



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

May 22, 2024

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 217 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revisions Act of 1985, effective March 10, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-88; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.17), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Ms. Laura Golojuch
Morton Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010
(Ward 1)

for appointment as a marriage and family therapist licensed in the District member of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, filling a vacant seat formerly held by Sylvia Rosario, for the remainder of an unexpired term to end January 3, 2027.


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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser
Mayor


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the appointment of Laura Golojuch to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Laura Golojuch Confirmation Resolution of 2024”.

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

Ms. Laura Golojuch
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Washington, DC 20010
(Ward 1)

as a marriage and family therapist licensed in the District member of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, established by section 217 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revisions Act of 1985, effective March 10, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-88; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.17), filling a vacant seat formerly held by Sylvia Rosario, for the remainder of an unexpired term to end January 3, 2027.

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.

Laura Goljuch

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science August 2023
University of Maryland School of Public Health, College Park, MD
Dissertation: *Exploring Couple and Family Therapist Involvement in Social Justice Praxis*

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy August 2015
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Thesis: *Perceptions of the Transition to Adulthood for Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Young Black Men*

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Minors in English and Studio Art May 2013
Georgetown University, Washington, DC

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Washington DC #LMFT000239
Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapist, Maryland #LCM777
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Virginia #0717001726
AAMFT Approved Supervisor
PREPARE/ENRICH Certified Facilitator
Certified Clinical Trauma Professional

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (AAMFT), Clinical Member
MetroMFT, Member-at-Large board member
National Council on Family Relations, student member
Maryland Council On Family Relations (MCFR), President 2017-2018
YWCA Young Women's Leadership Council (YWLC), Secretary 2016-2018

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

AAMT Approved Supervisor July 2020- Present

- Provide clinical supervision and mentorship to student interns at the Center for Healthy Families and Counseling & Consulting on the Hill
- Mentor trainees to learn models of Marriage and Family therapy, work on self of therapist issues, and develop professionally

Couple and Family Therapist, Counseling & Consulting on the Hill May 2018- Present

- Provide individual, couple, and family therapy to clients with a strengths based approach
- Maintain client records and develop individualized treatment plans

Associate Therapist, Lindsey Hoskins & Associates January 2016- April 2018

- Provide couple and family therapy utilizing multiple therapeutic models

- Offer premarital therapy to couples through PREPARE/ENRICH program
- Develop individualized treatment plans and maintain client records

Therapist Intern, Center for Healthy Families
University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Fall 2013- Spring 2015

- Conducted systems based individual, couple, and family therapy with diverse client populations
- Designed and implemented treatment plans and accumulated over 400 hours of face to face client contact
- Assisted in management of clinic including case management and conducting intake assessments
- Supervised data entry of family and individual cases

Additional Clinical Training

- EMDR Basic Training, Deany Laliotis, Online, 2022
- Attachment & Trauma, International Trauma Training Institute, Online, 2020
- MBSR: Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction 2 Day Intensive, Diane Renz, Fairfax, VA, 2018
- Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT) with Trauma Couples, Kathryn Rheem, Ellicott City, MD, 2017
- Certified Clinical Trauma Professional, Eric Gentry, Ph.D., College Park, MD, 2017
- Sex Therapy, Barry McCarthy, Ph.D. Ellicott City, MD, 2016
- PREPARE/ENRICH Certified Facilitator, Lindsey Hoskins, Ph.D., Bethesda, MD, 2014
- Motivational Interviewing, Kriss Haren, Arlington, VA, 2014
- Play Therapy, Eliana Gil, Ph.D., Ellicott City, MD, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Administrative Coordinator, Mid Atlantic Division (MAD) AAMFT

May 2015-April 2018

- Maintained all division records and materials for 300+ members
- Answered all division member inquiries via telephone, email, and social media
- Prepared materials for quarterly board meetings and coordinate with committee members
- Planned and organized MAD Annual Conference including supervising volunteers, planning and preparing all materials, and serving as on-site contact

Administrative Assistant, University of Maryland College Park
Supervisor: Sandra Hofferth, Ph.D.

