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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Academy Award-nominated actor Jesse Eisenberg will speak about his debut story collection *Bream Gives Me Hiccups* (Grove Press, 2015) on Oct. 26 at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The event **will be live-streamed**.

Eisenberg is also a frequent contributor to *The New Yorker* and *McSweeney's*. Taking its title from a group of stories that begin the book, *Bream Gives Me Hiccups* is a collection of 28 short stories that explore the ridiculousness of modern-day life. The book has been named a *USA Today* “Weekend Pick for Book Lovers” and a *People* magazine Best New Book.

Eisenberg is also the author of three plays, *Ascuncion*, *The Revisionist*, and *The Spoils*, which won the Theatre Visions Fund Award. His written work features stories and characters struggling with gender identity and occasionally involve international conflict, according to Irv Epstein, director of Illinois Wesleyan’s Center for Human Rights and Social Justice, the sponsor of Eisenberg’s visit. The author’s presentation is entitled “A Conversation with Jesse Eisenberg: Depicting Social Justice in a Subversive Way.”

Eisenberg’s presentation begins at 7 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center, 300 Beecher St. It is free and open to the public. Associate Professor of English Joanne Diaz will serve as moderator for the question and answer session following Eisenberg’s presentation. He will also sign copies of *Bream Gives Me Hiccups* after his talk.

Nominated for an Academy Award for his portrayal of Mark Zuckerberg in *The Social Network* (2011), Eisenberg’s acting credits include *Now You See Me*, *Adventureland*, *The Squid and the Whale*, *The Double* and *The End of the Tour*. He’ll portray Lex Luthor in the upcoming *Batman v. Superman*.



Jesse Eisenberg