Provident Hospital (Chicago, IL) (Clinical practica sites in the Department of Child Psychiatry)

Duties included individual, group, family therapy and case management with children and adolescents aged 3 to 17 years. Presenting problems included aggressive behavior, poor academic performance, attention problems, parenting difficulties and effects of abuse and neglect. Attended interdisciplinary school staffings. Member of Child Protective Services team, participated in weekly meetings discussing case dispositions and consulted on inpatient medical floors regarding child maltreatment issues (20 hours/week)

<u>Supervised by Paul Driscoll, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Gabrielle Woloshin, M.D.,</u>
<u>Board Certified Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist</u>

July 1997 - June 1998:

Psychology Extern, Children's Memorial Hospital (Chicago, IL)

(Clinical practicum site at the Pediatric Neuropsychology Clinic)

Conducted comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations of preschool, school-aged children with a wide range of psychiatric and neurological diagnoses, interpreted results and prepared reports, communicated findings to parents/caregivers, interacted on child's behalf with caseworkers, teachers, other professionals. Attended weekly assessment seminar (20 hours/week)

Supervised by Frank Zelko, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Neuropsychologist

July 1996 - June 1997:

Psychology Extern, Lakeside Veterans Administration Hospital (Chicago, IL) (Clinical practicum site)

Completed 6-month rotations in Outpatient Substance Abuse and Outpatient Mental Health respectively. Performed individual therapy, group therapy and assessment (neuropsychological, intellectual, and personality) with adults. Conducted weekly intakes during outpatient mental health rotation. Attended weekly interdisciplinary meetings during substance abuse rotation. Presenting problems included dementia, substance abuse disorders, PTSD and anxiety disorders, mood disorders and disorders of personality (20 hours/week)

Supervised by Eve Gordon, Ph.D. and Luke Shanley, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologists

#### **ADDITIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:**

#### November 2011:

SAMHSA Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Center for Excellence. FASD—The Course. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. 2007.

http://fasdcenter.samhsa.gov/educationTraining/courses/FASDTheCourse/index.cfm. (7 hours)

#### December 2010/March 2012:

Completed 52 hours (equivalent to 104 hours for board certification purposes) of training in forensic psychology through the American Academy of Forensic Psychology

#### December 2005:

Completed clinical and research reliability training for Autism Diagnostic Interview- Revised (ADI-R); Washington, DC

#### February 2005:

Completed clinical and research reliability training for Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS- Modules 1 through 4); Washington, DC

#### April 2003:

Certified in Touchpoints Method by T. Berry Brazelton, M.D. (Individual Level Training), Boston, MA

July 1999 - March 2000:

Crisis Worker, Northwestern Memorial Hospital Emergency Room (Chicago, IL)

Evaluated psychotic, suicidal and homicidal crises in patients of various ages, determining need for inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations, consulted on ER medical cases, facilitated patient transfers to private & state facilities, conducted chemical dependence assessments, answered crisis telephone calls, referred for community treatment (20 hours/week)

1997:

Volunteer, Project Hope, Columbus Hospital (Chicago, IL)

Summer child care worker in a substance abuse recovery program for women; facilitated developmentally appropriate play activities with infants, toddlers and preschoolers (4 hours/week)

September 1996 - May 1997:

Tutor, Cabrini-Green Housing Project Tutoring Program (Chicago, IL)

Tutored a second grade male student in basic reading and mathematics (2 hours/week)

**September 1994 - April 1995:** 

Volunteer, Children's Psychiatric Research Institute (London, Ontario, Canada)

Volunteered in the behavior modification clinic of the residential school with 7 to 13-year-old children presenting with physical, intellectual and behavioral disabilities (4 hours/week)

**University of Western Ontario (London, Ontario)** 

Tutored an 11-year-old boy with a nonverbal learning disability (1 hour/week)

Conducted behavior therapy (systematic desensitization) with a phobic student client (1 hour/week)

September 1993 - April 1994:

Children's Psychiatric Research Institute (London, Ontario)

Instructed (math, reading and social skills) 13 to 15-year-old boys with behavioral, social and emotional problems in a residential school (4 hours/week)

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

February 1999 - May 1999:

Lecturer, University College, Northwestern University (Evanston, IL)

Taught freshman/sophomore level course in introduction to social psychology. Responsible for all aspects of teaching including syllabus construction, preparing and delivering lectures, leading discussions, selection of assignments, constructing examinations and assigning grades.

