

## **The Honorands of The 2004 Commencement**

### **Eavan Boland Doctor of Letters**

A native of Ireland and author of sixteen books, Eavan Boland has been described as Ireland's preeminent female poet. Coming from a poetic and literary tradition in which women are often passive subjects and symbols of the oppression of the Irish, Boland has given active voice to women through her writings. Her books of poetry include *Against Love Poems* (2001), *The Lost Land* (1998), *An Origin Like Water: Collected Poems 1967-1987* (1996), *In a Time of Violence* (1994), *Outside History: Selected Poems 1980-1990* (1990), *The Journey and Other Poems* (1986), *Night Feed* (1982), and *In Her Own Image* (1980). Boland is the recipient of the John Frederick Nims Award (2002), the International Poetry Centre Award (1997), the Lannan Award for Poetry and the Ireland-American Literature Award (both 1994), three Pushcart Prizes (1988, 1992, 1996), three Poetry Book Society Choices (1986, 1990, 1994), and the 1983 Award of the Irish-American Cultural Foundation, among many other honors. She received a B.A. from Trinity College in Dublin in 1966 and received the Irish Arts Macaulay Fellowship in 1967.