October 1, 2014

Contact:
Thomas Douglass, Contemporary Writers Series Committee Member
252-328-6723, douglasst@ecu.edu

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ECU Welcomes Author Jayne Anne Phillips

GREENVILLE, N.C. (Oct. 1, 2014) — The East Carolina University Contemporary Writers Series, housed in the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Department of English, is proud to welcome writer Jayne Anne Phillips to Greenville. Phillips will read from her new novel “Quiet Dell,” at The Greenville Museum of Art at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 9. The event is free and open to the public.

Stephen King has said, “In a brilliant fusion of fact and fiction, Jayne Anne Phillips has written the novel of the year. It’s the story of a serial killer’s crimes and capture, yes, but it’s also a compulsively readable story of how one brave woman faces up to acts of terrible violence in order to create something good and strong in the aftermath. ‘Quiet Dell’ will be compared to ‘In Cold Blood,’ but Phillips offers something Capote could not: a heroine who lights up the dark places and gives us hope in our humanity.”

Phillips’ novels address the social and historical tensions that challenge American families, including such subjects as war and domestic violence. Her debut novel “Machine Dreams” (1984) is the quintessential Vietnam novel told from the experience of those left behind. Her fourth novel “Lark and Termite” (2009) was a finalist for the National Book Award.

Phillips has taught at Harvard, Williams College and Boston University. She is currently the director of the master of fine arts program at Rutgers University-Newark, in New Jersey.

For additional information, contact Thomas Douglass, Contemporary Writers Series committee member and associate professor of English, at 252-328-6723 or via email at douglasst@ecu.edu. Individuals requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should call 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the events.

###