

Reading and Book Signing

Linda Tate

will read from her new book

*Power in the Blood:
A Family Narrative*
(Ohio University Swallow Press, 2009)

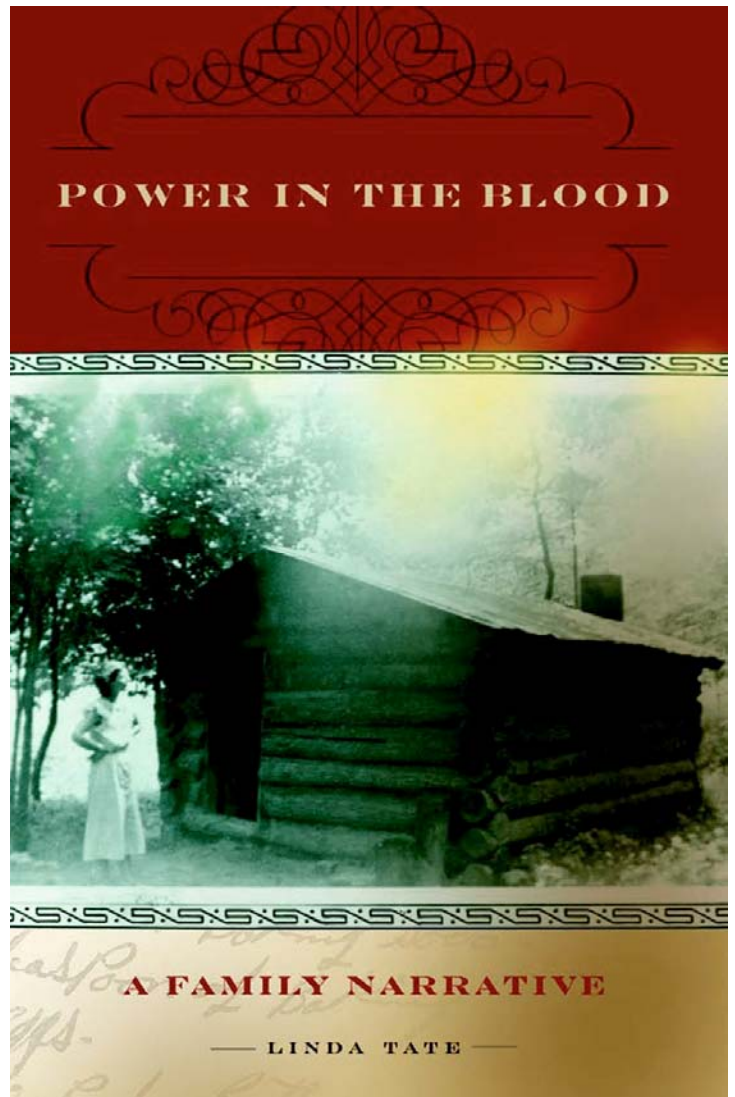
Wednesday, April 22, 2009

4:00 p.m.

Evans Chapel
The University of Denver

Book signing and reception will follow

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Linda Tate, Lecturer in the University of Denver Writing Program, is also author of *A Southern Weave of Women: Fiction of the Contemporary South* and the editor of *Conversations with Lee Smith*. After receiving her PhD from Wisconsin, she taught 15 years as Professor of English at Shepherd University, in West Virginia.

Power in the Blood: A Family Narrative traces her journey to rediscover the Cherokee-Appalachian branch of her family and provides an unflinching examination of the poverty, discrimination, and family violence that marked their lives. In her search for the truth of her own past, Tate scoured archives, libraries, and courthouses throughout Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Illinois, and Missouri, visited numerous cemeteries, and combed through census records, marriage records, court cases, local histories, old maps, and photographs. As she began to locate distant relatives — fifth, sixth, seventh cousins, all descended from her great-great-grandmother Louisiana — they gathered in kitchens and living rooms, held family reunions, and swapped stories. A past that had long been buried slowly came to light as family members shared the pieces of the family's tale that had been passed along to them.