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- Event:** Illinois Wesleyan Environmental Studies Program and the English Department will host Deborah Slicer who will speak on, "Environmental Ethics, Place, and the Disappearing Poet."
- Date:** October 4, (Monday)
- Time and Locations:** 4:30 p.m., Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library, 1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington.
8:30 p.m., poetry reading, Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St., Bloomington.
- Location:** Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library, #1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington
- Admission:** Free and open to the public
- Background:** Philosopher and poet Deborah Slicer won the first Autumn House Poetry Prize in 2003, for her book, *The White Calf Kicks*. The judge for the competition, Naomi Shihab Nye, says that Slicer's poems are "brilliant and breathtaking, original and haunting, riveted with meaning and music."
- Slicer is an associate professor at the University of Montana in Missoula where she teaches a number of different classes, among these the History of Modern Philosophy and Philosophy and Literature. She specializes in environmental ethics and ecofeminism, and is also the co-founder of the University of Montana's Program in Ethics, Agriculture, and Society (PEAS). She has also been a member of the editorial board for the journal *Environmental Ethics*, and was a guest editor for Ethics and the Environment, an interdisciplinary forum, in winter 2003.
- Slicer received her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia in 1989 and her M.F.A. from the University of Virginia in 2000.
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