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Packer Packs a Punch into Short-Stories at Eastern

Willimantic, Conn. –Acclaimed African American author Z.Z. Packer will read selections from her short-story collection “Drinking Coffee Elsewhere,” as well as from her new work, at 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 in the Student Center Theater located in the Student Center at Eastern Connecticut State University. As part of Eastern’s University Hour, Packer will also present a second reading at 3 p.m. on Feb. 25 in Webb Hall Room 110. Following the reading, Packer will answer audience questions regarding her life as a writer and the craft of writing fiction.

“Drinking Coffee Elsewhere” is filled with an array of highly developed, relatable characters including African American church ladies, white intellectuals, inner-city dwellers, and an odd group of expatriated internationals stuck in Japan.

Packer’s work has appeared in *Seventeen Magazine*, *Harper’s Bazaar*, *The Best American Short Stories* (2000), and the literary journal *Ploughshares*.

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