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### VISITING POET TO OFFER SPECIALIZED WRITING CLASSES

MISSOULA--

Patricia Goedicke, visiting poet-in-residence at the University of Montana, will offer three specialized poetry courses at the University this fall. She will conduct a comparative poetry translation workshop and will teach introductory and advanced courses on poetry writing.

Registration for classes will be Sept. 23-25.

Goedicke is the author of five books of poetry, most recently "The Dog That Was Barking Yesterday" and "Crossing the Same River," and has had numerous articles published in literary anthologies, magazines and journals. She has given poetry readings and conducted workshops at colleges and universities throughout the Northeast. Goedicke has been written up in Harper's magazine and her books have been reviewed in the London Times Literary Supplement, Los Angeles Book Review, the Chicago Sun-Times, and the New York Times Book Review.

Students in the comparative translation workshop will analyze several translations of the same poem and will be asked to write their own versions. Translations from French, Spanish and German will be studied but fluency in foreign languages, while desirable, is not necessary.

Goedicke said the workshop is an experimental course in which students will help each other work on poems of their choice. "The idea, she said, "is not to make literal translations but to try to find out what the central core of the poem is. I'm anxious to see how we all broaden each other's understandings of the poems."

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Goedicke's introductory course will stress the use of imagery in poetry. Students will be encouraged to write from their own physical perceptions and classroom discussion will focus on the students' own poems. The course is intended primarily for beginning students but also is designed to be useful for poets at every level.

The advanced creative writing course will meet Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. in Liberal Arts 233. Students will work on rewriting and perfecting the final drafts of their poetry.

A native of New England, Goedicke and her husband, Leonard Wallace Robinson, who is a novelist, short story writer and poet, have resided in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico, since 1971. She received a B.A. degree from Middlebury College in Vermont in 1953 and an M.A. degree in creative writing from Ohio University in 1965.

She has taught poetry at Hunter College and Ohio University and was a visiting writer-in-residence at Kalamazoo (Mich.) College in 1977. She spent five years as associate professor of creative writing at the University of Guanajuato in San Miguel de Allende. Last year, she was a visiting professor at Sarah Lawrence College in New York.

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