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a reading by Anne Finger
Winner of the Prairie Schooner Prize in Fiction

4 p.m. Monday, October 19 — Horton International House, 6th Floor

Imagine a Hollywood encounter between Helen Keller and Frida Kahlo, “two female icons of disability.” Or the story of “Moby Dick, or, The Leg,” told from Ahab’s perspective. What if Vincent Van Gogh resided in a twentieth-century New York hotel, surviving on food stamps and direct communications with God? Or if the dwarf pictured in a seventeenth-century painting by Velazquez should tell her story? And, finally, imagine the encounter between David and Goliath from the Philistine’s point of view.

These are the characters who populate Anne Finger’s remarkable short stories. Affecting but never sentimental, ironic but never cynical, these wonderfully rich and comic tales re-imagine life beyond the margins of “normality.”

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This event is FREE to the public.

Anne Finger has won multiple awards for her writing. She taught creative writing at Wayne State University in Detroit and at the University of Texas at Austin. She is past president of the Society for Disability Studies and the author of several books, including Elegy for a Disease: A Personal and Cultural History of Polio, Bone Truth: A Novel, and Basic Skills: A Short Story Collection.

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