



Tai Sophia Institute

Natural Care Centre

Herbal Medicine Staff

Bevin Clare, B.S., RH (AHG), is a clinical herbalist, nutritionist, ethnobotanist, and faculty member at Tai Sophia Institute. Clare has studied herbal medicine around the world and blends her knowledge of traditional uses of plants with modern science and contemporary healthcare strategies. Before coming to Tai Sophia, Clare practiced in Maine and Boston where for seven years she worked to bring the art and science of herbal medicine into modern medical practice working with primary medical providers. She holds a degree in Ethnobotany, lectures widely at many schools and conferences, and serves on the board of the American Herbalists Guild.



Georganne “Geo” Derick, B.A., M.S., received her Master of Science in Herbal Medicine from Tai Sophia Institute, where she serves as the outreach coordinator for the Herbal Medicine program. Through her practice as a clinical herbalist, nutrition and wellness counselor, she brings her passion for plants and people to clients, students, and associates nationwide. She also is president of Merchandising East, an interior architecture and design firm specializing in healing spaces; in that role she is a national speaker, educator, and widely published writer. At her farm in Berryville, VA, she enjoys wildcrafting and gardening. Derick holds a B.A. degree in Cultural Anthropology and English Literature.



Camille Freeman, MS, RH(AHG), CNS, is an herbalist and nutritionist with a specialty in women's health. In practice since 2003, she works with women of all ages, focusing on issues related to a healthy menstrual cycle, fertility, pregnancy and lactation. She received her Master's in Herbal Medicine from the Tai Sophia Institute, and is now a core faculty member in the Herbal Medicine program. Camille is a professional member of the American Herbalists Guild and is certified as a Nutrition Specialist through the American College of Nutrition as well as a licensed nutritionist in the state of Maryland.



James Snow, RH (AHG), is chair of the herbal division of Tai Sophia's Master of Science in Herbal Medicine program. Before moving to Maryland, he was the primary clinical instructor at the California School of Herbal Studies. Snow has been in private clinical practice since 1994, blending traditional herbal wisdom with modern research perspectives. He has a strong belief in integrative healing, having worked closely with physicians at the Santa Rosa Medical Group and Sonoma County Indian Health Services.



Rebecca Snow, MS, RH(AHG), CNS, is a clinical herbalist and licensed nutritionist. Her passion for using herbs and foods to support health was sparked in 1998, leading her to study at the Dreamtime Center for Herbal Studies and later at the Tai Sophia Institute. After acquiring her Master of Science Degree in Herbal Medicine, Rebecca practiced for 4 1/2 years in an integrative medical office in Rockville, Maryland where she gained a wealth of clinical experience with complex health concerns. Her journey brings her back to Tai Sophia to share the gifts of the herbs, healing foods and compassionate guidance.



Acupuncture Staff

Mary Brandenburg, B.A., B.Ac. (UK), M.Ac., L.Ac., graduated from Tufts University in 1974. A graduate of the Traditional Acupuncture Institute (now Tai Sophia Institute) in 1985, she received her bachelor's qualification in Acupuncture in 1989 from the College of Traditional Chinese Acupuncture in England. She served as vice president of the Maryland Acupuncture Society from 1991-1993, and served as academic dean of the Master of Acupuncture program at Tai Sophia Institute from 1993-2002. In 2004 she was designated Faculty Emeritus at the Institute. In addition to her regular practice, she practices acupuncture on animals with a strong focus on horses.



Barbara Catlin, B.A., M.Ac., L.Ac., is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Traditional Acupuncture Institute (now Tai Sophia Institute). She has been a healthcare practitioner since 1992. She worked with hospices in India and is currently a hospice volunteer in Maryland. Catlin is a clinical supervisor in the student clinic and associate faculty in the Acupuncture program. She also teaches classes on the art of living and dying and offers workshops for the wider community.



Dianne M. Connelly, M.Ac.(UK), Ph.D., L.Ac., Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM), has been a practitioner of traditional acupuncture since 1972. Connelly is co-founder of Tai Sophia Institute, where she serves as chancellor and a senior faculty member. In addition to teaching at Tai Sophia, she presents workshops in the U.S. and internationally. Connelly received her master's qualification from the College of Traditional Acupuncture (UK) in 1979. She obtained a Ph.D. in cross-cultural medicine from Union Graduate School in 1975, and an M.A. from New York University School of Education in 1968. She is the author of *Traditional Acupuncture: Law of the Five Elements, All Sickness is Home Sickness*, and co-author of *Alive & Awake: Wisdom for Kids*.



