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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Illinois Wesleyan University alumnus Sandra Steingraber, '81--biologist, author and writer-in-residence at IWU--will participate in a poetry reading featuring 25 IWU English students on Tuesday, April 14, 1998.

The program will be held at 8 p.m. in Room 218 of the School of Art Auditorium and is free of charge. Immediately following the program will be a reception in the Joyce Eichhorn Ames Art Building lobby, 302 E. Graham St., Bloomington.

Steingraber will read from her book, *Post-Diagnosis*, and will premiere her latest works written while at IWU. The title for the evening of poetry, "a lime green frog on a lampshade of words," emerged as a consolidation of English class responses to the question, "What is a poet?" Steingraber's morning class answered, "a lime green frog," while her afternoon class reported "on a lampshade of words," thus the title for the program emerged.

"I call it a cabaret reading of poetry," said Steingraber, "because each student has been given either two poems to read or two minutes of reading time."

The event will be the only public reading performed by Steingraber while at Illinois Wesleyan, who wanted to work with IWU English students in performing prose poetry, surrealist poetry, performance poetry and dramatic monologues.

Steingraber will read before, during and after the student readings, and will be joined by husband Jeff de Castro, the program's special guest and an artist-in-residence at IWU.

After Steingraber's closing remarks, there will be a collective, improvisational work by the group called "Day Poem," where all participants will be on stage and in random order, deliver their original, unrehearsed lines and, said Steingraber, "we will see what happens."

A list of the student participants follows: Jennifer Froman, sophomore English major (Rolling Meadows); Hope Hoffman, senior English major (Livermore, Calif.); Sara Lieb, senior religion and german major (Bolingbrook); Andrea Wyant, sophomore English major (Colfax); Michael Balsley, junior English major (Roscoe); Scott Stealey, sophomore English major (Libertyville); Kristi Mason, senior English major (Altamont); Anna Reed, sophomore art major (Beloit, Wis.); Michael Caldwell, sophomore computer science major (Effingham); Ike Spear, senior computer science and English major (Charleston); Amanda Rychener, senior theater and English major (Brookville, Ind.); Krissie Jacobs, junior English major (Northbrook); Heather Klein, senior English major (Glenview); Jack Baker, senior English major with a minor in anthropology (Bloomington); Jessica Munds, sophomore English major (Clinton); Lisa Southworth, senior English major (Naperville); Heather Blaha, senior English major (Princeville); Tim Mills, sophomore English major (Decatur); Steve Raparelli, junior English major (Gulf of Mexico); Sara McGrath, senior chemistry major (Hamilton, Ohio); Kristi Dolgin, senior elementary education major (Naperville); Danielle Brosted, freshman English and women's studies major (Bartlett); Stacy Koski, senior biology major (Gillespie); Katie Bodendorfer, senior English major (Chicago) and Christopher Grodski, junior art major (Wheaton).