

# Colleen E. LoFaro-O'Neill, MAc

## Licensed Acupuncturist, Diplomate of Acupuncture (NCCAOM)

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 11/03-present **Full Time Faculty- Assistant Professor, Finger Lakes School of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine of New York Chiropractic College.** Seneca Falls, NY
- Promoted to Assistant Professor September 2008, expanded to full-time May 2006.
  - Provide oversight and instruction to students of the Masters of Acupuncture program. Classes include: Integrative Medical Practice 3, Meridians and Acupoints 1-3, Clinical Skills 1-3, Clinical Skills Tutorial, Diagnostic Theory 1, Tuina
  - Developed and implemented curriculum for new elective: Advanced Clinical Skills.
  - Member of various institutional & departmental committees
  - Academic Advisement
  - Co-lead group of 3<sup>rd</sup> year students to People's Republic of China for one month (8/13-9/12/05), where we visited Beijing, Hangzhou, Shanghai, and Huang Shan. Facilitated student learning during 3 week clinical internship program in Traditional Chinese Medicine including acupuncture and chinese massage (tuina) at the Zhejiang Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine (an affiliate hospital of Zhejiang College of TCM) through the Zhejiang International Exchange Center of TCM Clinical Practice in Hangzhou, P.R. China.
- 06/05-present **Clinical Supervisor, New York Chiropractic College.** Depew, Seneca Falls, & Canandagua
- Credentialed to supervise students and sign charts through the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Canandagua.
  - Provide quality clinical education, leadership and guidance to acupuncture students during the clinical component of their education during the stages of: observation (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> trimesters), assistantship (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> trimesters) and internship (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> trimester) at NYCC's Depew Health Center and Campus Health Center and the Canandagua VA Medical Center.
  - Provide hands on mentoring, engaging students in a variety of clinical activities and fostering a critical thinking environment for education, while ensuring appropriate continuity of patient care.
  - Provide consultation resource for other faculty members, chiropractic and massage students.
- 01/05-05/05 **Adjunct Faculty, Daemen College.** Buffalo, NY
- 01/01-01/02 **Teaching Assistant, New England School of Acupuncture.** Watertown, MA
- 10/97-4/00 **Instructor, Kaplan Educational Center.** Newton, MA.
- 1993-1995 **Resident Advisor Class Coordinator & Instructor, State University of New York at Buffalo**
- Spring 1993 **Orientation Staff Training, State University of New York at Buffalo.**
- Fall 1993 **University Experience Course Instructor, State University of New York at Buffalo.**
- 8/92-6/93 **Methods of Inquiry Program Teaching Assistant, State University of New York at Buffalo**

### PROFESSIONAL ACUPUNCTURE EXPERIENCE:

- 7/03-6/08 **Owner and Acupuncturist, Pathways to Wellness, Buffalo, NY.**
- Develop and maintain a private practice in acupuncture, treating up to 40 patients a week. Specializing in women's health, particularly fertility issues, while maintaining general practice. Working with patients with various conditions including women's health issues, muscular-skeletal issues, post stroke central pain syndrome, paralysis, multiple sclerosis, mental/emotional issues, sinuses and allergies, headaches, stress related symptoms, pain, skin issues, pediatrics, and general health maintenance.
  - Excellent reputation with patients as competent, knowledgeable, and successful professional.
  - Assist patients in identifying treatment goals and motivate them to act accordingly.
  - Working with community to provide ongoing workshops and lectures.
- 04/04-06/05 **Independent Contractor/ Acupuncturist, New York Chiropractic College.** Depew, NY
- 10/01-5/03 **Private Acupuncture Practice, Center for Complementary Medicine Inc., Brookline, MA.**
- 8/00-10/01 **Private Acupuncture Practice, Watertown, MA.**
- 9/98-4/00 **Administrative Assistant, Acupuncture Society of Massachusetts.** Watertown, MA.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS/ MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE:

6/00-6/03

### ***Student Affairs Coordinator, New England School of Acupuncture, Watertown, MA***

- Represented student developmental needs during administrative meetings and policy development.
- Communication liaison between students and the administration including editing weekly newsletter and Student Handbook.
- Advise 120 students, plan and present group presentations for common situations and questions.
- Managed a budget of \$26,000.00.
- Organized a 3-day orientation for Fall 2000, and a 2-day orientation for 2001 and 2002.
- Plan and implement a 1-Day Retreat for 3<sup>rd</sup> year students – “Transitioning to Professional Acupuncturist.”
- Coordinate the awarding of fellowships to graduating students- Tsay, Swain Sports Medicine, Schulkind, Compassionate Healer, Miki Shimi Lifelong Learning.
- Plan and coordinate graduation ceremony, reception, and party.
- Work with student council to be proactive and get students involved in creating change vs. creating problems.
- Evaluate status and assist alumni in meeting requirements for the master degree.
- Evaluate transfer students’ curriculum vs. NESAs’ and develop a curriculum plan for transfer students.
- Developed procedure to improve NESAs’ response to transfer students.
- Coordinate a program of activities that promote and guide student development and career development.
- Designed and created new student IDs resulting in a more professional product, at a reduced price.
- Coordinated the student mentor program (60 students were matched with mentors in 2002- a 300% increase compared to 1999)

