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Quick Facts

- Ludvigson will be inducted into the academy along with poet Kwame Dawes and the late Carrie Allen McCray Nickens.
- Professor Emeritus Ludvigson has published 13 books of poetry.

*Susan Ludvigson*

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Professor Emeritus Susan Ludvigson**, Department of English, will be one of three writers inducted into the **South Carolina Academy of Authors**, the state's literary hall of fame, during an 8 p.m. ceremony on Saturday, April 25, in Columbia.

The ceremony, held on the University of South Carolina campus in Capstone House's Campus Room, will honor **Ludvigson**; Kwame Dawes, a published poet and author who serves as poet-in-residence at USC and directs the S.C. Poetry Initiative and the USC Arts Institute; and the late Carrie Allen McCray Nickens, an author and poet best-known for "Freedom's Child: The Life of a Confederate General's Black Daughter," a nonfiction work about her mother, Mary Rice Hayes Allen, an activist and educator.

An accomplished writer, **Ludvigson** has published nine collections of poetry, including 2006's "Escaping the House of Certainty." She teaches in the Rainier Writing Workshop, a low-residency M.F.A. program at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., and co-directs the annual Lena Miles-Wever Todd/Pleiades competition, a national poetry manuscript contest. In addition, Ludvigson has been writer-in-residence at USC, and in fall 2009 she will serve as writer-in-residence at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. She has traveled to Canada, Belgium, France and the former Yugoslavia, representing the U.S. in numerous writers' congresses.

Ludvigson lives in Rock Hill with her husband, Associate Professor of English Scott Ely.

The **S.C. Academy of Authors** honors living and deceased writers in the state, and inductees are chosen by the academy's board of governors.

Reservations are required to attend the April 25 induction ceremony. For tickets, contact Nicholas Meriwether, South Caroliniana Library, at 803/777-3131.

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