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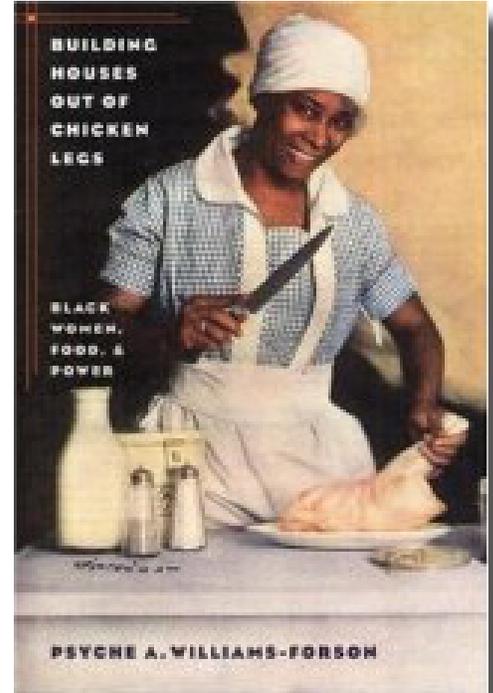
Building Houses Out of Chicken Legs **Black Women, Food, and Power**

April 18, 2010
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
All Ages
Reservations Required

Have you ever thought about how gender, race, and food contribute to the mythical connection between African-American women and the humble chicken? Using a recipe of discussion, storytelling, song, and games, Psyche Williams-Forsen will present her thoughts on this topic in context of her book, **Building Houses out of Chicken Legs: Black Women, Food, and Power**.

After the program, you are invited to take a tour of the Mount Welby plantation home. Mount Welby was the 19th century name of property that presently is known as Oxon Hill Farm (located in Oxon Cove Park).

Williams-Forsen is Assistant Professor of American Studies at the University of Maryland, in College Park. Her book, **Building Houses out of Chicken Legs: Black Women, Food and Power**, uses scholarly analysis, personal interviews, film, advertisements, cookbooks, and literature to examine the complex role of the chicken in African American life, paying special attention to the connection between chickens and African American women. This book won the American Folklore Society's Elli K ng s-Maranda Prize.



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