6/96-7/97

### ***Center Manager, Kaplan Educational Center, Rochester, NY***

- Coordinated and delivered student services pertaining to enrollment, tuition, financial assistance, course guidance, training library assistance and student complaints.
- Scheduled and supervised staff, instructors and classes to optimize the facilities, and personnel.
- Developed, coordinated and implemented staff and instructor training programs; improving student evaluation results 11% from 4.06 to 4.61 (out of 5.00).
- Worked with staff, outside vendors, and property management to ensure that the center was adequately maintained, and supplied for staff, instructors, and students.
- Maintained the course materials and office supplies necessary to operate both the administrative and academic sides of the center with appropriate attention to cost-effectiveness, and budget considerations.
- Created program to improve the rate of return of teacher evaluations resulting in 30 % increase from 58 to 88%

8/95-6/96

### ***Residence Hall Director, State University of New York College at Geneseo***

- Responsible for general administration of a 244 resident building.
- Supervised and evaluated 9 Resident Advisors (RAs), 1 Work-Study, and 19 Night Hosts.
- Assisted with selection and training of 113 RAs.
- Coordinated a balanced program of activities that promote and guide student development.
- Served as emergency on - call professional for 14 buildings, housing 3,466 students.
- Provided crisis intervention as needed for emotional concerns of students.
- Trained in mediation.
- Adjudicated student discipline cases.
- Established departmental policy for budget usage and approved of all RD spending Fall semester, as member of program finance committee.

6/95-8/95

### ***Residence Director for 1995 World Athletes Veterans Association Games, Buffalo, NY***

8/92-5/95

### ***Assistant Residence Hall Director, State University of New York at Buffalo***

Summer '93 & '94

### ***Orientation Residential Coordinator, State University of New York at Buffalo***

7/93-8/93

### ***Asst. Operations Manager at Athletes' Village for 1993 World University Games, Buffalo NY***

## PAPERS/ PRESENTATIONS/ LECTURES:

- ***New York State Chiropractic Association District 17 Member Appreciation Night Speaker 10/13/10*** Buffalo, NY  
"Acupuncture and Chiropractic Medicine"
- ***Traditional Chinese Medicine Symposium 7/18/10*** Seneca Falls, NY  
"The use of direct moxibustion in clinical practice"
- ***Daemen College, History of Oriental Medicine Class Guest Lecturer 4/20/10*** Buffalo, NY  
"Becoming an Acupuncturist"
- ***Radio Interview w/ Penny Wolfgang "On Target"*** on WWWKB 1520am, WWWS 1400am, WLKK 107.7 the Lake, WKSE 98.5 KISS, WTSS 102.5 STAR
- ***Integrative Student Appreciation Day of Ernest G. Napoliano Philosophy Lecture Series 5/21/09*** Seneca Falls, NY  
"Acupuncture, Chiropractic and Nutrition Panel Discussion"
- **LoFaro-O'Neill, C. (2009, May/June) An Oriental Medicine Approach to Headaches. Transitions Magazine, page 16.**
- ***Finger Lakes School of AOM of NYCC Student Appreciation Event 11/4/05*** Seneca Falls  
"Styles and Expressions of Acupuncture"
- ***Resolve-The National Infertility Association 10/23/05*** Buffalo, NY  
***Western & Central NY Conference: Health and Holistic Fertility Seminar Presenter***  
"Fertility and You: Take Charge of Your Health with Acupuncture and Self Care"
- ***International Ecumenical Music Conference Seminar Presenter 2/25/05*** Buffalo, NY  
"Body, Mind & Spirit Health"
- ***Holistic Wellness Initiative Lecture Presenter*** Buffalo, NY  
"Acupressure"- Spring 05  
"Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine" – Summer 04
- ***University of Buffalo Wellness Center – Multiple presentations through 2004 & 2005***  
"Introduction to Acupuncture"
- ***2003-2004 Trinity Center Community Workshops***  
"Chinese Medicine – Insights to yourself and others"  
"Exploring Meditation"
- ***Boston University, Oriental Medicine Class Guest Lecturer 11/8/01*** Boston, MA  
"Introduction to Acupuncture"
- ***2002 Binghamton University, Professional Staff Development Presenter*** Binghamton, NY  
"Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine for Wellness"
- ***2001 Binghamton University, Student Educational Programming*** Binghamton, NY  
"Introduction to Acupuncture"
- ***1996 Cortland RA Conference Co-Presenter*** Cortland NY  
"Diversity 301: You've Had the Training, Now What?"
- ***1996 Diversity Conference Co-Presenter*** Ithaca NY  
"Diversity 301: You've Had the Training, Now What?"
- ***1995 4th National Student Conference on Campus Sexual Violence: Conference Facilitators Training Series Presenter*** Buffalo, NY  
"Straight Talk about *not so Straight* Issues" a workshop focusing on issues in diversity.
- ***1995 Women's Leadership Conference Planning Committee Member***, Buffalo, NY  
"Building on our Legacy: A Vision for the Future" included sessions on women of color, layered identities, feminism in 20th century, multiple roles, health issues, sexual harassment, marketing self, labor movement, and mentors.
- ***1994 NASPA National Conference Co-Presenter*** Dallas, TX  
"Theater, Poetry, and Poker" a workshop focusing on diversity training for para-professionals.
- ***1994 Student Leadership Institute Presenter*** Buffalo, NY  
"Different Drummers--Reaching them all!" a workshop focusing on enabling participants to work more effectively with a diverse population, through the use of a personality inventory.
- ***1993 NEACUHO Regional Conference Co-Presenter*** Long Island, NY  
"Theater, Poetry, and Poker" a workshop focusing on valuing diversity.
- ***Additional RA and RD Presentations at University of Buffalo & Geneseo***

