

Professor draws on literary experience for lecture

Portland resident and Clark College English professor **Gail Robinson** will have plenty of experience to draw on when she gives a lecture at the college this week.

Robinson is nearing completion of her first memoir, which she has been working on for more than eight years. She will speak about it at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Penguin Student Lounge in the Penguin Union Building.

Robinson, 48, chalks up the time spent on the project to the rigors of teaching and the changing scope of the project.

The book follows her family's journey in the aftermath of her sister's suicide 22 years ago. "I am drawn to write, and the story that I feel most compelled to write about right now is my family, figuring out my family and figuring out myself."

Robinson will read from the currently untitled memoir and discuss the genre in her lecture, the latest in the college's Faculty Speakers Series.

The book is about 90 percent completed, Robinson estimates. She will shop the book to publishers when it is completed.



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