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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University students of English 301, “Seminar in Creative Writing: The Literary Novel,” will read short excerpts from their original narratives on Wednesday, April 18 beginning at 7 p.m., with a prose open mic sponsored by the University’s creative arts journal *Tributaries* to follow. The event, free and open to the public, will run about two hours and will be held in the Underground of the Memorial Center (104 E. University St., Bloomington).

English 301 is a seminar and workshop offered annually to students interested in topics of writing, which vary from postmodern fiction to publishing. Taught by Brandi Reissenweber, visiting assistant professor of English, this year’s topic focused on the idea of the novel as a craft. Learning essential techniques, students read selections from works of recent first-time novelists and the entirety of Jeffery Eugenides’ critically acclaimed *The Virgin Suicides* in preparation for spending the second part of the semester crafting 150 plus-page complete drafts of their own novels.

Following student readings from several of these works, *Tributaries* invites readers from across campus to share their own prose pieces.

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