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Mary Shelley Critic to Discuss *Frankenstein* at IWU

September 20, 2005

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.- Anne K. Mellor, a professor at UCLA and author of several books on the work of Mary Shelley, will present a public lecture on Shelley's *Frankenstein* on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center at Illinois Wesleyan.

Mellor's presentation is part of a year-long series of discussions and events in connection with the summer reading program in which all first-year students at Illinois Wesleyan were assigned to read *Frankenstein* before coming to campus in August.

First-year students met with volunteer faculty and staff members for group discussions of the text during their orientation activities in August. The program was intended to orient students to the academic life and intellectual community of Illinois Wesleyan University, said Carolyn Nadeau, coordinator of First-Year Advising and associate professor of Hispanic Studies.

Mellor is a distinguished professor of English and Women's Studies at the University of California – Los Angeles. Her analysis, "Possessing Nature: The Female in *Frankenstein*," was included in the edition of *Frankenstein* recommended for participants in the summer reading program.

Mellor's books include "Mary Shelley: Her Fiction, Her Life, Her Monsters" and "Romanticism and Gender." She also is the editor of collections including "Romanticism and Feminism" and "The Other Mary Shelley."



Anne K. Mellor