



Lisa Prantl

A life in words. From childhood rhymes to ideas and feelings translated on paper; from block letters and manual typewriters to keyboards, writing has been an ebb and flow in how to understand and live life for Lisa. Her Cincinnati writing roots run deep with elementary school poetry published in the *Seven Hills Review*, a public library creative publication, and more recently her poetry appeared in the local publication, *For A Better World* (2017, 2018). Prior to graduating with a BA in English from the University of Cincinnati, Lisa was winner of that university's Elsie B. Westheimer Short Story Prize for her story, *Changers and Billers*.

Decades later, attending a Women Writing for (a) Change sampler, Lisa found both a place to write and the encouragement that comes from being heard. Lisa is a graduate of the organization's Conscious Feminine Leadership Academy (CFLA, 2017). For her CFLA practicum, Lisa facilitated writing circles focusing on aging and end of life transitions. After retiring from a corporate career, Lisa completed training as a Death Midwife and is a member of the Cincinnati End of Life Collaborative.

Joining both the faculty and board at Women Writing is a coming home and giving back for Lisa, making it easy to follow her lifelong passion for words and service.



Pam Temple

Pam is a singer and a songwriter. She was born and raised in Cincinnati, where she got started performing music and sang with May Festival Chorus. She attended The Ohio State University, where she sang with the Columbus Symphony Chorus and graduated with a BS in Occupational Therapy and minor in music performance. To avoid getting a "straight" job, she joined the Peace Corps (Costa Rica '92-'94), where she sang with the Costa Rican National Symphony Chorus. Upon her return to the States, she formed a band with her husband and started performing her songs with the now award-winning American Roots group, Wild Carrot. When not making music, she can be heard as an on-air host on both Classical 90.9FM WGUC and NPR affiliate radio station, 91.7FM WVXU.

Diane Debevec encouraged her to bring her song writing to Women Writing for (a) Change®. She has been a Tuesday morning writer at WWf(a)C since 2013 and is a graduate of CFLA in the 2015 Elementals cohort. Her passion is to help women find or rediscover their singing voices. She lives in Oakley where she loves (in no particular order) playing music with others, reading, her guitar, her husband, and her four rescued animals, two dogs and two cats.