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Mount Mary College “Writers on Writing” Series to Present Award-Winning Poet and Author Meg Kearney

MILWAUKEE (March 7, 2011) – Mount Mary College will present author and award-winning poet Meg Kearney as its “Writers on Writing” guest on Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Helfaer Hall. Helfaer Hall is located in the first floor of Caroline Hall at 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway, Milwaukee.

Kearney’s first book of poetry, *An Unkindness of Ravens*, is about becoming an adult in an Irish-American home. Her work has been featured on Garrison Keillor’s “A Writer’s Almanac” and her poem *Home By Now* will be included in Garrison Keillor’s next *Good Poems* anthology due out in fall 2011. The collection was also a winner of the 2010 PEN New England LL Winship Award and a finalist for the Paterson Poetry Prize and *Foreword Magazine*’s Book of the Year.

Kearney is also author of *The Secret of Me*, a novel in verse for teens. In 2012, Scholastic will publish her picture book, *Trouper the Three-Legged Dog*, illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Her story “Chalk” will also appear in *Fresh Flash: Short Short Stories About Youth*, forthcoming from Persea Books. Her nonfiction essay, “Hello, Mother, Goodbye,” appears in *The Movable Nest: A Mother/Daughter Companion*.

Kearney is Director of the Solstice Low-Residency MFA in Creative Writing Program at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. More information about her can be found at www.megkearney.com.

Copies of Kearney’s books will be available for purchase at the event. The event is free and open to the public but reservations are required. Ample free parking is available. To make a reservation, contact Mount Mary’s English Department at 414-258-4810, ext. 287 or email siegelkr@mtmary.edu.

The Writers on Writing Series is sponsored by the Mount Mary College Master of Arts in English Program. Visit www.mtmary.edu/writing.htm for more details.

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