

For Immediate Release

The Black Bag Speaker Series is featuring a panel on Race in the Media in Portland, Oregon: The Foxworth Case. This event will focus on how the media treated the sexual harassment case that was brought against the previous Police Chief Derrick Foxworth by Angela Oswald who worked as a clerk for the Portland Police Bureau. This case that occurred in March of 2006 was highly contested in the local media. Foxworth's private life was marched across both screen and paper, while there was little discussion of the significance of race, especially considering that it involved a Black man and a White woman in the United States of America. In this panel we hope to have an engaging discussion of the role of race and gender in how this case played out in the local media.

The schedule of the event is:

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Title: "Race and the Media in Portland, Oregon: The Foxworth Case"
Date: Tuesday, February 5th, 2008
Time: 12:00noon to 1:30 PM
Location: Multicultural Center, Room 228
Smith Memorial Student Union
1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97207-0751

Our panel includes the following speakers: David Reinhard and Renee Mitchell from the Oregonian and Nick Budnick from the Portland Tribune.

Sponsored by the Black Studies Department, The Multicultural Center and the NAACP PSU Chapter

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In an effort to develop a forum for people and organizations doing work that addresses issues related to the community of Black people in Portland, the Black bag Sppeaker Series began in October of 2006. We have featured many key people and organizations speaking on important issues in Portland including but not limited to Oregon Senator Avel Gordly, Joann Bowman from Oregon Action, Doctor Joy Leary from Portland State University. Our series has focused on the following issues: slavery, police violence, segregation and gentrification, education, the Black Panthers, AIDS and health in Portland, Oregon to name a few. Lunch is provided at this event.