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Political cartoonist Aislin to speak May 10
For Terry Mosher and cartoonists like him, the jokes the thing that tells the truth.

Mosher, best known as Aislin, the political cartoonist whose work is published in The Montreal Gazette, will speak at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 10 in 210 Kane Hall on “The Arctic and Inuit in the Hearts and Minds of Editorial Cartoonists.”

An exhibit of Canadian political cartoons about the Arctic and the Inuit people, including several by Mosher, will be exhibited in the Allen Library North Lobby May 5 to 30.

In a late-April interview, Mosher said the Inuit and the Arctic are featured in lots of Canadian editorial cartoons because of tremendous national concern for precious land and the 50,000 members of the tribe. “The Inuit have survived phenomenal hardships, and the north is really our last frontier,” Mosher said.

Mosher, who's president of the Association of Canadian Editorial Cartoonists, said he didn't so much choose his profession “as back into it.”

“I like to draw. I pass comment on the public parade, things that concern us,” Mosher said. The reward, he said, is to cause reaction. “The society that can laugh at itself is a healthy society indeed – and the Inuit are very, very good at laughing at themselves,” Mosher said.

His visit and the exhibit are sponsored by the Canadian Studies Center, the Jackson School of International Studies, the UW, the Consulate General of
Canada Seattle, the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (the national Inuit association in Canada) and the UW Libraries.