

### About the speaker:

*Joy DeGruy Leary, Social Work faculty, has created an avenue for African Americans to assess their cultural customs and habits, both positive and negative, through her theory of Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome. She maintains that the horrendous, centuries-long treatment of African Americans as slaves resulted in emotional and psychological damage. That damage perpetuated certain behaviors—often destructive—that have been passed down from generation to generation. She is not offering excuses for these behaviors, just insight.*

More information at:

#### **Slavery's Legacy**

*African Americans may still be experiencing the effects of slavery.*

<http://www.pdx.edu/magazine/news/3655/>

### About the BLACKBAG SPEAKER SERIES 06

The BLACKBAG SPEAKER SERIES 06 is organized jointly by Black Studies Department and Multicultural Center at Portland State University. 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, over the next several months we will be inviting various local organizations and individuals to Portland State University as part of a speakers series to speak to the PSU community about the work they do.

Following Speaker Series: *Tuesday at 12-1:30pm*  
at Multicultural Center

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