Department of Social Work
Back to School Symposium

With guest speaker Dr. Tracy Whitaker, Director, Workforce Practice, National Association of Social Workers

Thursday, September 1st at 11:00 am
Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center, Multipurpose Room A

Join the Department of Social Work for a light brunch as we:

Inform new students and emphasize to returning students the department’s vision, mission and objectives,
Reinforce that the department is comprised of a BSW and MSW program whose students and faculty are linked by the profession’s purposes and core competencies for social work practice,
Promote and facilitate joint educational activities for BSW and MSW students across the program and campuses, and
Facilitate a culture of useful, stimulating relations between and among faculty, students and staff across the program.

Tracy Whitaker, DSW, ACSW is the Director of the Center for Workforce Studies & Social Work Practice at the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). She is responsible for developing a national repository for consolidated and comprehensive social work labor force information; identifying trends in the social work labor force that will support or diminish the adequacy of the social work workforce; collaborative agenda-setting with allied organizations and coalitions; and developing information for social workers that improves social work practice. Dr. Whitaker directed the 2004 national benchmark study of licensed social workers and was the lead author of five reports emanating from that study. She also led the first compensation and benefits study of the social work profession in 2009 and has conducted multiple studies of the NASW membership. Dr. Whitaker is the lead author of Workforce Trends Affecting the Profession, 2009 and The Results are In: What Social Workers Say About Social Work, both published by the NASW Press. Dr. Whitaker received a BA in Political Science, an MSW and a DSW from Howard University. She also holds certification from NASW’s Academy of Certified Social Workers.