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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

LARISA A. WHITE — IN BRIEF

- Impassioned advocate for nature connection and ecological stewardship
- Ecosystem restorationist in the Mixed Evergreen Forest & Coastal Sage Scrub biomes of California
- Author of *World Druidry*, the first large-scale sociological study of the beliefs, spiritual and devotional practices, and celebrated holidays of modern Druids around the world
- Award-winning poet and screenwriter
- M.S.Ed. in Science Education (1993)
State University of New York, Brockport
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SPEAKING TOPICS

- **Cultivating a Relationship with Nature**
 - *How Druids form relationships with the natural world*
 - *Reciprocity in human-nature relationships*
 - *Benefits & joys of learning about your local ecosystems*
- **Spiritual Wildcrafting**
 - *How Druids derive wisdom from nature connection*
 - *Aligning spiritual life with the cycles of life in nature*
 - *How Druids relate to their other-than-human neighbors*
- **An Interfaith Introduction to Modern Druidry**
 - *Who are the modern Druids, and where do they live?*
 - *What are the theological beliefs of modern Druids?*
 - *What are Druids' ritual and devotional practices?*
 - *What holidays do modern Druids celebrate?*
- **A Druid's Overview of the Many Druid Paths**
 - *How Druidry practices vary between Druid groups*
 - *How Druidry practices vary across nations, and regional landscapes*
 - *How modern Druidry has changed over time*
 - *The spiritual common-core that unites modern Druids*
- **Bridging Cultures in Sociology Research**
 - *Avoiding bias in cross-cultural and inter-group research*
 - *Cultural and linguistic considerations in questionnaire design*
 - *Encouraging participation of reticent sources*

TWEETABLE BIO (140 characters)

Larisa A. White, Ph.D., storyteller & independent scholar, is an impassioned advocate for ecological stewardship, sharing Nature's delights.

SHORT BIO (~50 words)

Larisa A. White, Ph.D., writes to celebrate Nature, to advocate ecological stewardship, and to explore the ways in which people relate - or fail to relate - across nations and cultures, landscapes and species. She lives in the S.F. Bay Area, where she spends her free time restoring native ecosystems on traditional Ramaytush Ohlone lands.

FULL BIO (~250 words)

Larisa A. White writes to celebrate Nature, to advocate ecological stewardship, and to explore the ways in which people relate - or fail to relate - across nations and cultures, landscapes and species. Her past projects have ranged from award-winning screenplays for animated films (*Bee Mine* / Logline: Bee meets girl.) to acclaimed academic studies (*World Druidry* / exploring how modern Druids relate to their local landscapes). At present, she is developing the eco-fantasy adventure series, *Tales of the Primordial Mountain*.

Larisa was raised as a global nomad, relocating every two years as her father designed international airports. Rather than becoming rooted in one place, she spent her childhood bridging gaps between cultures. She learned local languages, attended local schools, participated in local religious celebrations, and adapted to local customs, seasonal cycles, and landscapes. In doing so, she discovered the joy of living the questions, exploring diverse perspectives and solutions, and always thinking a little bit differently.

After completing her Ph.D. at Carnegie Mellon University, Larisa spent a decade as an independent scholar, teaching and conducting mixed-methods research on the ways that people learn and change with changing educational and cultural contexts. Her focus later shifted to the ways in which people interpret and interact with nature.

Larisa currently teaches and writes in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she spends her free time with her husband and son, building wildlife habitats, and restoring native ecosystems on lands once lovingly tended by the Ramaytush Ohlone.