



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Lindsay Church</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle LGBTQ Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Commission Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment <i>OR</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>1/31/2018</i>	Term of Position: * <i>11/1/2017</i> to <i>10/31/2019</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Shoreline</i>	Zip Code: <i>98133</i>	Contact Phone No.: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>
Background: <p>Lindsay is a veteran of the Navy and is the Assistant Director of Student Veteran Life at the University of Washington. She served from 2008 to 2012 as a Cryptologic Technician Interpretive and was a Public Affairs Intern in 2014 with the U.S. Naval War College. Lauren is also the President and Co-Founder of Minority Veterans of America, a national organization that serves under-represented veterans, including those in the following communities: LGBTQ+, People of Color, Womxn, and Religious Minorities.</p> <p>Lauren was recommended to serve because of the unique perspective that she would bring to the commission. She is excited at the opportunity to serve on the commission and give back to the community.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Jenny A. Durkan</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not appointment date.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Program development and implementation experience
- Experience managing budgets and securing funding
- In-depth understanding of issues facing LGBTQ veterans
- Innovative thinker and resilient leader
- Strong network of relationships
- Excellent communication and presentation skills

EDUCATION

- UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON – JACKSON SCHOOL** 2016
- Master of Arts in International Studies – Middle East, GPA: 3.81
- UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON** 2014
- Bachelor of Arts – Near Eastern Language and Civilization, Comparative Islamic Studies, GPA: 3.61
- DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE** 2009
- Associate of Arts – Persian-Farsi, GPA: 3.3

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- STUDENT VETERAN LIFE: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR** 2015-Present
- Assisted Director in development of programs to support student veterans at the University of Washington.
 - Assist in management and development of staff of 11 student employees, 1 office manager, and 1 Veteran Support Psychologist.
 - Designed and managed office website and social media accounts in accordance with UW branding.
 - Developed marketing materials to distribute to new and potential student veterans and internal and external departments.
 - Sought out and conceptualized ideas and needs of student veterans to build office to be welcoming and safe space for all.
 - Advocated and secured funding for holistic mental health program for student veterans including Veteran Support Psychologist.
 - Worked in conjunction with Director to develop proposals for future office funding i.e. SAF funding, computer lab proposal.
 - Planned and coordinated community building events that incorporate volunteer service, meeting other student veterans, and long-term planning into the lives and routines of UW student veterans.
 - Assist in managing and overseeing four budgets of over \$300,000 annually for the unit.
- STUDENT VETERAN LIFE: DEVELOPMENT TEAM LEAD** 2015
- Served as team lead for the Office of Veteran Life proposal to the Student Activities Fee committee.
 - Developed working budget of \$77,000 for SAF funding and successfully secured operational and capital funds.
 - Created campus network with departments that offer services specifically for student veterans including but not limited to: Admissions, Undergraduate Advising, the Graduate School, Disability Resources for Students, the Counseling Center, First Year Programs, and the Alumni Association.
 - Developed partnership to pilot transitional programs aimed at reaching all student veterans within their first 90 days on campus.
 - Led tri-campus centralization efforts to build a broader network of services available to all student veterans and create uniformity among the campuses.
 - Built strategic plan for program development and implementation that identifies the lifecycle that the average student veteran encounters at the University of Washington and identified services and partnerships to serve them in various stages of growth.
- UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON VETERANS CENTER: STUDENT VETERAN LIAISON** 2014-2015
- Served as peer mentor for incoming student veterans at the University of Washington Seattle campus.
 - Developed community outreach programs designed for reaching more student veterans to provide support services.
 - Advised student veterans on issues and questions about VA education benefits.
 - Piloted the University of Washington's Veterans Center newsletter that was delivered monthly to all enrolled student veterans in an effort to increase the information and communication readily available.
 - Established and maintained the Center's social media campaign, building audiences and developing a further reach of messaging.
 - Developed effective programming that empowered transitioning veterans to be successful students while also helping them to develop interpersonal skills and break down barriers to reintegrating to civilian life.

- Assisted in revising and updating Veterans Center website to make it easier to navigate and find pertinent information.
- Offered referrals to various departments on- and off-campus based on the needs of each individual student veteran.

U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE: PUBLIC AFFAIRS INTERN

2014

- Served as liaison between public and staff, faculty, and leadership of the Naval War College.
- Provided photographic and journalistic support for major events at the Naval War College.
- Produced stories and photos published and featured on navy.mil and usnwc.edu.
- Assisted in media training for incoming President of the college in order to prepare him for his new role as spokesperson of the university.
- Wrote press releases and reports on events and news from the university to local, regional, and national news outlets.

U.S. NAVY: CRYPTOLOGIC TECHNICIAN INTERPRETIVE

2008-2012

- Completed 47-week intensive training course at the Defense Language Institute in Persian-Farsi.
- Qualified as certified linguist by passing final Defense Language Proficiency Test.
- Developed foreign language program and served as Command Foreign Language Program Manager at Naval Information Operations Command, San Diego.
- Tutored sailors at risk of being dropped from language school at the Defense Language Institute, Monterey.
- Instructed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Management for Supervisors training for over 200 sailors to help improve command readiness and awareness of current issues in the realm of drug and alcohol abuse.
- Worked in conjunctions with Intelligence Specialists in creating weekly, quarterly, annual and other necessary intelligence briefs that provided requisite information to various requesting Naval agencies.
- Utilized subject matter expertise to convert information to usable intelligence to determine potential threats and vulnerabilities.
- Volunteered with command Morale, Welfare, and Recreation campaigns to fundraise, develop programs, and improve the quality of living for more than 1,000 sailors.

