

Cecilia Vicuña

*poet, installation/performance
artist, New York City and
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Visiting Scholar*

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Tuesday, 7:30 pm

East Gallery, Krannert Art Museum

500 East Peabody, Champaign

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Seed Speakings

The Potential of Some Ancient Ideas Concerning Seeds

Begun in Chile in 1971, Cecilia Vicuña's project "On Behalf of the Seeds" effectively joins her poetic insight as a conceptual artist to her work as an innovative educator. During the 1999-2000 year "On Behalf of the Seeds" will be carried to a new level with projects at UIUC and, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, in Chile. In this performance/talk Vicuña traces the "roots" of the project to the myths and poetry of pre-Columbian America, exploring the ancients' ways of relating to seeds and to the earth as a means of transmitting knowledge and ethical codes.

Vicuña's project at UIUC developed out of the Exhibitions Working Group (EWG), an inter-disciplinary, collaborative group exploring the potential of both the arts and a university art museum on a large research campus. Performance artist Joe Goode, also working with EWG, will give a program within the CAS/MillerComm series on October 21; his installation opens at KAM on October 22.

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