The Department of Black American Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series presents the final speaker for spring semester 2011:

**Monday, May 9, 12:15-1:10pm:** “Sisters on a Mission (SOAM): African-American Breast Cancer Support Group in Wilmington, Delaware,” Ms. C. Darlene Shorter, President of SOAM and breast cancer survivor.

Darlene is a seven-year breast cancer survivor and the appointed President of Sisters on a Mission (SOAM). Since becoming President of SOAM in 2010, she led the organization in a significant restructuring that has added nine board members ranging from attorneys, clinical research professors and breast cancer survivors. Darlene, with the help of Rosalind Smith and Ruth McMillon, created “Moments of Caring and Sharing,” which is a support group for newly diagnosed women. Darlene also appeared on local TV shows to discuss breast cancer in the African American community. As a result of her efforts, she was the recipient of the Delmarvous Woman 2010 award which honors women who have demonstrated excellence in their personal and professional lives. Additionally, Darlene was selected by White House/Black Market as part of the 25 women who inspire and have hope, strength and remarkable spirits despite the toll that cancer may take on one’s mind, body and soul. The “Wonderful Women of the White House/Black Market—LBBC” are featured in a layout in the October edition of “Elle” and “Self” Magazine. The photo shoot was a collaborative effort between the White House/Black Market and Living Beyond Breast Cancer (LBBC). LBBC like SOAM of Delaware, seek to empower all women affected by breast cancer to live as long as possible with the best quality of life. Darlene lives by her mother Rosa’s motto: *If I can help somebody then my living shall not be in vain.*

The Brown Bag Lecture Series entitled “The Art of Caring” is free and open to the public. It will be held from 12:15-1:10pm in room 206 of the Trabant University Center. Each lecture is about 30 minutes and is followed by open discussion. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch and enjoy this vibrant and stimulating exchange of ideas.

For more information on the series, please call the Black American Studies Department at (302) 831-2897.