LEADERSHIP AND TEAM DEVELOPMENT

MINORITY VETERANS OF AMERICA: PRESIDENT AND CO-FOUNDER

2017-Present

- Built and developed concept for a national organization that served underrepresented veterans in the community including LGBTQ+, People of Color, Womxn, and Religious Minorities.
- Manage a group of 15 leaders across the country to develop strategic campaign to plant national organization in pilot cities.
- Develop communications platform, website, social media, and other outward facing messaging to attract and bring in new members to the organization, tell stories of current members, and build community for those who have previously felt isolated.
- Served as President and future Executive Director, making connections and building MVA in Seattle and across the country.

CONGRESSWOMAN SUZAN DELEBENE VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD: CO-CHAIR

2016-Present

- Meet quarterly with committee and Congresswoman, or representative, to advise on issues facing veterans in the 1st District.
- Develop agenda and moderate conversation at meetings to ensure input from all members at meetings.
- Serve as liaison between committee and media, when requested, to provide updates on the work of the committee.

NASPA VETERANS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

2017-Present

- Serve on the National Veterans Knowledge Community (VKC) Board of Directors and assisted in achieving VKC goals by leading Knowledge Community activity within region.
- Work to increase the number of NASPA members who affiliate with the VKC in their region.
- Develop knowledge about veterans on higher education campuses for colleges and universities to better serve constituents.

SEATTLE STAND DOWN: TEAM LEADER

2016-Present

- Served as Team Leader and Staff at the Seattle Stand Down, King County's largest event focused on veteran homelessness.
- Participated in year-round planning and coordination, ensuring maximum program efficacy for 400+ veterans.
- Coordinate service providers to ensure that veterans have access to 50+ veteran service providers to meet the complex needs of Seattle's veterans experiencing homelessness.

AMERICAN LEGION BALLARD COCHRAN POST 40: POST COMMANDER

2015-2017

- Led and organized Post operational and strategic priorities that would guide the membership and leadership in annual activities.
- Planned and executed strategic planning to determine goals, budgets, and programs to engage and attract new members.
- Revived Post from being in jeopardy of closing to a thriving and important member of the Ballard community.
- Developed resolutions as part of issues brought from members and advocated for adoption at the District, State, and National levels to demand an investigation into the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty, 60 years after the incident.

HUSKY UNITED MILITARY VETERANS: UNIVERSITY LIAISON

2014-2015

- Planned community building events for student veterans by securing funding, conducting outreach, and executing events.
- Led and developed partnership with the Office of Admissions to offer extended admissions deadlines for separating service members and increase the desirability of the University of Washington to local, regional, and national military installations.
- Improved efficacy of leadership team by facilitating weekly meetings and improving communication between team members.

FOUNDER: HUSKY UNITED MILITARY VETERANS DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

2014-2015

- Created Diversity Committee that was aimed at fostering a more inclusive environment for minority veterans on campus.
- Conducted monthly meetings and gatherings for members to discuss important issues of identity and inclusion.

AWARDS AND NOTABLES

Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal Service Academy Nomination Committee – 2017

- Review applications for, interview and served on committee to select future candidates to receive nominations from the Congresswoman for the U.S. Service Academies.

Pride Foundation Scholarship Review Team – 2018

- Participate on committee responsible for screening 40+ scholarship applications for Pride Foundation Scholarships to be awarded in 2018.

Friends of Persian Studies Fellow – 2013-2014

- Awarded for demonstrated academic excellence and a thoughtful commitment to the language, history, and culture of the Iranian world.

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal – 2012

- For outstanding service as training instructor and Command Foreign Language Program Manager while stationed at Naval Information Operations Command.

Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Commission January 2018

16 Members: Pursuant to *SMC 3.14.920*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	Member	Julia Ikaura Ricciardi	5/1/17	4/30/19	2	City Council
			2.	Member	Katrina Sanford	5/1/17	4/30/19	1	Mayor
			3.	Member	Ann Luetzow	5/1/17	4/30/19	1	City Council
			4.	Member	Latosha Correll	5/1/17	4/30/19	1	Mayor
			5.	Member	Ely Hernandez	5/1/17	4/30/19	1	City Council
			6.	Member	Manuel Venegas	11/1/17	10/31/19	3	Mayor
			7.	Member	Kari Lerum	11/1/17	10/31/19	1	Commission
			8.	Member	Lindsay Church	11/1/17	10/31/19	1	Mayor
			9.	Member	Nikki Hurley	5/1/16	4/30/18	1	City Council
			10.	Member	Mitchell Chen	5/1/16	4/30/18	1	Mayor
			11.	Member	Joseph Suttner	5/1/16	4/30/18	1	City Council
			12.	Member	Ray Corona	5/1/16	4/30/18	1	Mayor
			13.	Member	Taylor Wisor	11/1/16	10/31/18	1	City Council
			14.	Member	Ian Irving Bradshaw	11/1/16	10/31/18	1	Mayor
			15.	Member	Deepa Sivarajan	11/1/17	10/31/19	1	City Council
			16.	Get Engaged	Jessi Murphy	09/01/17	8/31/18	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)

	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	4				1	3		1	2			1
Council		1			1								1
Comm		1								1			
Total	2	6			1	1	3		1	3			2

Key:

- *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
- **G List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown
- RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.