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Dipl.ABT (NCCAOM) certificate number 8821

Education:

1999 - 2000 First year of literary Chinese, Harvard University. Allowed to audit second year.

1994 Master's Degree: from Lesley College through the independent study program in: Chinese Herbal Medicine and Language with Ted Kaptchuk, OMD my primary advisor. (Included course work from New England School of Acupuncture in TCM theory and Chinese herbal medicine.)

1992 Bachelor's Degree: from Lesley College through the Independent Research Option. Ted Kaptchuk, O.M.D. served as my professional advisor and expert from the field of Asian Medicine.

1989 - 1991 Completed 150 hour, two year course in Chinese herbal medicine with Ted Kaptchuk, O.M.D.

1982 - 1987 Completed all DMA curriculum offerings and certified as an instructor of Technologies for Creating with Robert Fritz.

1980 - 1982 Studied five element acupuncture theory with Dr. Yun Won Suh, O.M.D. in Belmont, Mass. And numerous seminars with Yves Requena, M.D. on his use of the c-40 exam for understanding psychological profiles in TCM.

1975 - 1982 Studied macrobiotics and shiatsu with Michio Kushi and Shizuko Yamamoto. Received Kushi institute certification as an Associate Shiatsu Teacher.

1973 - present student of Qi Gong, martial arts and meditation, including: Raja Yoga with Yogi Shri Raj Kannah; Shaolin Kung fu; Tai Chi; Tai Chi Sword; Chi Gong with Master Jwing Ming Yang; Aikido with Sensei Bill Gleason; and Daoist Meditation practices with Bruce Kumar Francis and Bill Ryan.

Employment:

2011 - present Faculty member, New England School of Acupuncture, Watertown, MA. - Teaching: Maintaining Life

1991 - present private practice in Chinese herbal medicine

1981 - present private practice in Five Element Shiatsu

2004 - 2006 Faculty member at Charles River Institute, Cambridge, Mass. teaching TCM Theory; Five Element Shiatsu; study preparation for NCCAOM exam for ABT; pulse and tongue diagnosis workshops and 30 hour course on Chinese Medical Classics.

1994 - 1999 Owner and Director of a state licensed vocational school for ABT: New England Center for Oriental Bodywork (N.E.C.O.B.)

1984 - 1991 Co owner; administrator and faculty member at the New England Shiatsu Center, Boston, Mass.

1982 - 1984 Curriculum developer and faculty member in Shiatsu Dept. at the Kushi Institute, Brookline, MA.

1979 - Teaching seminars in: TCM theory; Review Seminars for the ABT National Certification Exam; Five Element Shiatsu; Pulse and Tongue Diagnosis; Yves Requena's ce-40 character assessment.

Honors/Awards

Awards from the AOBTA include: Legislative Award, Presidents Award and Life Time Membership Award

1998 25th Annual Best of Boston Award in Shiatsu Massage from Boston Magazine.

Publications

"Traditional Chinese Medicine Through the Eyes of Modern Science" Cindy Banker with Christian Drapeau. recently published by the Stemtech International, Inc. Pembroke Pines, FL 33028.

Regular contributor to professional journals including Pulse the professional journal published by the AOBTA.

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Contributed the chapter on "Traditional Chinese Medicine"(p23) for The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Body-Mind Disciplines, Editor Nancy Allison, CMA. 1999 The Rosen Publishing Group, Inc., New York, N.Y.

Presentations:

October 2013: presented Chinese Herbal Medicine on panel for Food as Art, at the Transcultural Exchange 2013 conference for: International Opportunities in the Arts: Engaging Minds, hosted at Boston University, Boston, MA.

1998 - 1992 Presenter and participant at Chinese Medical Text Reading workshops at Harvard and Princeton Universities presenting sections from Zhang Jie Bin's Lei Jing .

Professional Memberships/Offices Held

2012 - present Director of AOBTA's Council of Schools and Programs

2012 - present Chairperson of the AOBTA's Peer Review Comm. charged with overseeing certification and membership acceptance for AOBTA Certified Instructors; Registered Instructors and Certified Practitioner Level members.

2007 - present Chairperson of the AOBTA Forms Comm.

1989 - present Member and former Chairperson for the AOBTA's Certified Instructor Interview Committee

1992 - 1997 National Director of Education for the AOBTA.

1990 - 1992 National Chairperson for Law and Legislative Comm., AOBTA.

1989 - 1990 Director of Internal Affairs, Interimm Comm. for the AOBTA.

1984 - 1989 Founding President of the American Shiatsu Association, the first national professional association for ABT in the United States.

Professional Activities

July, 2015: Co facilitated the post conference workshop on writing competency based curriculum for ABT at the Alliance For Massage Therapy Education (AFTME) conference in Minneapolis, MN.

2012 Member of the NCCAOM Blue Ribbon Panel on ABT, Washington, DC.

1997 - 1999 Member of Blue Ribbon Panel and Credentials Documentation Review Comm. for National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine's (NCCAOM) during development of National Certification exam for A.B.T.

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