Attended five 2-hour teacher training workshops. Class length: 2½ hours/week

September 1997 – December 1997:

Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University Medical School (Chicago, IL)

Co-led laboratory portion of introductory statistics course for first-year graduate students. Duties included selecting and presenting assignments, answering questions and working through exercises with students, teaching students to use a computerized statistical program (SPSS for Windows). Class length: 2 hours/week

September 1993 - April 1994:

University of Western Ontario Volunteer-In-Progress Program (London, Ontario)

Taught the Procrastination Workshop and participated in group and individual counseling with undergraduate students (3 hours/week)

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

January 1999 - April 1999:

Evaluator, Child Study Center, National Association for Perinatal Addiction Research and Education (Chicago, IL)

Conducted neurodevelopmental assessments with infants and preschool children as part of a research study comparing types of treatment management with children removed from their

homes due to parental substance abuse; position also involved conducting play observations, giving oral performance feedback to foster parents and writing reports (8 hours/week)

Supervised by Amy Anson, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist

December 1996 - June 1998:

Evaluator, Child Study Center, National Association for Perinatal Addiction Research and Education (Chicago, IL)

Conducted neuropsychological assessments with children 7-11 years of age as part of a research study examining the effects of prenatal drug exposure on child development and learning, position also involved scoring and coding research data, conducting performance feedback sessions with parents and writing reports (15 hours/week)

Supervised by Amy Anson, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist

December 1996 - January 1998:

Research Assistant, Northwestern University Medical School, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (Chicago, IL)

Assisted with all aspects of clinical drug trials, including recruitment, written and verbal communication with the Institutional Review Board and study sponsor, preparation of case report forms for monitoring, contact with patients and caregivers and neuropsychological evaluation of patients with dementia (10 hours/week)

Supervised by Sanford Finkel, M.D., Director of Geriatric Psychiatry

January 1996 - July 1997:

Interviewer, ADHD Project, University of Chicago, Adolescent and Child Psychiatry

Performed intellectual, behavioral and educational assessments of preschool and young school-aged children and semi-structured diagnostic interviews and computerized assessments with parents as part of a research study examining the validity of subtypes of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (8 hours/week)

Supervised by Ben Lahey, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist

#### 1995:

Summer Research Assistant, Centre for Studies of Children at Risk (Hamilton, Ontario)
Studied developmental pathways in conduct disorder using data from the Ontario Child Health
Study and Follow-Up, conducted literature review on the therapeutic effects of camping on
children and adolescents (40 hours/week)

Supervised by Dan Offord, M.D., Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Director

### PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS (selected):

- James, J.D. "Red Flags for Intellectual Disability, Autism and Brain Damage." Presentation to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Federal Habeas Corpus Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia (August 2017).
- James, J.D. "Neuropsychology and Juvenile Life Without Parole." Presentation to the 35<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Prague, Czech Republic (July 2017).
- James, J.D. "Evolving Standards of Decency: Developments in Neuroscience and the Courts."

  Presentation to the National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists
  Conference, Baltimore, Maryland (June 2017).
- James, J.D. "The Intersection of Chaos: The Autism Spectrum and the Criminal Justice System."

  Presentation to the National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists
  Conference, Baltimore, Maryland (June 2017).
- James, J.D. "New Lessons on Intellectual Disability: DSM-5 Treatment and Recent Case Developments." Presentation to the Federal Death Penalty Authorized Case Consultation and Training Conference, St. Louis, Missouri (May 2017).
- James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation to the Fourteenth Annual National Seminar on the Development and Integration of Mitigation, Baltimore, Maryland (April 2017).
- James, J.D. (Producer). (April 2017). "Adaptive Functioning in Capital Cases." [Video Webinar].
- James, J.D. "Autism Spectrum Disorders and Crime." Presentation to the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, Children's National Medical Center, Rockville, Maryland (March 2017).
- James, J.D. "Adaptive Functioning in Capital Cases." Presentation to the "Death is Different XXIII" Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Orlando, Florida (March 2017).

