

A SUMMIT OF SISTERS



3 Sisters by Cheryl Olney

**REPRESENTATION, RESISTANCE & RESILIENCE OF
BLACK WOMEN IN AMERICA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009
5:30-8:30 PM
ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE
BASIL HALL: GOLISANO GATEWAY MID-LEVEL & BASIL 135**

When I dare to be powerful- to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid. —Audre Lorde

The students in the Women and Gender Studies (WGST) Senior Seminar— *Assumed Positions: Re/dis/uncovering Resistance & Resilience in the Black Female Body*— identify and analyze the issues, challenges, achievements, experiences and resistance strategies used by herstorical and contemporary African American women. Through the use of film clips, local interviews, critical readings, guest speakers, live theatre, and distinguished local mentors, the students present their partial findings, in partnership with editors—Uncrowned Queens' founders Peggy Brooks- Bertram & Barbara Seals Nevergold & local African American women.

SUMMIT OF SISTERS' SCHEDULE:

5:30-6:30pm BASIL HALL: Golisano Gateway Mid-level

Light Reception ◇ Program Overview with *Go, Tell Michelle: African American Women Write to the New First Lady* (GTM) editors & Uncrowned Queens Institute founders/directors DRS. PEGGY BROOKS- BERTRAM & BARBARA SEALS NEVERGOLD ◇ GTM Readings ◇ Book Signing

Sponsor: Barnes & Noble Booksellers; Official Vendor: Louise's Daughter (www.louisesdaughter.com)

6:30-8:30 BASIL HALL: BASIL 135

WGST Senior Seminar Class Presentation: African American Women - Challenges, Critical Issues & Community; & Biographic Vignettes of Local African American Women ◇ Two Critical Issues-Two Local Expert Voices: Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott & Rev. Iris Banister; Dr. Peggy Brooks Bertram: Uncrowned Queens Project Overview ◇ Questions & Answers

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Hosts: WGST Senior Seminar Class; AFAM co-directors Drs. Arlette Miller Smith (asmith@sjfc.edu) or Ruth Harris (rharris@sjfc.edu); To RSVP, contact Diversity Programs (gdross@sjfc.edu; 585-385-8378).