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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's Assistant Professor of English Joanne Diaz has been awarded a \$25,000 fellowship from the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) for her poetry.

Diaz is one of only 42 writers across the nation receiving the NEA Literature Fellowships for 2009. The NEA calls the fellowships "the most direct investment in American creativity." NEA Chairman Dana Gioia said, "These grants are an investment in our nation's culture, and I'm proud to say that the return on that investment benefits Americans from coast to coast."

Joining the Illinois Wesleyan English Department in 2008, Diaz teaches courses in creative writing and literature. Recently earning her doctorate in English literature from Northwestern University, she received her bachelor's degree in 1994 from Tufts University and her master's degree creative writing in 1999 from New York University, where she was a New York Times Company Foundation fellow.

In her scholarly work, Diaz explores complaint poetry in the English Renaissance. She is an assistant editor for *TriQuarterly* magazine and her poems have been published in various literary journals, including *AGNI*, *The American Poetry Review*, *Cimarron Review*, *Poetry International*, *The Southern Review*, *The Missouri Review* and *Quarterly West*.

Diaz received an Arts Fellowship from the Illinois Arts Council in 2005. She is also the recipient of a Brady Fellowship and the *TriQuarterly* Fellowship through Northwestern University, a fellowship through the Alice Berline Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, and a Mellon Fellowship for her research at the Huntington Library in California.

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