

Center for Women and Work

School of Management and Labor Relations



CWW WELCOMES ITS NEW DIRECTOR, DR. DANA BRITTON

The Center for Women and Work is extremely pleased to announce its new Director, Dr. Dana Britton, who began her appointment July 1, 2012.

Dr. Britton is an esteemed scholar of gender and work, who has focused her professional career on women's advancement in the workplace. Her leadership and experience complements CWW's mission as an innovative leader in research and programs that promote gender equity, a high-skill economy, and reconciliation of work and well-being for all, and we are very excited to welcome her on board.

Dr. Britton, who received her doctorate in sociology from the University of Texas at Austin, joins CWW from Kansas State University (KSU), where she has been a professor of sociology since 1995. While at KSU, she served as executive director of the KSU ADVANCE-Institutional Transformation Program and the KSU Office for the Advancement of Women in Science and Engineering. Both of these programs seek to increase the participation and advancement of women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines. She also recently ended a term as editor of the journal *Gender & Society*, a top-ranked journal in sociology and women's studies.

Dr. Britton's research interests are in the areas of gender and work and gender and social control, topics about which she has written in two books, one edited volume, and many journal articles. Her first book, *At Work in the Iron Cage* (2003, NYU Press) was a study of correctional officers and their work in men's and women's prisons. She is a current co-principal investigator on a National Science Foundation grant to study the ways gender affects career advancement in the academy, in particular the transition from associate professor to full professor.

Dr. Britton is looking forward to leading the center in its next stage of growth and development. Please join us in welcoming her.