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Katie Alvord, Author of “Divorce Your Car” at Next Writer’s Journey Seminar

HANCOCK, MI – Katie Alvord, best known as the author of *Divorce Your Car! Ending the Love Affair with the Automobile*, will present the second Finlandia University Writer’s Journey seminar Thursday, January 29, from 4:00 to 5:30, at the Chapel of St. Matthew.

Alvord is a freelance writer and long-term advocate of transportation reform. Her work has appeared in numerous publications, including *Alternatives*, the *Boston Globe*, *Orion Afield*, *E Magazine*, *Utne Reader*, and others. A former librarian, she has worked with non-profit groups and served on local environmental and bicycle advisory committees.

Most recently, Alvord’s series on climate change in the Lake Superior basin won the 2007 Science Journalism Award for Online Reporting from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 1993, she was recognized as a San Francisco Bay Area Clean Air Champion for “making a difference” by going car-free and writing about the experience. Alvord has lectured frequently on environmental topics in the U.S. and Canada. Born and raised in northern California, she now lives in the Copper Country.

The series of eleven Finlandia University Writer’s Journey seminars, occurring weekly January through April 2009, features talks by poets, fiction and non-fiction writers, and journalists in which the authors share their work and discuss the writing process, literary craft, and publishing.

The third Writer’s Journey seminar, to take place Monday, February 2, will feature Suzanne Strempek Shea, author of *Sundays in America: Writing about a Yearlong Road Trip in Search of Christian Faith*.

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