

Colin Leath

Spring 2011

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Facilitator
of solos and sit spots

Volunteer
for earth- and people-care

Certifications

Wilderness First Responder and CPR/First Aid. NOLS WMI. Expires 12/14/2011. <[view](#)>
Lifeguarding and First Aid. American Red Cross. Expires 5/21/2012. <[view](#)>
US Merchant Mariner's Document (Ordinary Seaman), TWIC. Expire 11/2013.
45-Hour Challenge Course Facilitator Training by RJKCCC and SDSU ARC. 3/25/2004. <[view](#)>

Employment

Summer 2011	<p>Sailing Trip Leader (36 field days) YMCA Camp Orkila Eastsound, WA</p> <p>Led one- and two-week sailing expeditions in the San Juan Islands with two coleaders and 10-12 participants. Learned from existing culture and practices, such as values sessions and rag ceremonies, and introduced new practices. Improved my ability to collaborate with coleaders, e.g., by staying current with and learning from feedback. Medical lead for two trips. Facilitated solos progressing from 15 minutes to 16 hours.</p>
Fall 2009, Spring 2011	<p>Naturalist and Instructor (63 field days) Naturalists at Large and Boojum Institute for Experiential Education Ventura, California and Anza, California</p> <p>Developed and facilitated multi-day outdoor education and group-building programs throughout California to help students and faculty become comfortable in the outdoors and with each other. Co-led one 7-day Joshua Tree backpacking trip for 7th graders which incorporated solos progressing from 15 minutes to 3 hours.</p>
Summer 2010	<p>Assistant Field Guide (56 field days) Open Sky Wilderness Therapy Durango, Colorado</p> <p>Supported student physical and emotional safety during week-long hiking expeditions which sometimes included 3-day solos or a farm trip. Facilitated students' Individual Growth Plans, pathway work, and therapy groups. Supported Open Sky curriculum and schedule by teaching and modeling outdoor skills, interpersonal skills, meditation, yoga, and nutrition.</p>
Summer 2009	<p>Mentor (volunteer; 20 field days) Wilderness Youth Project Santa Barbara, California</p> <p>Let 3-5-year-olds be along streams, bluffs, beaches, marshes, boulders, a river, and a rose garden aided by caring older kids, parents, and co-mentors. Shared gratitude. Modeled and counseled peace and the good message.</p>
Spring 2004-Summer 2008	<p>Challenge Course Facilitator, Lead Facilitator, Leadership Camp Lead Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center (and four other companies) San Diego, California</p> <p>Designed teambuilding programs to meet client goals. Supervised co-facilitators and trainees. Inspected course. Designed and led two sessions of week-long Junior</p>

Leaders daycamp. Grew to guide 80+ participant programs for AFROTC and high schools.

Fall 2001-Spring 2003

Research Support Specialist

Department of Vision Sciences, SUNY State College of Optometry
New York, New York

Wrote software to create and present visual displays and to collect and analyze data. Supported experimental design, recruiting and running study participants, apparatus construction, and data analysis and presentation.

Fall 1999-Spring 2001

VB Programmer (3rd), Install Developer (2nd), QA Analyst (1st)

Greentree Systems Incorporated
Pacific Grove, California

+ Maintained, enhanced, and documented Resume Analyzer.
+ Designed and coded iGreentree setup, reducing one-hour process to 15 minutes.
+ Verified bugs. Verified fixes as harmless. Supported betas. Maintained installs.

Other Experience

Spring 2011

Guided a 5-day backpack between Quail Springs and Spirit Pine Sanctuary through Los Padres National Forest for three residents of those communities

Spring 2011

Invited to present on “Modern Nomad: A How-To” and to sit on the “Zone Zero: Personal Well-Being and Self-Care” panel at the [SoCal Permaculture Convergence](#)

Spring 2011

Traveled Spain, Morocco, and Portugal for two months [<map>](#)

Fall 2010

Packrafted Animas and San Juan Rivers to Hole-in-the-Rock, Lake Powell [<map>](#)

Spring 2010

Hiked Columbus, NM to Ghost Ranch, NM along the CDT (i.e., nearly Mexico to CO)

Spring 2010

Walked across Arizona (and partway through CA and NM) with [George](#) and [Shay](#)

Fall 2008-Spring 2010

Multiple 3–18-day hikes in southern CA coast ranges, southern Sierras, and AZ

Spring 2009

Two-week retreat at [Deer Park Monastery](#)

Summer 2008

Seven-week Sierra hike, Kernville to Yosemite and back, ~520 miles [<fo-rest>](#)

