

Breast and ovarian cancer gene: are you at risk?

All of us have the breast cancer gene. It is there for our protection. What if you found out that your gene did not work? Would you want to know?

That discussion will be the focus of Clark College's next Faculty Speaker Series event on Friday, March 6 from noon to 1 p.m. in the college's Gaiser Student Center. Clark College nursing professor **Laurie Brown** will lead an important discussion as part of Clark College's 2008-2009 Faculty Speaker Series

The event is free and open to the public. Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. Maps and directions are available on the Clark College Web site at www.clark.edu/maps

One in 500 people have a genetic mutation to their BRCA gene. Brown notes, "We all have the protective BRCA (breast cancer) gene, but recent research shows that BRCA mutations make both men and women more susceptible to the development cancers in breast and ovarian tissue."

During her presentation, Brown will discuss how health care professionals determine an individual's risk of carrying changed BRCA genes and what options are available for those who are carriers.