September 2015- May 2016

- Plan and organize National Science Foundation (NSF) Social Observatories Coordinating Network (SOCN) New Data Linkages Conference
- Correspond with all presenters to coordinate travel, accommodations, and schedules
- Create conference materials and serve as on-site contact
- Aid in preparation of special issue ANNALS Volume

Graduate Assistant, University of Maryland College Park
Supervisor: Elaine Anderson, Ph.D.

September 2013- May 2015

- Worked under the Chair to perform administrative duties as needed

- Provided content for departmental website creating news stories, flyers, and holiday newsletters using Adobe Photoshop and Microsoft Publisher
- Managed Family Science front desk

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of Maryland College Park Spring 2023

FMSC 330: Health Happens in Families

- Develop course content merging public health and family science principles
- Lecture on public health and family science theoretical frameworks, social determinants of health, and racism in healthcare

Instructor, University of Maryland College Park Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022

FMSC 330: Family Theories and Patterns

- Develop and deliver online course content through Canvas platform
- Lecture on prominent family theories and changes in family structure over time

Instructor, University of Maryland College Park Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019

FMSC 381: Poverty and Affluence in Families

- Lecture on income inequality in the United States with a focus on social policy, families, race, and gender
- Communicate with students about assignments and expectations, grade all assignments
- Develop and maintain Canvas online platform for management and grading of course assignments

Instructor, University of Maryland College Park Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Summer 2018

FMSC 477: Internship & Analysis in Family Science

- Lead capstone course to transition students into professional life, including assignments like resume and cover letter workshops, elevator pitch
- Perform outreach with internship supervisors collaborating on student final grades
- Maintain Canvas platform to communicate with students and grade assignments

Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland College Park

- Served as teaching assistant for four undergraduate courses at the University of Maryland
- Grade papers and written assignments and evaluate final class presentations
- Utilize Canvas platform to create assignments, input grades, and correspond with students

FMSC 381: Poverty, Affluence, and Families, Fall 2016

Instructor: Kevin M. Roy, Ph.D.

FGSM 320: Public Health Policy, Fall 2016

Instructors: Elaine A. Anderson, Ph.D. & Woodie Kessel, M.D.

FMSC 487: Legal Aspects of Family Problems, Fall 2016

Instructor, Kerry W. Tripp, J.D.

FMSC 477: Internship & Analysis in Family Science, Spring 2015

Instructor: BreAnna L. Davis, Ph.D.

FMSC 477: Internship & Analysis in Family Science, Spring 2014

Instructor: Sherylls Kahn, M.S.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Men, Fathering, and Inequality Research Group (MFI)

University of Maryland

February 2014-2020

Supervisor: Kevin Roy, Ph.D.

- Collaborate with team in coding data for project examining young minority males' transitions into adulthood
- Transcribe semi-structured interview data and participate in qualitative analysis using Dedoose software
- Facilitate groups at the Prince George's County Department of Corrections with incarcerated fathers

Research Assistant, Georgetown Early Learning Project

January 2012- April 2013

Supervisor: Rachel Barr, Ph.D.

- Recruited participants and collected data from early childhood participants for imitation tasks at the National zoo and during home visits
- Used time-use coding for the Baby Elmo Project, designed to foster relationships and build skills between incarcerated teen fathers and their infants

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

Corps Member, Jumpstart

May-August 2011

- Worked with Headstart preschool students assisting in the classroom daily
- Facilitated learning through play and connected one on one with preschool students
- Supported preschoolers' successful transition into elementary school

Tutor, DC Reads

January 2010- May 2012

- Tutored and mentored children in grades 3-5 through Georgetown University's Center for Social Justice
- Worked closely with youth in Wards 7 and 8 (Washington, DC) to improve children's reading skills and test scores

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Golojuch, L., Morgan, A. A., Mittal, M. (2023). *"As Therapists, We Get to Be Quietly Subversive": A Qualitative Exploration of CFTs Social Justice Practices.* Paper presentation at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.

