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The University of Evansville is proud to announce that Jane Springer, a graduate of the University of Evansville, received the Whiting Writers' Award on October 27.

The ceremony, held in New York City, recognized ten young writers with one of the most coveted prizes for up-and-coming writers. The awards, given annually since 1985, recognize young writers for their outstanding talent and promise. The prestigious \$50,000 award has been given to writers such as Michael Cunningham, Kim Edwards, Tobias Wolff, Jeffrey Eugenides, and Mary Karr before they became acclaimed, bestselling authors.

Springer, a '92 graduate of the University of Evansville, has received many accolades for her work. In addition to being an NEA Fellow, she has received an AWP Intro award and the Robert Penn Warren Prize for Poetry. Singer has been published in the *Cincinnati Review*, *New Letters*, and the *Southern Review*. In addition, her first poetry collection, *Dear Blackbird*, was awarded the Agha Shahid Ali Prize and was published by the University of Utah press in 2007.

"She is a poet full of verve and lyrical passion, a new and authentic American voice," said the Whiting selection committee. "There's as much verbal energy in a single poem as many poets use in an entire book."

Springer gained her doctorate from Florida State University in Tallahassee. She is currently Visiting Assistant Professor of English at Hamilton College and lives in Clinton, New York.

For more information on Singer and the Whiting Writers' Award, please contact UE Director of News Services Joe Atkinson at (812) 488-2562.

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