**The Event**

The Black Studies Department at Portland State University is sponsoring a speaker series over the next several months. Wednesday, May 14, 12:00 noon to 1:30 Hannah Hurdle-Toomey will be speaking about a book she is writing about her dad called *More Than a Slave*. What is significant about her and the book she is writing is her father was a former slave. Yes, I know you started wondering how is that possible. He was in his late 80’s when Hannah was born and he died when he was 90. Her father was born in 1845 or 1847. Birth certificates were not made for slaves. Do the math. It works. Now she is in her 70’s. Please see the article “The daughter of a former slave a link to those who prevailed” written in the Oregonian on January 16th, 2006 for more information.

**About the BLACKBAG SPEAKER SERIES 08**

The BLACKBAG SPEAKER SERIES 08 is organized jointly by the Black Studies Department, the Multicultural Center at Portland State University, and the NAACP at PSU student chapter. In an effort to develop the Black Studies Department as a meeting place for people and organizations doing work that addresses issues related to the community of Black people in Portland, throughout the academic year we invite various local organizations and individuals to Portland State University to speak to the PSU community about the work they do.

This event will be held in the Multicultural Center in the Smith Memorial Building in room 228. Food is provided. All are welcome.

Sincerely,

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