Gentrification endangers community memories. So does Alzheimer’s disease. African Americans are at higher risk for both - displacement and cognitive decline. Is there a link between community health and brain health? How does gentrification impact behaviors for healthier cognitive aging? The new CDC-funded SHARP program engages Portland African American elders in walking and talking to remember, to heal, and to get healthy.

Dr. Croff’s research seeks to improve older African Americans’ cognitive health through increasing physical activity and social engagement in ways that celebrate culture, history, and community memory. A homegrown Portlander, she received her PhD in anthropology from Yale University, with a focus on the history of the African Diaspora. She has taught in OHSU’s Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and in Portland State University’s Black Studies and History Departments.

Date: Thursday, March 2, 2017
Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm (refreshments served at 11:30am outside room)
Location: Portland State University Urban Center Building Room 225, 506 SW Mill Street