

About the speaker:

Adam is extending Ralph Ellison's commitment to black vernacular culture through his efforts to help define the emerging field of hip hop poetics. Book of Rhymes: The Poetics of Hip Hop (Basic Civitas, March 2009) offers a guided-tour of rap's poetry, from the sing-song rhymes of the Sugar Hill Gang to the clever wordplay of Biggie and the dusted metaphors of Lil Wayne. Adam was born in Salt Lake City, Utah and was home-schooled by his grandparents until high school. He earned his BA at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, where he began working on Ralph Ellison's papers as a nineteen year-old assistant to Ellison's literary executor. He earned his Ph.D. in English from Harvard University, studying with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Cornel West. He is currently an assistant professor of Literature at Claremont McKenna College. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Anna, a legal scholar and mediator.

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About the BLACKBAG SPEAKER SERIES 06

The BLACKBAG SPEAKER SERIES 09 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.

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