



# *Rambo Mom as Moral Tragedy: An African American Mother's Struggle for Clinical Care*

*Friday, March 8; 12:10-1:30 pm  
Andrews Conference Room, 2203 SS&H*

**CHERYL MATTINGLY** is a Professor of Anthropology and Occupational Science and Therapy at the University of Southern California. Dr. Mattingly earned her doctoral degree in Anthropology and Urban Studies from MIT, and completed a post doctorate at the Harvard Medical School. As an anthropologist, a major area of her work has been the study of stories in health care. Dr. Mattingly notes that stories can be especially relevant for occupational therapists because it is often through hearing stories that people learn what it is like for someone to live with disability. And the stories people tell also give many clues about what they care about, what matters most in their lives. She believes this is important because when occupational therapy is most effective, it connects treatment interventions to those areas of deep concern to clients.



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