- James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation to "Capital Trial and Mental Health" Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, South Padre Island, Texas (November 2016).
- James, J.D. "Mental Health Evaluations." Presentation at the Third Annual CJA/Criminal Defense Attorney Training Seminar, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands (September 2016).
- James, J.D. "Working with Clients with Autism Spectrum Disorders." Presentation to the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC (September 2016).
- James, J.D. (Moderator) "Focusing on Strengths in Assessment Panel," Diamonds in the Rough Special Needs Conference, Rockville, Maryland (September 2016).
- James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation to the Multi-Track Federal Criminal Defense Seminar, New Orleans, Louisiana (August 2016).
- James, J.D. "The Briseño Factors." Presentation to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund Capital Training Conference, Airlie Conference Center, Warrenton, Virginia (July 2016).
- James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation at "The Art of Sentence Advocacy in Non-Capital Litigation," CJA Panel, St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands (September 2015).
- James, J.D. "The Many Uses of Neuropsychology." Presentation to the 34<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Vienna, Austria (July 2015).
- James, J.D. "The Many Uses of Neuropsychology." Presentation at the Multi-Track Federal Criminal Defense Seminar, Buffalo, New York (August 2013).
- James, J.D. "The Many Uses of Neuropsychology." Presentation to the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (July 2013).
- James, J.D. "Autism: Most of Us are Still in the Blind." Presentation to the National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigating Specialists (NASAMS), at Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland (March 2013).
- James, J.D. "Siblings of Children with Special Needs." Presentation to parent group, Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc., Washington, DC (February 2013).
- James, J.D. "Educating Children with ADHD: Reconceptualization of ADHD as a Disorder of Executive Functioning." Presentation to the District of Columbia Public Schools, Washington, DC (December 2011).

- James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation to the Maryland CJA Attorney Conference, Greenbelt, Maryland (November 2011).
- James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation to the Federal Defenders District of Alabama, Mobile, Alabama (October 2011).
- James, J.D. "Autism and Behavior Management." Presentation to the Parents Advocacy Leaders Group (PALS), Washington, DC (August 2011).
- **James, J.D.** "The Many Uses of Neuropsychology." Presentation to the National Seminar for Federal Defenders, Baltimore, Maryland (June 2011).
- James, J.D. "Executive Deficits in Autism Spectrum Disorders." Presentation to the staff at St. Olavs Hospital, Trondheim, Norway (February 2011).
- James, J.D. "Executive Deficits in Autism Spectrum Disorders." Presentation to the District of Columbia Public Schools, Washington, DC (January 2011).
- James, J.D. "Intellectual Disabilities: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation to the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC (June 2010).
- Yerys, B.E., Wallace, G.L., Sokoloff, J.L., Shook, D.A., James, J.D., & Kenworthy, L. (2009).

  Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder moderates cognition and behavior in children with autism spectrum disorders. *Autism Research*, 10.1002/aur.103
- Yerys, B.E., Lee, P.S. Foss-Feig, J., Della Rosa, A., James, J.D., Gaillard, W.D., Vaidya, C.J., & Kenworthy, L. (2009). An fMRI study of response inhibition and working memory in high functioning children with autism spectrum disorders: Connecting the neural basis of executive function to everyday behaviors *In Preparation*
- Anthony, L.G., Kenworthy, L., Yerys, B.E., Jankowski, K.F., Harms, M., James, J.D., & Wallace, G.L. (2009). Intense interests in high functioning children with autism spectrum disorders. *In Preparation*
- James, J.D. "ADHD and High Functioning Autism." Presentation to the District of Columbia Chapter of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder, Washington, DC (January 2008).
- Janusz, Jennifer, A., James, Joette D., & Halbower, Ann C. (2008). Sleep-Disordered Breathing. In Castillo, C. (ed.) Children with Complex Medical Issues in Schools: Neuropsychological Descriptions and Interventions. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company, 379-406.
- Lee, P.S., Yerys, B.E., Della Rosa, A., Foss-Feig, J., Barnes, K.A., James, J.D., VanMeter, J.W., Gaillard, W.D., Vaidya, C.J., & Kenworthy, L. (2008). Functional connectivity of the

