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Institute of Taoist Education and Acupuncture, Inc.

Faculty

All of ITEA's primary acupuncture faculty have been awarded teaching level certification from Professors J. R. Worsley and J. B. Worsley.

The majority of our faculty continue to train in this lineage at its highest levels.

It is hoped that all faculty will teach each group of students at some point during the program, but this may not be possible, as faculty is recruited on the basis of availability for each Intensive.

Mary Able

Lic.Ac. (US), M.Ac. (US), Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM), B.A., CMT, NCTMB

Adjunct Acupuncture Faculty, Guest Faculty - Skin Palpation

Mary earned her Licentiate of Acupuncture in 2006, and her Masters of Acupuncture in 2007 from ITEA. She practices Classical Five-Element Acupuncture in Lakewood, Colorado. She has had a practice in massage therapy, movement education and related bodywork emphasizing wellness in body, mind and spirit since 1996. Mary holds degrees and certifications from Colorado College, Colorado School of Healing Arts, The Trager Institute and The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.

Johanna Alper

Lic.Ac. (UK), B.Ac. (UK), Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM), B.A. Primary Acupuncture Faculty, Clinical Supervisor

Johanna received her Licentiate and Bachelor of Acupuncture degrees from the College of Traditional Acupuncture in England. Practicing in Boulder, Colorado since 1981, she also incorporates Zero Balancing and ancient Andean Healing. She continues to study in the original Masters Apprentice Program™ (MAP™) with Judy Worsley. Johanna received her B.A. in dance from San Francisco State University in 1970. Meditating since 1971, she has led weekend to month long meditation programs and is also certified in and teaches Qigong. She has been teaching meditation, dance and yoga since 1984, and has taught at ITEA since 1999.

Annette Bagnall

Lic.Ac. (UK); Adv.Lic.Ac. (UK), M.Ac. (UK), SRN, IRL Primary Acupuncture Faculty

Annette graduated with her Lic. Ac. from the College of Traditional Acupuncture in Leamington Spa, England in 1993. She obtained her Adv. Lic. Ac. in 1996 and her M. Ac. in 1998 from the same institution. She has two private practices in Dublin, Ireland. She obtained her degree as a Registered Nurse in 1972. Annette has been teaching Classical Five-Element Acupuncture since 1996, and has also taught at the College of Traditional Acupuncture and the School of Five Element Acupuncture in England. Annette continues to study in the original Master Apprentice Program™ (MAP™) with Judy Worsley. Annette has taught at ITEA since 2003, and has been teaching acupuncture since 1996.

Paula C. Bickford

Ph.D. Pharmacology Guest Faculty - Pharmacology

Paula currently holds the title of Professor, Center of Excellence for Aging and Brain Repair, Department of Neurosurgery, University of South Florida College of Medicine. She is at the James A Haley Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Tampa, Florida. She received her Doctorate in Pharmacology from the University of Colorado in 1984. Her research focuses on aging and nerve degenerative diseases, with a specific interest in the therapeutic effects of antioxidants, particularly those from nutritional sources. Paula has been teaching pharmacology since 1983 and meditation since 1996. She joined the ITEA faculty in 2000.

Suzanne Burnell

Lic.Ac.(UK), B.Ac. (UK), Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM); B.A.

Primary Acupuncture Faculty

Suzanne has been practicing Classical Five-Element Acupuncture since 1983, currently in Gainesville, Florida. She graduated from the Traditional Acupuncture Institute in Columbia, Maryland and the College of Traditional Acupuncture in England. She continues to study in the original Master Apprentice Program™ (MAP™) with Judy Worsley and is President of the Board of the Worsley Institute. Suzanne graduated from George Mason University in 1983 with a Bachelor's degree in Health Sciences. Her teaching experiences include serving as a clinical supervisor with the Worsley Institute of Classical Acupuncture for six years, and 27 years of teaching with the Arica Institute. She has also taught the wisdom and healing power of plants for many years. Teaching trainings and workshops since 1973, Suzanne's experience was welcome when she joined the ITEA faculty in 1999.

Jane Cohen

Adv.Lic.Ac. (UK), Lic.Ac.(US), M.Ac. (US), Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM), B.A.,

Certified Zero Balancing

Clinical Supervisor

Jane received degrees from the Worsley Institute of Classical Acupuncture in Miami, from the College of Traditional Acupuncture in England, and Vermont College. She has been in private practice since 1991, in Vail, Colorado, at Vail Sports Medicine Physical Therapy, and in Boulder, Colorado.

Jim Damman

M.Ac.; Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM); B.S.; B.A.

Cert. Zero Balancing, Certified Massage Therapy, Certified EMT

Primary Acupuncture Faculty, Clinical Supervisor

Jim received his Master of Acupuncture degree from the Traditional Acupuncture Institute in Maryland. He is also a certified practitioner of Zero Balancing. Prior to becoming an acupuncturist he earned two Bachelors degrees from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, in Industrial Engineering and Liberal Arts. In his private practice in Loveland, Colorado, Jim incorporates the hands on therapies of massage and zero balancing. Jim had experience teaching construction skills and basic math in Ghana for a year before beginning to teach at ITEA in 1999.

Doren Day

Lic.Ac. (CO); Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM)

Fascinated with Classical Five-Element Acupuncture for more than 15 years, Doren is continually pursuing further education and refinement of understanding. She graduated from the Institute of Taoist Education and Acupuncture in 2004 and has been in private practice in Castle Rock, Colorado since then. Doren is also a certified instructor of T'ai Chi Chuan and has been teaching for 23 years. She began teaching at ITEA in 2008.

Drew Henderson

L.Ac. (CO); MSOM, Dipl.O.M. (NCCAOM), B.S.

Drew holds a Master of Science in Oriental Medicine from the Southwest Acupuncture College (SWAC), and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. He has been teaching since 1994. In addition to teaching at ITEA, he teaches TCM both at SWAC and at the Colorado School of Traditional Chinese Medicine. He began teaching at ITEA in 2007.

Laurie Hill

M.Ac. (US), Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM), M.A.

Primary Acupuncture Faculty, Clinical Supervisor

Laurie Hill has been in private practice since 1986, having graduated from the Traditional Acupuncture Institute in Columbia, Maryland. She received her M.A. degree from Lesley College Graduate School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1988 and has served on ITEA's faculty since 1998. Laurie currently enjoys her roles as Clinical Supervisor, Assistant Faculty Chair, and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of ITEA. As a member of the Master Apprentice Program™ (MAP™) for many years, she is grateful for her advanced training with Judy Worsley and continues to deepen her understanding of CF-EA through her continuing education with both Judy and Hilary Skellon. Laurie currently Practices in Aurora, Colorado. She began to teach at ITEA in 1998, bringing to that endeavor 12 years of teaching experience in Taiji and meditation, and five years' experience teaching students of acupuncture for the Academy for Fine Element Acupuncture and for the Worsley Institute of Classical Acupuncture.

Tom Kirby

Adv.Lic.Ac. (UK); Lic.Ac. (US), Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM), B.A.

Primary Acupuncture Faculty, Clinical Supervisor

Tom graduated from the Worsley Institute of Classical Acupuncture in Miami and the College of Traditional Acupuncture in England. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Colorado College in 1989. He has been practicing since 1993, and now has a private practice in Ft. Collins, Colorado. He continues his acupuncture study in the current Master Apprentice Program™ (MAP™) with Judy Worsley. Tom has been teaching at ITEA since 1999. Prior to that he had four years' teaching experience in the sports field.

June Konopka

MS., R.D.

Guest Faculty - Nutrition

June holds a Masters degree in Nutritional Sciences from the San Diego State University and is a registered dietician. She has a private nutritional counseling practice in Colorado that focuses on educating clients on the importance of unprocessed whole foods in regaining and maintaining health. She is also nutrition educator for the Health Recovery Center of Fort Collins, a private holistic-oriented drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. June has been teaching nutrition and related subjects, and transcendental meditation, continuously since 1990. June began teaching at ITEA in 2001.

Sandra Lillie

Adv.Lic.Ac. (UK); Lic.Ac. (US), M. Ac. (US), Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM), B.A., Certified Zero Balancing; Certified Elementary Education Primary Acupuncture Faculty, Clinical Supervisor

Sandra received her acupuncture degrees from the Worsley Institute of Classical Acupuncture and the College of Traditional Acupuncture in England. She has been in private practice in Boulder, Colorado since 1993. She is founder and President of ITEA, and a member of its Board of Directors. Sandra is a Master Apprentice of the lineage and continues to study in the original Master Apprentice Program™ (MAP™) with Judy Worsley and is an advisor to the board of the Worsley Institute. She received her B.A. in Music from Colorado College in 1961, and certification in Elementary Education from the University of Colorado in 1974. She is also a certified practitioner of Zero Balancing, studies ancient Andean healing, and Zimbabwean music. She has been teaching at ITEA since its inception in 1996, and taught Qigong classes for two years prior to that.

Jim McCormick

B.Ac., M.Ac. (UK); Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM); B.A. Guest Faculty - Zero Balancing

In private practice since 1973, Jim received his Master of Acupuncture qualification from the College of Traditional Acupuncture in England, and his B.A. from Dartmouth College. He was the first person to be certified to teach Zero Balancing by its founder, Dr. Fritz Smith. Jim teaches the Zero Balancing Core I curriculum. Jim taught CF-EA for 25 years before coming to teach at ITEA in 2000. He has also taught Zero Balancing since 1979.

Mary Ellen Metke

M.Ac. (US), Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM) Primary Acupuncture Faculty, Clinical Supervisor

Mary Ellen graduated from the Traditional Acupuncture Institute in Columbia, Maryland, in 1989, and has studied with J.R. Worsley since 1988. Since 1990 she has been in private practice in Boulder, Colorado. She is also employed by Longmont United Hospital in the Health Center for Integrated Therapies program, which offers in and out patient acupuncture care. She continues her acupuncture study in the current Masters Apprentice Program™ (MAP™) with Judy Worsley. She has also studied Tai Chi for 20 years. Mary Ellen is President of the Board of Directors of ITEA. Mary Ellen has been teaching Tai Chi since 1988, and has taught and mentored CF-EA students since 1990. She began teaching at ITEA in 2001.