- Golojuch, L.** (Chair) (2021). *Understanding Diverse and Understudied Families*. Interactive poster session at National Council on Family Relations Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- Young, J., Li, G., **Golojuch, L.**, & Kim, H. S. (2021). Asian American emerging adult racial identities and reactions to racial tension in the United States. *Emerging Adulthood, 10*(2), 342–353. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21676968211051163>
- Young, J. L., Kim, H.S., & **Golojuch, L.** (2020). “Race was something we didn’t talk about”: Racial socialization in Asian American families. *Family Relations, 70*(4), 1027-1039. <https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.12495>
- Roy, K., Hart, J., & **Golojuch, L.** (2018). On sacred ground: Understanding race and gender in an ethnographic team study of young men of color in transition to adulthood. In A. Humble & E. Radina (Eds.). *Moving Beyond ‘Themes Emerged’: Real Stories of How Qualitative Data Analysis Happens*. New York: Taylor & Francis.
- Allen, S. H. & **Golojuch, L.** (2018). “She still doesn’t want me to tell my next door neighbor:” The familial experiences of Modern Orthodox Jewish gay men. *Journal of GLBT Family Studies, 15*(4), 373-394. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1550428X.2018.1487811>
- Roy, K., **Golojuch, L.**, & Hart, J. (2018, November). *Across three generations: Perspectives on shared family trauma processes from incarcerated fathers*. Paper symposium presentation at National Council on Family Relations Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.
- Roy, K., **Golojuch, L.**, & Blick, R. (2018, November). *Ghosting as kin-based strategy for young men of color to avoid conflict and violence*. Paper presentation for annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Golojuch, L.** (2017, November). *Beyond cool pose: Trauma and coping processes in the lives of young men of color during the transition to adulthood*. Paper symposium presentation at National Council on Family Relations Annual Meeting. Orlando, FL.
- Roy, K. & **Golojuch, L.** (2017). Doing my bid, away from the kids: Fathering in correctional facilities. *NCFR Report, 62*(1), F12- F13.

SERVICE

Ad hoc reviewer: Journal of Adolescent Research	2020-2021
Faculty Search Committee, Family Science Department, University of Maryland	2017- 2018
Family Science Program Committee, University of Maryland	2017- 2019
Panelist, New Student Orientation School of Public Health, University of Maryland	2017

AWARDS

Anselm Strauss Award for Qualitative Family Research for chapter in co-edited book, "How qualitative data analysis happens: Moving beyond 'themes emerged,'" 2020

Delta Omega Gamma Zeta Chapter Student Research Poster Competition Award, 2018
Roger H. Rubin Student Professional Fund Recipient, 2014

SKILLS

Computer skills: Microsoft Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word), Photoshop, Social Media
Qualitative analysis skills (Dedoose, ATLAS.ti, NVivo), SPSS statistical software package
Elementary proficiency in Spanish and American Sign Language



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Laura Golojuch



Ms. Laura Golojuch, PhD, LMFT is a licensed marriage and family therapist in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland. Ms. Golojuch enjoys bridging research, theory, and practice in her work. She is also a clinical supervisor and provides supervision to therapists in training and marriage and family therapists working toward licensure. Her clinical work utilizes her systemic training to see people in context.

Ms. Golojuch uses an integrative and strengths-based approach that incorporates solution focus, narrative, dialectical behavior therapy, and trauma-informed practices into her sessions. Additionally, Ms. Golojuch teaches as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Maryland. Her dissertation from the University of Maryland focuses on how couple and family therapists enact social justice practice. Ms. Golojuch is an American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Clinical Fellow and an AAMFT Approved Supervisor.

A Ward 1 resident, Ms. Golojuch earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Georgetown University, and her Master of Science in Couple and Family Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in Family Science from the University of Maryland.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Tomas Talamante, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: May 8, 2024
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Laura Golojuch as a member of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolution and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Erika Satterlee, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish