

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual SC Upstate Research Symposium

## Writing Your Own Story: A Workshop in Creative Nonfiction & Memoir

*Presented by:*

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**The Workshop:** You've been jotting down notes. You've been journaling. You've been walking the beaches of your life, collecting anecdotes and images and metaphors. Now it's time to think about writing with intent and telling your story. This class will cover the basics of personal narrative and memoir. We'll write about real life, *our* lives, including our ideas and beliefs, and we'll dive deeply into craft. In a time of intense isolation, it is important to human culture, to each other, and to our families that we tell our stories. No experience is needed for this class. Come with a pad of paper or your journal and a pen. The time will fly by and you will leave with a great start to something big.



**The Woman:** Writer, naturalist and activist Janisse Ray is author of six books. She holds an MFA from the University of Montana, and has been awarded two honorary doctorates, one from Unity College in Maine and the other from LaGrange College in Georgia. In 2015 she was inducted into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame. Her work has been translated and published in France and Turkey. She lives in rural southern Georgia. For more information about Janisse, please see <https://janisseray.weebly.com/bio.html> .

**To Participate:** <http://www.uscupstate.edu/symposium>

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