



CHERYL LEUTJEN

Creative Nonfiction Essayist | Freelance Writing

PERSONAL STATEMENT

My deep love of Earth and my children fuel my passion for responding to the eco-challenges of our time with facts, heart, and humor. I share my experiences on the razor's edge between Earth-mindfulness and eco-madness to inspire and engender a more caring and sustainable human presence on planet Earth.

SERVICE

Founder and co-facilitator of the Natural Muse Meetup since 2013. This Meetup invites writers to gather in natural locations around Los Angeles to be inspired by Nature.

Board of Directors, Vice-President, North East Trees, nonprofit bringing nature and job opportunities back to underserved communities in Los Angeles County.

LICENSE

California State Bar Association, licensed attorney (Inactive)

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Writer, Creative Nonfiction, Memoir and Personal Essay.

Publications include:

- **Love Earth Now**, Mango Publishing, 2018. Winner of 2018 Silver Nautilus Book Award.
- "Return to Neighborly" series on [The Eastsider LA](#). See example [here](#).
- "[Crimson Seed](#)"—Catamaran Literary Reader, Summer 2016, p. 30
- "[Mother Nature is My Writing Mentor](#)." Women's National Book Association—San Francisco chapter, January 2019.

Speaker and Workshop Facilitator. Sample offering:

- **"Discovering Your Personal Call to Planetary Action":** one-hour keynote to half-day workshop.
- **"The Work That Reconnects"** full-day, experiential workshop, based on the work of Joanna Macy.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Environmental Consultant, SolarReserve, LLC, Santa Monica, California. Advised on permitting and contractual requirements for concentrating solar energy power plant.

Contracts Negotiation, Texaco Power & Gasification, Universal City, California. Negotiated and drafted contracts for development of more energy-efficient power plants.

Owner, The Blissful Soul, Los Angeles, California. Owned and managed retail store and web-based business.

Geologist, Alpha-Omega Geotech, Kansas City, Kansas. Field geologist and soils lab manager.

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.

M.S., University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri; Urban Environmental Geology.

B.A., STEPHENS COLLEGE, Columbia, Missouri. Interdisciplinary Ecology. *Summa cum Laude*.

Climate Reality Leadership Corps Training.

Modern Day Priestess certification, Institute of Modern Wisdom,