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Jody Cutler, M.Ac., L.Ac., received her Master of



Acupuncture degree at Tai Sophia and is a member of the Institute's faculty. She is co-founder and co-owner of Roots Market, a natural food store, and three other health-conscious businesses. Dedicated to supporting individuals in improving their health, Cutler brings a compassionate, clear approach to people who are seeking partnership in their healing.

Robert M. Duggan, M.Ac.(UK), M.A., L.Ac., Dipl.Ac.



(NCCAOM), has been in practice since 1972. Duggan, president and co-founder of Tai Sophia Institute, studied at the College of Traditional Chinese Acupuncture in England. He also received his Master's in Education from New York University. He participated in the White House Panel on Complementary Medicine during the healthcare debate in 1993, and in the NIH Office of Alternative Medicine strategic planning conference. Duggan served for several years as chairman of the Maryland State Board of Acupuncture, and is author of *Common Sense for the Healing Arts*.

Susan Duggan, B.S., M.Ac., L.Ac., Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM),



a graduate of Skidmore College with a specialization in Health and Human Services, has practiced bodywork since 1986 and taught at the Potomac Massage Therapy Institute, Washington, DC. Duggan holds a Master's degree in Acupuncture from the Traditional Acupuncture Institute (now Tai Sophia Institute). She teaches classes on the art of living and dying and serves as faculty in the Acupuncture and Applied Health Arts degree programs at the Institute.

Deneb A. Falabella, B.A., M.Ac., L.Ac., NADA Certified,



Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM), is a graduate of Muhlenberg College and the Traditional Acupuncture Institute (now Tai Sophia Institute). Currently serving as the assistant director of the Master of Acupuncture program, she has been a member of the staff and assistant faculty of Tai Sophia since 1999.

Falabella holds a certificate in Chinese Herbal Medicine, and enjoys complementing acupuncture with herbs to help patients regain their natural state of wellness.

Charlotte R. Kerr, R.S.M., R.N., B.S.N., M.P.H., M.Ac.(UK),



L.Ac., Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM), has more than 30 years' experience in healthcare as a nurse, assistant professor of nursing, consultant in public health, and practitioner and faculty member at Tai Sophia Institute. She has served on the Governor's Acupuncture Advisory Council for Maryland, the Advisory Council of

the National Institutes of Health Alternative Medicine Program, and the White House Commission on Complementary Medicine. She now serves on the advisory board of the Center for Talented Youth at Johns Hopkins University, and was identified as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record*.

The designation Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM) indicates that the practitioner is certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncturists. The designation L.Ac. indicates that the practitioner is licensed to practice acupuncture in the state of Maryland.



Craig Kerr, B.A., M.Ac., L.Ac., NADA Certified, is a graduate and assistant faculty member of Tai Sophia Institute. An FAA certified flight instructor for over 35 years, he was led to the practice of acupuncture after an aircraft accident that changed his direction in life. Prior to studying acupuncture, he spent over 40 years in business, specializing in support services for individuals with developmental disabilities, business development, human resources and management.

Kaiya Larson, B.A., M.Ac., L.Ac., received her Master of



Acupuncture degree from Tai Sophia Institute where she is a core faculty member. Prior to studying acupuncture, she graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and worked with underprivileged children and nonprofit institutions, teaching them to make videos to air on cable access channels. A mother of two and an artist, she provides a nurturing presence and a deep passion for the amazing art of acupuncture.

Michael Phillips, B.A., M.Ac., L.Ac., Dipl.Ac. (NCCAOM),



is a graduate of Pomona College and the Traditional Acupuncture Institute (now Tai Sophia Institute). Affiliated with the Institute since 1985, he is a distinguished lecturer on the faculty, where he has served as dean of students and faculty chairman. Phillips also teaches workshops using concepts in theater arts and traditional acupuncture to enhance sensory skills and insights into five element philosophy.

S. Hunter Thompson, B.A., M.A., M.Ac., L.Ac., NADA



Certified, is a graduate of the Traditional Acupuncture Institute (now Tai Sophia Institute). He is on the clinical faculty of Tai Sophia, and is the chief operating officer at Your Prescription for Health. Prior to studying acupuncture, he worked with mentally challenged individuals. Thompson is the author of two books on history and philosophy. He has practiced martial arts since 1985 and holds a third degree black belt.



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