

March 25, 2008

### JANET KAUFFMAN READER FOR THE CONTEMPORARY WRITERS MARCH 27

Author, poet, multimedia artist, and environmentalist **Janet Kauffman** will speak at Aquinas College on Thursday, March 27 as part of the Contemporary Writers series. The talk will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Wege Center Ballroom and is open to the public.

Kauffman is the author of the *Flesh Made Word* trilogy, the book *Five on Fiction*- a collection of prose poetry, and several collections of short stories such as *Characters on the Loose*. Specializing in imaginative writing, her unique writing style seeks new ways to communicate ideas through devices such as deformed books and creative alphabets.

Kauffman has taught in the English department at Eastern Michigan University since 1988 and played a central role in creating the University's Creative Writing Master's degree program. She challenges students to take different approaches to writing and re-think the concept of the "book."

A passionate environmentalist, Kauffman has focused on the problem of pollution resulting from commercial agriculture as much of her recent work has been devoted to this issue. Her upcoming book *Trespassing: Dirt Stories and Field Notes* combines fiction and nonfiction pieces to demonstrate the damaging effects of factory farms on a community.

### JANE HIBBARD IDEMA WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTER EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 25**

**12:30-1:30 p.m.:** Aquinas College Jane Hibbard Idema Women's Studies Center presents ***Sustain Your Brain: A Hands-on Demonstration about what Individuals can***  
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***do for Sustainability.*** Speaker: **Deborah Steketee, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor for Sustainable Business. Location to be announced. Free.

**Wednesday, April 2**

**12:15-1:15 p.m.:** The Jane Hibbard Idema Women's Studies Center presents the ***Annual Outstanding AQ Women Awards***. An outstanding faculty, staff, alumni and student are selected based on nominations. Free. Locations to be announced.

### MUSIC NOTES

**Tuesday, March 25**

**7:30 p.m.:** Aquinas College Music Department presents ***A Bowman Family Recital***. Kretschmer Recital Hall, Art and Music Center. Free.

**Sunday, March 30**

**4:00 p.m.:** Aquinas College Music Department ***Band and Chamber Strings in Concert***. Kretschmer Recital Hall, Aquinas Art and Music Center. Free.

**Saturday, April 5**

**7:30 p.m.:** Aquinas College Music Department ***Students Honors Recital***. Kretschmer Recital Hall, Aquinas Art and Music Center. Free.

### AQ THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS ***DIMLY PERCEIVED THREATS TO THE SYSTEM***

**Thursday, April 10, Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12 at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m.** Aquinas Theatre Department presents ***Dimly Perceived Threats***

**the System**, a dark comedy by Jon Klein.  
Tickets: \$12 general, \$6 Marywood, Faculty,  
Seniors, \$4 Students with ID. For tickets, call  
(616) 456-6656. Aquinas Performing Arts  
Center, 1703 Robinson Road, SE.

## ART NEWS

### **Sunday, April 6-Sunday, May 4**

Aquinas College Art Exhibit. Opening  
Reception: **Sunday, April 6, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**  
**Bachelor of Fine Art Exhibitions.** M-Th 10:00  
a.m.-7:00 p.m.; F 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; S&S  
2:00-6:00 p.m. Aquinas Art and Music Center  
Gallery, Free.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### MEMORIAL MASS

**Wednesday, March 26**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Bukowski Chapel**

### **Friday, March 28**

**9:30 a.m.: Fine Arts AQ Day.** High school  
juniors, seniors and their families. For  
information, visit our Web site:  
[aquinas.edu/admissions](http://aquinas.edu/admissions).

**Congratulations** to Monica Walen for winning  
the annual Academy of American Poets Contest  
for Colleges and Universities and to Kyla Sisson  
as the runner-up. **They will be reading their  
poems with the other finalists on Tuesday,  
April 15 at the Aquinas Bookstore at 12:30  
p.m. and also at the SAMPLER LAUNCH on  
Sunday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. in the Moose  
Cafe.**

## WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WESTERN MICHIGAN

**Great Decisions American Foreign Policy  
Lecture Series 2008**

*6:00 p.m., Performing Arts Center, Aquinas  
College*

**March 24** - INVITED - General George Casey,  
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, Washington, DC,  
"Meeting the Challenges of Persistent Conflict in  
the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"

**March 31** - Michael Shifter, Inter-American  
Dialogue, Washington, DC, "Urgently in Need of  
Repair: U.S.'s Relationship with Latin America"  
(**Note:** March 31 lecture takes place at Donnelly  
Center)