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The creative writing program and English department at Mesa Community College are proud to welcome writers Meagan Lucas and Melanie S. Hatter for a reading Tuesday, November 2 starting at 7:00 p.m. This digital event can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/7hy7b2me> (password: JDdVzbbZ223) or via phone at 1 602-666-0783, access code 2494 444 2887. Any questions/concerns can be directed to Jeremy Broyles, jeremy.broyles@mesacc.edu. Please join us for a celebration to the start of National Novel Writing Month with these two award-winning and talented authors.



Meagan Lucas is the author of the award-winning novel [*Songbirds and Stray Dogs*](#) (Main Street Rag Press, 2019). Her short work has been published or is forthcoming in such journals as *The Santa Fe Writers' Project*, *Still: The Journal*, *MonkeyBicycle*, *Cowboy Jamboree*, *BULL*, *Pithead Chapel*, and others. She is Pushcart nominated. She lives in the mountains of western North Carolina where she teaches creative writing and edits [*Reckon Review*](#).



Melanie S. Hatter is an award-winning author of two novels and one short story collection. Selected by Edwidge Danticat, [*Malawi's Sisters*](#) won the inaugural Kimbilio National Fiction Prize and was published by Four Way Books in 2019. [*The Color of My Soul*](#) won the 2011 Washington Writers' Publishing House Fiction Prize. [*Let No One Weep for Me: Stories of Love and Loss*](#) was released in 2015. She is the program director for the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Foundation and is a participating author with the PEN/Faulkner Writers in Schools program. She received a bachelor's degree from Hampton University and a master's in writing from Johns Hopkins University.

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