

## **National Book Award winner to deliver Ohara Lecture**

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National Book Award winner Andrea Barrett will read from her work at Alfred University's Ohara Lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, in Susan Howell Hall. Barrett's *Ship Fever*, a story collection interweaving historical and fictional characters whose lives and passions intersect with the natural world in illuminating and unpredictable ways, put her on the literary map by winning the National Book Award in 1996. In 2001, Barrett received a MacArthur Foundation "Genius" grant for her whole body of work which includes four earlier novels. A more recent novel, *The Voyage of the Narwhal*, tells the story of an early, fateful arctic expedition. Now her newest book, *Servants of the Map* (Norton 2003) anchors her reputation as a writer of luminous prose whose intertwining of scientific study and human emotion in the lives of her characters charts the deeper human territories of desire, love, loss and longing, and reconciliation. According to the *Chicago Tribune*, "To call Barrett our poet laureate of science is perfectly apropos, as long as we recognize that her specialty is the heart." Admission to the Ohara Lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 871 2256. The Ohara Lecture is named in honor of Dr. David Ohara, professor emeritus, and is sponsored by the Division of English in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at AU