Summer 2008

Hand-sewed and modified gear: quilt, tarp, hat, scarf, pack

Spring 2008

Co-organized a primitive/origin skills gathering in Rainbow, California [<sdprim>](#)

Fall 2006-Spring 2008

Gardener, participant, and volunteer, San Diego Food Not Lawns [<garden>](#)

Fall 2007-Spring 2008

Sat still, watched the mind, read about gurus, and wrote [<jok blog>](#)

Summer 2007

Kitchen assistant at [Quail Springs](#) during two-week permaculture course

Spring 2007

Vipassana meditation course, ten days

Fall 2006

Graduate Teaching Associate, RWS100 (freshman composition), SDSU

Summer 2006

Wrote a 13-page CV [<cv, addenda, archive>](#)

Summer 2004

Staff, Hostel Obispo, San Luis Obispo

Spring-Fall 2003

Bicycled from NYC to the Pacific Ocean via Mexico, ecovillages [<log>](#)

Summer 2003

Work-exchanger at [Earthaven Ecovillage](#) with [Rod Rylander](#) and [Kimchi](#); walked with [Frank Cook](#); attended the [Southeastern Permaculture Gathering](#) [<hoboschool>](#)

Fall 2002-Spring 2003

Volunteer chorister, Saint Bartholomew's Church, New York City

Fall 2002

Co-founded Integral Transformative Practice NYC group [<itpnyc>](#)

Summer 2000-Spring 2002

Dance—jazz, modern, ballet and synchronized swimming, Monterey and New York City

Summer 2001

Counselor at English camps in Italy

Spring 2001

Crisis line volunteer, Community Human Services Counseling Center, Monterey

Summer 1999-Spring 2001

Monterey Hostel Society volunteer

Fall 1998-Fall 1999

Temporary employee in Washington, DC, Austin, TX, and Monterey, CA

Spring 1999

Assistant Teacher, South Central Yearly Meeting, 1st and 2nd grades, Bruceville, Texas

Summer 1996-Spring 1998

Founded UW student organization, the *being* group [<ad, home>](#)

Spring 1997-Spring 1998

Research Assistant for UW School of Nursing [Reconnecting Youth project](#)

Spring 1996

Teen Feed volunteer in Seattle, eating meals with homeless youth

Fall 1994-Spring 1995

Computer instructor for 4th and 5th graders

Summer 1994

Worked and windsurfed in Maui without a car

Summer 1992, '93, '94

Sailing and windsurfing instructor

Spring 1991

Eagle Scout service project

Publications

Leath, Colin, ed. *SD/TJ Design, Plant, Harvest: nourishing our shared space, caring for the commons*. 2007-2008.

<<http://sdtjdph.blogspot.com/>>

Collaborative blog demonstrating read/write web technologies to San Diego- and Tijuana-area activists.

Leath, Colin, ed. *The carfree universe project: Strengthening communities of the carfree*. 2003-2007.

<<http://purl.org/net/cfu/>>

Multi-user content management system allowing content to be tagged and sorted by topic, location, and type.

Leath, Colin. *experienceart*. 2001-2005. <<http://purl.org/net/ea/>>

A personal archive and web log originally intended to be a multi-user system. “*experienceart* is art where one’s medium is one’s own experience.”

Leath, Colin. *The effect of participation in the meaning in life forum on participants’ experiences of meaning in life*.

1999. <<http://purl.org/net/cleath/writings/effect.htm>, pdf>

Thesis about an 8-week intervention.

Leath, Colin. *The experience of meaning in life from a psychological perspective*. 1999.

<<http://purl.org/net/cleath/writings/meaning.htm>, pdf>

A review of existing research. Meaning in life may consist partly in having things to look forward to.

Leath, Colin. *The Aesthetic Experience*. 1996. <<http://purl.org/net/cleath/writings/asexp113.htm>>

Describes aesthetic experience as “concentration on experience in which there is no desire for greater control of the experience.”

Leath, Colin. *Why We Never See Martians*. 1983. <<http://purl.org/net/cleath/writings/wwnsm.html>>

Education

San Diego State University. 2004-2006. English- and Spanish-language literature, TESOL, and pedagogy coursework.

Monterey Peninsula College. 2000. Dance—jazz, modern, and ballet.

University of Washington. Bachelor of Science with departmental honors in Psychology, 1999. Calculus, physics, chemistry, and biology coursework.

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Diploma, 1994. Computer science, computer architecture, digital electronics, and computer-aided design coursework.

References

Chris Bonelli
Program Coordinator
Naturalists at Large

Andy D'Acquisto, M.A., C.P.C.
Former Senior Field Guide
Open Sky Wilderness Therapy

Martin Emmes
Assistant Summer Director
YMCA Camp Orkila