

Governor Dayton Appoints Mac Professor to Council on MLK Jr. Holiday

St. Paul, Minn. - Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton announced the appointment of Macalester Professor Duchess Harris to the Governor's Council on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Harris' term is effective immediately and will extend through March 1, 2014. She replaces Cheryl Chatman.

"I look forward to serving Governor Dayton in my areas of expertise - civil rights history and law," said Harris. She was a member of the Council of Black Minnesotans under Governor Jesse Ventura.

In 1998, Harris joined the faculty at Macalester College. She became the first chair of the American Studies Department in 2003 and was promoted to the rank of full professor last May. In 2011, she earned a Juris Doctorate from William Mitchell College of Law.

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