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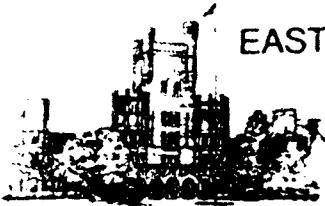
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CHARLESTON, IL--Mary Gray Hughes, a short story novelist and Illinois Writer in Residence, will conduct a free reading of her stories for the public at 4 p.m., Wednesday, March 19 at the Eastern Illinois University Tarble Arts Center.

Hughes' visit is being sponsored by the EIU English Department and Women's Studies Council and the Illinois Arts Council in cooperation with Women's History and Awareness Month.

"She will be reading from her works and will be discussing the craft of fiction writing," said EIU English faculty member Bruce Guernsey, who is also the director of the EIU Visiting Writers program. Hughes currently teaches fiction writing at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois.

Hughes' accomplishments include a fiction novel released in 1981 titled The Calling, Guernsey said. She has also had stories published in magazines such as Esquire, Redbook and Atlantic Monthly.

In addition, Hughes was awarded a creative writing fellowship by the National Endowment of the Arts in 1978 and has had a story published in the annual Best American Short Stories.

"She's a terrific short story writer," Guernsey said. "I met her two years ago and was impressed with her work."

Hughes was approved by the NEA in 1977 to conduct readings of her works at college campuses, Guernsey added.

An autograph session and reception for Hughes will be held following her reading at the Lincoln Book Shop, 1148 6th St., Charleston. It is open to the public.