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Elizabeth K. Helsinger, associate professor of English at the University of Chicago, will deliver the keynote address for the Fourth Colloquium on Literature: Poetry and the Arts at 10 a.m. Friday (Apr. 8) in Memorial Student Center at Illinois Wesleyan University.

"Poems, Pictures and the Sense of Place" is the title of her paper, which will launch a two-day program that will include 13 presentations by faculty members from colleges and universities in seven states---Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Ms. Helsinger spent the winter as a Yale (University) Center for British Art Fellow in New Haven, Conn. She has been on the faculty at Chicago since 1972. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1965, earned a master of arts degree from Columbia University in 1967 and received a doctorate from Columbia in 1973.

Among the honors she has received are the Radcliffe National Scholarship, Phi Beta Kappa honorary society membership, Fulbright Scholar to France, President's Fellow at Columbia, a Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship, a University of Chicago Humanities Division Research Grant and an American Philosophical Society grant.

She has written a book, Ruskin and the Art of the Beholder, published in 1982 by the Harvard University Press, and is co-author with Robin Sheets and William Veeder of a three-volume book, The Woman Question: Society and Literature in Britain and America, 1837-83.

Other highlights of the schedule include Nance Van Winckel of Lake Forest College reading her own poems at 1 p.m. Friday and Suzanne Roy of Pennsylvania State University singing the poems of Stephane Mallarme, a 19th Century French poet, at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Willard Bohn of the Illinois State University faculty will read a paper, "Adventures in Abstract Caricature: Marius de Azyas," at 9 a.m. Saturday. Sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturday.

Also reading papers will be Mark Christhilf and Luis Felipe Clay Mendez, both of Eastern Illinois University; William Marling and June Morris, both of Case Western Reserve; Ned Scott Laff, University of Illinois; Jeff Westfall, University of Iowa; Amy Golahny, Columbia University; Maryann DeJulio, Washington University of St. Louis; Jonathon E. Hill, St. Olaf College, and Timothy Rogers, Miami University of Ohio.

Co-chairmen of the program are Illinois Wesleyan faculty members Dr. Salvador J. Fajardo, associate professor of Spanish, and Dr. James McGowan, associate professor of English.