



Stony Brook School of Social Welfare

Dear 2nd year students,

We are very excited about the upcoming Community Learning Day on September 24th. Registration will take place in the Student Activities Center (SAC) Ballroom A beginning at 9:30 a.m.

As a reminder, this is a graduation requirement, please make sure you are registered for HWC 597 (MSW students) or HWC 397 (BSW students) - Community Learning and Professional Preparation II. Please bring your Stony Brook ID cards - you need to swipe in and out of the day in order to receive credit.

The morning speaker will be Monica Smith from RFK Human Rights. Having over a decade of experience in Criminal Law and advocacy, Attorney Monica Smith serves as a Criminal Justice Program Officer at Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights. She works on nationwide criminal justice reform efforts focused on ending pre-trial detention and mass incarceration. In her previous role as Director of the Miller Center for Special Mitigation at Friends of Island Academy, Monica partnered with Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights to minimize the length of stay on Rikers Island for one of society's most vulnerable groups – children. She will speak about the process of advocating for a policy through implementation and what needs to be done after the policy is passed.

You will be assigned to project groups based upon the Issues of Interest survey you were asked to fill out. If you have not filled out the interest survey, please fill out the following link no later than 9/16, otherwise we will assign you to a group.

https://stonybrookuniversity.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_77D69hln5okPHA9

You will be doing a project with your group that begins during this Community Learning Day and continues through the year. The project will be presented on the second Community Learning Day on April 7, 2020. You will receive more details on September 24th.

Pizza and salad will be provided for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Alternative menu options are available for individual purchase in the SAC Food Court or may be brought from home.

We have created the afternoon workshop with the anticipated transition to the social work profession in mind. The afternoon workshop will focus on resume building and interview preparation skills. It will include interviewing tips and advice from a panel of recruiters. There will be an opportunity for mock interviewing and to practice your "elevator pitch". To that end, please complete the attached "elevator pitch" assignment and bring it with you on September 24th.

The day's programming is scheduled to end by 3:45 p.m. For Manhattan students, a NYC-bound train is scheduled to leave the on-campus LIRR station at 4:18 p.m.

Please feel free to email Dr. Deluca-Aconi at robin.deluca@stonybrook.edu with any questions.

Sincerely,
Your Community Learning Day planning team

