

Visiting Poet-Teacher-Writer to Give Lecture at Alfred University

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Alfred, NY -- Susan Stewart, an English professor, poet, critic, and nonfiction writer, will give a lecture at 5 p.m. Tuesday (March 21) in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, on the Alfred University campus. Later she will present a follow-up discussion, with visiting artist Ann Hamilton, at 8:30 p.m. in the Fosdick Nelson Gallery, also in Harder Hall. Both events are free and open to the public. Stewart is Regan Professor of English at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Her most recent prose book is *Crimes of Writing: Problems in the Containment of Representation*. She is just finishing a new book, *Poetry and the Fate of the Senses*, which is scheduled to appear in 2001 from the University of Chicago Press. In addition, she and Wesley Smith have just completed a new translation of "Andromache" by Euripides, commissioned by Oxford University Press. Her most recent poetry collection is *The Forest* (University of Chicago Press.) "Since the late 1970s, Susan Stewart has forged a dual writing career as a nonfiction writer and a poet," wrote critic Judson Knight. "In her nonfiction, she has written from a perspective somewhere between that of a literary critic and that of a philosopher, examining the parallels between metaphors and their objects, as well as the metaphoric aspects of such commonplace practices as keeping souvenirs." Her poetry has been called opaque, ephemeral, mysterious, and tantalizing. Her lecture is part of the continuing lecture series "Questioning Order/New Taxonomies," funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.