Social Skills for Success	Time Management and Task Management
Communication with Cultural Sensitivity	Study Skills for Success
Programming for Wellness	Personality Inventory
Beyond PC	Student Development Theory for the RA
Depression and the College Student	Computers and You - Getting the most from the little we have

**CREDENTIALS:** New York State Licensed Acupuncturist 2003-present  
 Massachusetts Licensed Acupuncturist 2000-2003  
 Diplomate of Acupuncture (NCCAOM) 2000-present  
 New York State Certified Emergency Medical Technician-De-Fibrillation 1988-1991, 1995-1998  
 Massachusetts Notary Public 2001-2008

**EDUCATION:** New England School of Acupuncture. Watertown, MA  
 M.Ac. Master of Acupuncture April 2000

State University of New York at Buffalo. Buffalo, NY  
 M.Ed. College Counseling and Student Personnel Administration 24 credits completed  
 B.S. Industrial Engineering June 1993  
 B.A. Psychology June 1993

**CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Reiki First Degree Fall 1997

The New School of Homeopathy. Watertown, MA. (Dr. Luc De Schepper)

Certificate in Homeopathy -- Level 1	150 hours	9/98- 6/99
Mr. Koei Kuahara - Hari Program (non-insertive needling)	126 hours	11/99-6/00
Mr. David Euler - Kiiko Style of Japanese Acupuncture Program	140 hours	1/00-11/00
Intensive Traditional Japanese Acupuncture Certification Program	85 hours	3/00- 7/00
Acupuncture Study Trip to Japan lead by Mr. Koei Kuahara	10 days	Summer 2000
Mr. Katsumi Niikura - Ki Ryokukai Healing		4/01-8/02
NESA Chinese Herbal Medicine Studies (partial completion)	180 hours	5/01-5/02
7 Habits of Highly Effective People	25 hours	2/13-2/15/02
Zhejiang Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine in People's Republic of China		
Clinical Internship Program	120 hours	8/18-9/9/05
Shakuju Therapy Trainings		
Introduction	4 hours	7/18/09
Beginner & Advanced Training	25 hours	8/5-10/09
Advanced Shakuju Therapy	10 hours	8/9&10/10
Mentorship w/ Diane Iuliano		8/2010-present

**HONORS:** Tsay Fellowship for Excellence in Acupuncture 2000  
 -presented to an outstanding member of the graduating class who is likely to contribute significantly to the profession of acupuncture, and demonstrates excellence in scholarship, professional comportment and leadership in the academic community.  
 Order of Omega Certificate of Recognition for work with student organizations 1995  
 Honorary Recognition for outstanding student service to Erie County Commission on the Status of Women 1995

**ACTIVITIES:** Examiner: Clean Needle Technique: Council of College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine 2004-present  
 Board of Directors/ Newsletter Coordinator: Acupuncture Society of New York 2009-2010  
 Upstate Chapter Leadership Counsel & Treasurer: Acupuncture Society of New York 2004-2005  
 Acupuncture Society of New York 2003-present  
 Acupuncture Society of Massachusetts 1997-2000  
 American Association of Oriental Medicine 2001-present  
 Trinity Episcopal Church Healing Ministry 2004-present  
 New England School of Acupuncture class representative 1998-2000  
 Geneseo Fire Department Volunteer, Protective Company 1995-1996  
 Board of Directors: Engineering Alumni Association 1990-92  
 Advisor to Delta Xi Omega Sorority 8/93-5/95  
 Honorary sister of Delta Xi Omega Sorority 5/94-present