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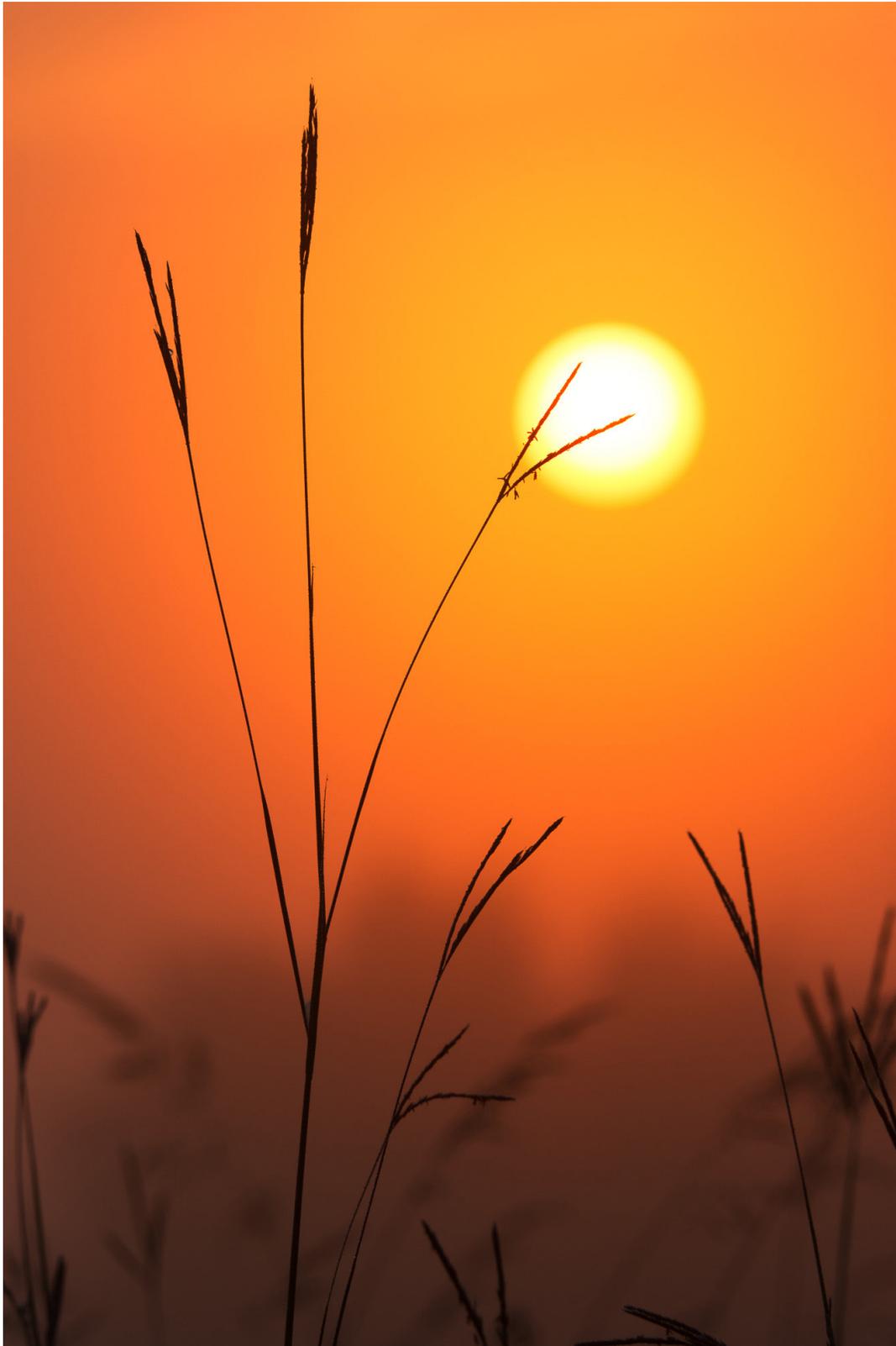
Photography by Bruce Leventhal

Bruce Leventhal's practice of photography is strongly influenced by his relationship with the biological sciences. This relationship began in 1984 when he came to the University California at Irvine (<https://uci.edu>) to study Biology. From 1986-1989, he worked as a field/marine ecologist on Alaska's Pribilof Islands (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pribilof_Islands), conducting field research concerning rare species of pelagic birds found only in the subarctic and arctic. After earning his bachelor's Degree in Biology-Ecology-Evolution and Behavior in 1989, he was hired on with the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (<https://scripps.ucsd.edu>), to serve as a short-term ship's ornithologist during a multi-week oceanographic study.

In 1990, he moved to Minnesota to complete a degree program in Science Education at the University of Minnesota Twin-Cities campus (<https://twin-cities.umn.edu>). Shortly after completing his course of study, in 1992, he was hired to be a full time biology teacher at Forest Lake Senior High School (<https://www.flaschools.org/Domain/8>). Leventhal says that while research has formed the core of his biology experiences, he feels fortunate to have been a science teacher throughout the years, and he continues to love his work as a teacher every day.

He went back to the University of Minnesota in 2000 for a Masters Degree in Biology, a goal that, in the event, took him nearly seven years to achieve. He says this "was worth every minute of my time." As an integral part of his Masters Degree in Biology, he worked as a researcher for the University's Monarch Lab (<http://oberhauserlab.cfans.umn.edu>) from 2003-2007.

Leventhal's passion for "all things biology" feeds directly into his work as a nature photographer. About this, he says: "My goal is to inspire you to think about the the amazing characteristics inherent in all living organisms. The byline on the web portfolio that I share with my wife says it all: 'We Work To Travel - We Travel To Explore - We Explore To Learn - We Learn To Teach - We Teach To Conserve.'" To see more of Leventhal's work, visit his web gallery (<http://btleventhal.com>).



“PRAIRIE GRASS SUNRISE,” TAKEN AT MINNESOTA’S WILLIAM O’BRIEN STATE PARK ([HTTP://WWW.EXPLOR-EMINNESOTA.COM/PLACES-TO-STAY/514/WILLIAM-OBRIEN-STATE-PARK](http://www.exploreminnesota.com/places-to-stay/514/william-obrien-state-park)) IN 2015



“SUMMER BISON PORTRAIT, BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH DAKOTA” ([HTTPS://WWW.NPS.GOV/BADL/INDEX.HTM](https://www.nps.gov/badl/index.htm)), 2015