Claudia O'Neill

CMT, NCMTB Guest Faculty - Skin Palpation

Claudia received her training from the Welbe College of Massage Therapy and has been in private practice in Boulder since 1992. Claudia has earned her National Certification in Therapeutic Massage. Her background includes a wide range of rich experiences, working with athletes to hospice patients. Claudia teaches skin palpation and related health subjects at ITEA. She taught emotionally disturbed and mentally challenged children and did private tutoring for five years. She has been teaching at ITEA since 2000.

Ellen Kay Robinson

L. Ac., M.Ac., Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM), B.S. Guest Faculty - Acupuncture

Ellen graduated with an M.A. in Oriental Medicine from Southwest Acupuncture College in 2001. She served as the student representative on the Acupuncture Association of Colorado board. She has a full-time private practice in Wheat Ridge and Englewood, Colorado. Her ongoing training in acupuncture includes Korean Hand acupuncture and seminars with Dr. Richard Tan. Ellen prepares her students to successfully take the National Acupuncture (NCCAOM) exam. She is also available for private tutoring. Ellen brought eight years' experience in teaching when she joined the ITEA faculty in 2006.

Kathleen Robinson

B.Ac. (UK), Lic Ac.(US), Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM), B.A. Primary Acupuncture Faculty, Clinical Supervisor

Kathleen has been practicing since 1990, and now has a private practice in Denver, Colorado. She received her degrees in Acupuncture from the Worsley Institute of Classical Acupuncture in Miami and the College of Traditional Acupuncture in England. She has continued her acupuncture study in the Masters Apprentice Program™ (MAP™) with Judy Worsley. She also holds a B.A. in Religion, with emphasis in Philosophy from Berea College, Kentucky. In conjunction with acupuncture Kathleen helps her clients develop an awareness of its impact on the spirit as well as the body and mind. She joined the faculty of ITEA in 1998, having also taught at AFEA for a year.

Elisabeth Rochat

Guest Faculty - Chinese History and Philosophy

Elisabeth, scholar and teacher of ancient Chinese history and philosophy since 1982, was the primary lecturer and General Secretary of the Ricci Institute for many years, and is the senior lecturer for the European School of Acupuncture. She is a sinologist specializing in Classical Chinese language, Chinese classics, Chinese medicine and Taoism. She holds degrees in Philosophy and the Classics, and in Chinese Studies. She is co-author of many exquisite books on Chinese philosophy. She lectures internationally, enlightening students through explanation of the meanings of Chinese characters and their evolution through history. She began teaching at ITEA at its inception in 1996.

Hilary Skellon

Lic.Ac. (UK), B.Ac. (UK), M.Ac. (UK), Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM) Primary Acupuncture Faculty, Director, Clinical Director

Hilary is the Director of ITEA. She earned her acupuncture degrees from the College of Traditional Acupuncture in England. She has been in private practice since 1981, and has been teaching Classical Five-Element Acupuncture since 1982. At the College of Traditional Acupuncture in England she worked as a senior teacher and clinical supervisor. From 1990-1994 she was also Vice-Principal of the college. She was on the faculty of the Worsley Institute of Classical Acupuncture in Miami, and until her move to the US in 1999, a faculty member of the School of Five Element Acupuncture in London. Hilary is a Master Apprentice and continues to study in the original Master Apprentice Program™ (MAP™) with Judy Worsley. She has been named the Master-Elect of the CF-EA lineage. She also helps run Teacher Training Programs with Judy Worsley.

Suzanne Williamson

D.C., B.A.

Guest Faculty - Pathology, Medical Terminology, Western Medical Tests

Suzanne has practiced chiropractic in Boulder, Colorado since 1992. A graduate of the Palmer College of Chiropractic West in San Jose, California, she graduated magna cum laude with honors in clinical excellence. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1983. Suzanne brought her teaching experience of 36 years to the ITEA faculty when she joined in 2002.

Dr. Judy Worsley

Dr. Ac. (UK), Acupuncture Physician (FL), B.A., J.D.

Guest Faculty - Acupuncture

Dr. Worsley received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Washington University, St. Louis and a Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Miami Law School. Her acupuncture training began in England under the personal tutelage of Professor J.R. Worsley. In 1974 she gained her Licentiate in Acupuncture from the College of Traditional Chinese Acupuncture, UK. (CIA), her Bachelor of Acupuncture from CTA in 1978, her Master of Acupuncture in 1980 and Doctor of Acupuncture in 1983. Judy has been teaching CF-EA since 1975. Since the early 1980s she has, with her husband, Professor J.R. Worsley, traveled extensively across America conducting training seminars for students and practitioners as well as patient consultations. She has continued to do so since becoming Master of the lineage in 2003. In 1996, with Professor J.R. Worsley, Judy founded the original Master Apprentice Program™ (MAP™). The program expanded to accept new students in 2001, and Judy teaches the ongoing program yearly, offering the highest level of training in the CF-EA tradition. She has been teaching at ITEA since 2000.