



The UC Riverside Emeriti and Retirees' Associations  
cordially invite you to our

# Holiday Celebration and Luncheon

Friday, December 3, 2021

Virtual luncheon will be via Zoom. Login instructions will be provided in  
the registration confirmation email.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Social | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Presentation

**Featuring**  
**Susan Straight**

Professor in the Creative Writing Department, UCR  
*"Susan Straight: Writing California, Character and Home"*

## How to Register

Confirm your attendance by visiting the Holiday Luncheon registration  
web page below no later than Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b  
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Questions may be sent to: [retirees@ucr.edu](mailto:retirees@ucr.edu)

# Speaker Biography



Susan Straight's new novel, *Mecca*, will be published in March 2022 by Farrar, Straus & Giroux. Her 2019 memoir, *In the Country of Women*, was a national bestseller, named a best book of the year by NPR and CodeSwitch, and longlisted for the Carnegie Medal for Excellence. She has published eight novels, including *Highwire Moon*, a Finalist for the National Book Award, and *A Million Nightingales*. Her stories and essays have appeared in O Henry Prize Stories, Best American Short Stories, Best American Essays, The New York Times, The New Yorker, Granta, Harpers, and elsewhere. Her awards include the Lannan Prize for Fiction, the Edgar Award for Best Mystery Story, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. She was born in Riverside, California, where she lives with her family.

