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Memorandum

To: Montgomery College Community
From: Ms. Ginger Robinson, Interim Dean, Education and Social Sciences
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It is my pleasure to announce that Dr. Katya Salmi has accepted the appointment of acting chair of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice beginning March 15, 2025.

Dr. Salmi joined the Montgomery College community as part-time faculty in 2016 teaching sociology. She became an assistant professor, full-time in 2019 and associate professor in 2022 teaching a variety of sociology courses. In addition to her teaching role at MC, Dr. Salmi has served on the Presidential Advisory Committee for Equity and Inclusion and as Faculty Associate of the Office of Equity and Inclusion, developing the curriculum and serving as the lead facilitator for the Antiracism Badge. She also helped develop the College's antiracism training course and developed and delivered sessions on social justice, cultural awareness, bias, and racial equity for the Community Informed Policing program.

Dr. Salmi is currently a General Studies Program Advisor and has been involved in multiple professional development opportunities at the college, including the Smithsonian Faculty Fellowship (2023), the Scholarship for Excellence in Teaching Fellowship (2021), the Global Classrooms Fellowship (2020), and the MC United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Open Pedagogy Fellowship (2018). She was awarded the Full-time Faculty of the Year Award in 2024, the Full-time Faculty Equity Award in 2021, and a Part-time Faculty Teaching Excellence Award in 2018.

Dr. Salmi earned an honors bachelor of arts in history and anthropology from the University of Toronto in Canada, a master of arts in human rights from University College, London, in the United Kingdom, and a doctor of philosophy in sociology from the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom.

Please welcome Dr. Salmi to her role as acting chair of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice.