

The University of Texas at El Paso's African American Studies Program presents:

# *Dr. Deirdre Cooper Owens*

**"In Plain Sight: Enslaved Women and the Origins of American Gynecology"**

In this presentation, Dr. Cooper Owens discusses the roles of women, specifically the enslaved, within the creation of modern American gynecology during the antebellum era. Through meticulous research, Cooper Owens exposes the fiction that early American doctors disseminated against black women such as their ability to manage pain more easily than white "ladies", painless childbirths, and most gravely that black enslaved women were incapable of being raped.

Lecture and Discussion to be held in the Blumberg Auditorium

February 10, 2017

Time 2:00pm

This event is open to the public.



Dr. Deirdre Cooper Owens is an Assistant Professor of History at Queens College, CUNY. She has presented her work at a number of academic institutions domestically and internationally and has published essays, book chapters, and blog pieces on a number of issues that concern African American experiences. Cooper Owens has also made appearances on media outlets like NPR, PBS, and Al Jazeera America as an expert on issues of race, racism, and U.S. slavery.

