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The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities, in cooperation with the English Department and the MFA Intergenre Reading Series, presents

Marjorie Welish and Amy Bloom

Marjorie Welish is a Distinguished Lecturer and holds the Madelon Leventhal Rand Endowed Chair in Literature at Brooklyn College. Her honors include the George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Fellowship (Brown University), the Judith E. Wilson Visiting Poetry Fellowship (Cambridge University), and two fellowships from the New York Foundation for the Arts. She has held a Senior Fulbright Fellowship, which has taken her to the University of Frankfurt to teach in American Studies and to the Edinburgh College of Art. Her recent books include Word Group (Coffee House Press, 2004), Isle of the Signatories (Coffee House Press, 2008), and the artists’ constructed book, co-authored with James Siena, Oaths? Questions? (Granary Books, 2009). This last book appeared in Welish’s solo art exhibition at Denison University Museum and is currently traveling in “Fine and Dirty,” organized by Betty Bright. Her book In the Futurity Lounge / Asylum for Indeterminacy is coming next spring, and also in the works is a museum exhibition of her art.

Amy Bloom is the author of two novels and three collections of short stories, and is a nominee for both the National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award. Her stories have appeared in Best American Short Stories, Prize Stories: The O. Henry Awards, and numerous anthologies here and abroad. She has written for The New Yorker, The New York Times Magazine, and The Atlantic Monthly, among many other publications, and has won a National Magazine Award. Her most recent novel, Away, is an epic story about a Russian immigrant. Her latest collection of short stories is Where the God of Love Hangs Out. She taught at Yale University for the last decade and is currently Writer-in-Residence at Wesleyan University. She lives in Connecticut.

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