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- Event:** *Illinois Wesleyan Humanities Speaker Series* presents: "Errant Prayer": A Poetry Reading by Jorie Graham, and a Question and Answer Session
- Date and Time:** Reading: March 5 (Friday) at 7 p.m.
Question and Answer Session: March 6 (Saturday) at 4 p.m.
- Location:** Reading: Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St., Bloomington
Q and A: The Ames Library, 1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington
- Admission:** Free and open to the public
- Program:** The English, Environmental Studies and Women's Studies departments as well as the University Chaplain's office at IWU are co-sponsoring a poetry reading by Jorie Graham. A book signing will follow the reading. An open session will be held on the following day to informally ask Graham any questions.
- Background:** Graham is currently the Boylston Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory at Harvard University (Mass.) and in the past has taught at the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop. She attended New York University and received an MFA from the University of Iowa.
- Graham has authored numerous collections of poetry, including *Never*, *The Dream of the Unified Field*, *The Errancy*, and *Materialism*. She is the recipient of many awards and honors, including a Pulitzer Prize for Poetry.
- The *Times Literary Supplement* states that Graham is "one of the best, and most intelligent, poets in the language."
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