



AUDACIOUS COACHING

Tamara Smiley Hamilton, MA, is the CEO and master coach for *Audacious Coaching*, a professional services firm that focuses on career success and managing polarities, those seemingly opposite variables in our lives: taking care of self and others, focusing on the whole and the parts. She helps clients to manage those polarities through a deeper awareness of self, in relationship to others. She is a certified consultant in *Polarity Assessment for Continuity and Transformation™*. Tamara has a unique coaching style that helps clients to unleash dynamic energy to power up their lives. She received her coaching training from the Leadership Coaching Program at Georgetown University, where she also earned a certificate in Executive Leadership.

She is the former Executive Counsel for the National Education Association. In this capacity she served as the executive coach to senior governance leaders, executive staff, senior management and to the Executive Director. Tamara led the NEA's initiative on transforming organizational culture and morale within the

strategic management system. NEA improved its scores on the *Great Places to Work* index

"Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

*Mary Oliver,
New & Selected Poems*

due to her leadership in enhancing relationships and human systems.

Tamara's global coaching experience includes clients in Germany, Japan and Korea. For the past three years, she has been invited to present leadership workshops to educators at the Korean Council of Overseas Schools. She is also a regular trainer, facilitator and coach to American educators working on military bases in Germany, Japan, and Korea. She coaches teams and facilitates the development of executive Boards, particularly when there is a need for difficult conversations and role clarification.

Tamara's academic background includes an undergraduate degree from Scripps College (the Women's College). She earned a Master of Arts degrees from Howard University and from the Annenberg School



Photo by Mossi Tau Hamilton

Tamara Smiley Hamilton, MA, is the CEO and master coach for Audacious Coaching.

of Communications at the University of Southern California. She is a doctoral candidate at the Union Institute & University, with a concentration in Leadership and Executive Development. Coaching is her passion.

Framework for Coaching



Our Approach

Tamara elegantly employs the skills and competencies established by the International Coach Federation. She is intentional about helping clients get unstuck in limiting behaviors. She focuses on maximizing leadership potential.

She listens deeply and helps clients to take an authentic journey into Self. Guided by her knowledge of applied behavioral science and adult learning theory, Tamara helps clients to reflect on their stages of development in order to move to the next level of leadership influence and effectiveness.

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A Few Testimonials

"You have touched each of our hearts in a very special way... I think we all left with a little different outlook, a little more tolerance toward others, a little better understanding of ourselves and what is important in our lives and a feeling that we are not alone in the circus of life. We all juggle our own elephants but now we can set priorities and boundaries and will not let those elephants weigh us down."

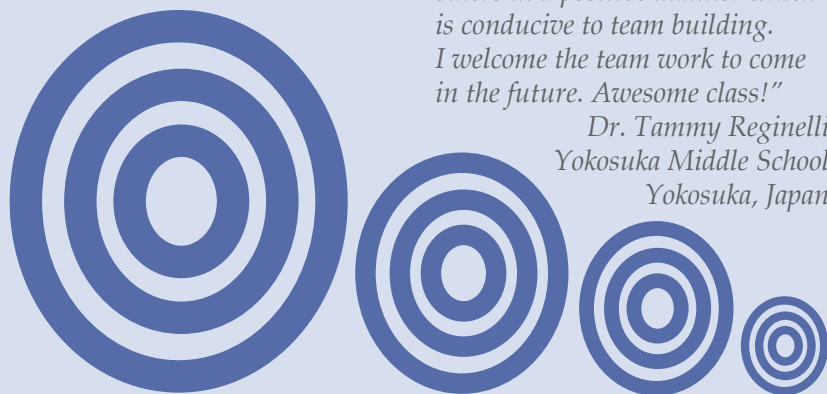
Tamara, thanks so much for your enthusiasm and zest for life that inspired me to reach for even higher goals."

*Janie S. Stewart, Educator
Seoul American Middle School
Seoul, Korea*



"I can't tell you enough how much I cherish this weekend. It truly was a much-needed retreat rather than a 'course.' I feel renewed and energized! Thank you so much for all the good work you continue to do!"

*Minda K. Martin,
Educator, Okinawa*



"This training was presented in a manner that was refreshing! It allowed us time to reflect professionally and personally on situations that can stifle our growth."

*Jennifer Cleveland,
Educator, Okinawa*



"This training was very inspirational and educational for me. Wonderful feedback from everyone and great thought provoking questions and answers. I highly recommend this workshop for anyone who wants to better themselves in all areas."

I am sharing this feedback to those who want to embrace and add a little something in their everyday routine. Had a great time!"

*Kitara D. M. Jordan,
Ed.D., Educator
Sasebo, Japan*



"The training was excellent. It left me a renewed sense of who I am as a leader and how to work through relaying information to others in a positive manner which is conducive to team building. I welcome the team work to come in the future. Awesome class!"

*Dr. Tammy Reginelli
Yokosuka Middle School
Yokosuka, Japan*

Professional Experiences

Higher Education

- Assistant Dean of Students, Occidental College
- Assistant Director of African American Studies, Loyola Marymount University
- Instructor, English Composition and Library Research Skills, University of Maryland, European Division
- City Colleges of Chicago, Language Skills, City Colleges of Chicago, European Division
- Instructor, Reading Comprehension and Critical Writing, Claremont Colleges
- Leadership Coach, NEA Higher Education Cadre, Emerging Leaders Academy

National Education Association

- Executive Counsel
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Director
- Northeast Regional Director
- Manager of Training and Organizational Development

Certifications

- MBTI (Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator), Otto Kroeger & Associates
- Strategic Start (Executive Induction), Performance Partners
- Executive Leadership, Georgetown University
- Polarity Assessment for Continuity and Transformation™

Awards and Recognition

- Leadership Appreciation, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA
- American Education Week, Paine College, Atlanta, GA
- Jegna Service Award for Mentoring and Coaching, National Black Staff Network
- Donald Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award, NAACP, Germany Chapter
- District Championship, Humorous Speaking and the International Speech Contests, Toastmasters International

Professional Affiliations

- International Coach Federation
- Organization Development Network
- Transformative Language Arts Network