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## IWU Graduate Sandra Steingraber to Speak Feb. 27

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Poet and scientist Sandra Steingraber will present two free programs at Illinois Wesleyan University on Feb. 27.

Steingraber, a 1981 IWU graduate, will read from her book of poetry, *Post-Diagnosis*, at 4 p.m. in the Henning Room of the Memorial Student Center. At 7:30 p.m. in room C102 of the Science Center, she will speak on her book-in-progress about ecology, *Trace Amounts: Cancer, Human Rights, and the Environment*.

A native of Pekin, Steingraber has a master's degree in creative writing from Illinois State University and earned a doctorate in biological sciences at the University of Michigan. She recently spent a year as a Bunting Fellow at Radcliffe and is a visiting research fellow in women's public health policy at the Center for Research on Women and Gender, University of Illinois-Chicago.

A cancer survivor, Steingraber was profiled in the IWU Magazine, summer 1995 issue (*see following pages of release*).

Illinois Wesleyan, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,860 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. In recent years, the University's endowment has grown to more than \$100 million; a \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in autumn 1994; and a \$24 million science building opened in October 1995. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted IWU to a "baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 161 highly selective national liberal arts colleges in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. *101 of the Best Values in America's Colleges and Universities* calls IWU "undoubtedly one of the finest small colleges in the country," adding, "Illinois Wesleyan has surged to national prominence on the basis of its reputation as a school with a rock-solid academic program."