- inferior frontal cortex changes with age in children with autism spectrum disorders: Evidence from an fcMRI study of response inhibition. *Cerebral Cortex, 19,* 1787-1794. doi: 10.1093/cercor/bhn209
- Wallace, G.L., Yerys, B.E., Celano, M.J., James, J.D., Sokoloff, J., Kenworthy, L.E., & Giedd, J.S. (2008). Social Attribution to 'Triangles Playing Tricks' Is Diminished And Does Not Improve With Age Among Children with High Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders. Annual Social & Affective Neuroscience Conference, Boston, MA.
- Sokoloff, J., Shook, D.A., Yerys, B.E., Wallace, G.L., James, J.D., Kenealy, L., Vaidya, C., & Kenworthy, L.E. (2008). Executive functioning in children with autism spectrum disorders and elevated symptoms of ADHD. *Poster presented at the International Meeting for Autism Research in London, England, UK*
- Anthony, L.G., Wallace, G.L., Yerys, B.E., James, J.D., McCracken, S., Della Rosa, A., Harrison, B., & Kenworthy, L.E. (2008). Repetitive behaviors and intense interests in high functioning children with autism spectrum disorders. *Poster presented at the International Meeting for Autism Research in London, England, UK*
- Wallace, G.L., Yerys, B.E., Celano, M.J., James, J.D., Sokoloff, J., Kenworthy, L.E., & Giedd, J.S. (2008) Children with high functioning autism spectrum disorders demonstrate diminished social attributions to ambiguous visual displays. *Poster presented at the International Meeting for Autism Research in London, England, UK*
- Yerys, B.E., Wallace, G. James, J.D., McCracken, S., Giedd, J.N., & Kenworthy, L.E. (2007).

  Developmental trajectory of set-shifting in children with autism spectrum disorders.

  Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science,
  Washington, DC.
- James, J.D. "Classroom Behavior Management and Autism Spectrum Disorders." Presentation to Paul VI High School, Fairfax, VA (November 2006).
- Schropp, A., James, J.D., Gilotty, L., Della Rosa, A., Lee, P., & Kenworthy, L. (2006).

  An examination of the relationship between attentional load and social functioning in children and adolescents with autism. Poster presented at the International Meeting for Autism Research. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Daniolos, P., & James, J.D. "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders." Presentation to the Washington, DC. Superior Family Court (April 2006).
- James, J.D., Gibbs, M.C., Lee, P., Gilotty, L., Wallace, G., & Kenworthy, L. (2005). Executive Functioning and weak central coherence: Exploring the relationship between theories that purport to underlie cognitive processing in children with autism. Poster presented at the International Meeting for Autism Research. Boston, MA.

Presented paper on the psychological effects of war-related trauma in Liberia for Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program, based on research conducted for the nonprofit organization Universal Human Rights Incorporated (April 2002).

James, J.D. (1995). Group status: Cognitive and perceptual determinants. Unpublished bachelor's thesis, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada.

James, J.D. (1993). Proprioceptive stimuli dependence as affected by habituation. The Huron College Journal of Learning and Motivation, 31, 103-119.

#### **PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Received Board Certification in Clinical Neuropsychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP-2013)

Awarded the University Scholarship through Northwestern University (1995-1996), (1996-1997), (19971998)

Awarded the Colonel Ibbotson Leonard Huron College Entrance Scholarship (1991-1995) Dean's Honors List at the University of Western Ontario (1991-1995) 200 hours volunteer service, Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals (1988)

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:**

Member, American Psychological Association, Division 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology)
Member, American Psychological Association, Division 33 (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities)

Member, American Psychological Association, Division 41 (Psychology & the Law)

Member, International Neuropsychological Society (INS)

Professional Member, National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN)

Full Member, American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN)

Member, Brain Injury Association of Maryland (BIAMD- 2014)

Affiliate Member, The District of Columbia Association for Special Education (DCASE-2014)

Student Affiliate, International Society for Autism Research (2006)

#### **BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

Board Member, The Ivymount School (June 2011- June 2017)
Board Member, District of Columbia Arts Center (February 2013-present)

#### **SKILLS/COURSES:**

Fluent in French, both written and spoken
Intermediate fluency in Spanish
Proficient in the use of Windows, WordPerfect, Microsoft Office Suite, SPSS for Windows
Current certification in First Aid/CPR

# **REFERENCES:**

Available upon request.



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# Dr. Joette James

Dr. Joette James is a practicing clinical psychologist in the District of Columbia.

With a specialty in the diagnosis and neuropsychological assessment of individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders, Dr. James' research interests have included individuals with high functioning Autism and Asperger's Syndrome and the development of psychosocial interventions for this population. Currently, Dr. James maintains a full-time private practice. She has also testified as an expert on a variety of cases in several states on matters including general mitigation and competency to stand trial.

A Ward 1 resident, Dr. James received a Bachelor of Arts in Honors Psychology from Huron College and a Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology from Northwestern University.

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To:

Lauren C. Vaughan, Steve Walker

From:

Betsy Cavendish

Date:

November 21, 2017

Elijabett A. Casendisch

Subject:

Legal sufficiency review of Mayor's Order appointing Joette James to the Board

of Psychology

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Mayor's Order and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

Elizabeth Cavendish