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Tamia ABRAHAMS, MHSC (Chiropractic)

Dr Tamia Abrahams is a recent graduate from the Durban University of Technology in Durban, South Africa. She served as the President of the World Congress of Chiropractic Students and now sits in the advisory role of Immediate Past President of the organisation. Tamia was one of two students selected globally to form part of the International Federation of Sports Chiropractic research team that attended that CSIT World Games in 2023. Furthermore, she has published in the Asia Pacific Chiropractic Journal.



Penelope BANCE

Penelope Bance is Director of Development at the General Chiropractic Council, UK. She is responsible for the Education, Registration, Policy, Standards and Communications and Engagement functions. She has over 30 years' experience in the field of education, standards, qualifications and policy development and has worked with many different professions across sectors including printing, film and television and financial services. Penny has held several senior positions in trade associations and membership organizations and has recently been a College Governor.



Richard BROWN, DC, LL.M, FRCC, FRSPH

Richard is the Secretary-General of the World Federation of Chiropractic. A graduate of AECC University College, he has practiced for almost 35 years. He is a past President of the British Chiropractic Association and a past Secretary-General of both the European Chiropractors' Union and the European Academy of Chiropractic. He holds Fellowships of the Royal College of Chiropractors and Royal Society for Public Health and is an officer and module lead with EUROSPINE, the Spine Society of Europe, on its diploma program. He is an Honorary Visiting Professor at Health Sciences University and lectures at educational institutions around the world on a range of subjects.



Katie BURNS RYAN BS, DC

Katie is the Dean of the College of Chiropractic at Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHSU). A 2002 graduate of NWHSU, she has extensive experience in chiropractic education, including roles as a clinical supervisor, primary instructor for various subjects, Department Chair, and Director of Clinical Services. Katie is passionate about quality assurance, developing critical thinking skills in health professionals, and authentic assessment of competency. Her dedication to these areas has significantly contributed to the advancement of chiropractic education and the success of her students.



Deborah J. BUSHWAY, PhD

Deb currently serves as the President and CEO of Northwestern Health Sciences University. She pioneered the development and implementation of a successful competency based, direct assessment program and served as Senior Advisor for Innovation in the Office of the Undersecretary at the US

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Department of Education in Washington, DC. She was educated in a scholar-practitioner model and practiced as a psychologist for over 20 years.

In addition to her work as a healer, Deb also has more than 30 years of experience in higher education, and has authored numerous articles, book chapters and conference presentations throughout her career. She also believes that higher education ought to be accessible to all, and that it ought to serve as one path to enrich and empower people's lives. Along with her colleagues Charla Long and Laurie Dodge, she co-authored the book "A Leader's Guide to Competency-Based Education: From Inception to Implementation".



David BYFIELD, BSc (Hons), DC, MPhil, FRCC, FBCA, FFEAC, SFHEA

David Byfield has been in private practice and chiropractic education for the past 45 years in Canada, England and Wales. David joined the University of South Wales in 1998 following teaching posts at CMCC and AECC to develop an integrated masters chiropractic degree programme. He was Head of Welsh Institute of Chiropractic (WIOC) and currently the Head of Clinical

Services in the Faculty of Life Sciences and Education. He was conferred Professor in Professional Practice in May 2018 for his clinical and educational contribution and international collaborations.

David has written three chiropractic educational textbooks related to chiropractic manipulative skills learning and teaching and has published a number of scientific papers including book chapters covering spinal manipulation and rehabilitation. David has been a member of the General Chiropractic Council in the UK and currently sits on the European Council on Chiropractic Education and contributes to the European Academy of Chiropractic as Chair of the Special Interest Group Clinical Chiropractic. David is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Chiropractors and the UK Forum of Deans. David is currently working towards a PhD at USW investigating the relationship between spinal pain and cognitive decline.



Martin CAMARA, DC, ICSC, PhD (Cand)

Martin Camara is a Chiropractic Specialist and CEO of Intercare Chiropractic Center, with extensive involvement in both national and international health organizations. He was recently appointed as a Development Group Member of the World Health Organization for Low Back Pain under the 'Rehabilitation

2030' initiative. Camara also serves on the Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care's (PITAHC) Board of Trustees, appointed by the president, and is a member of the Department of Health's National Certification Committee on Chiropractic.

From 2007 to 2018, he co-chaired the Philippine Olympic Committee, accompanying the national team to major international competitions. He was awarded the Clinical Excellence Award from Palmer College of Chiropractic-West in 1993 and helped establish chiropractic registration in the Philippines.

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Camara is also the Executive Director of the Philippine Chiropractic Community Health Project and President of the Camara Institute for Chiropractic Sciences, the country's first modern chiropractic institution, playing a key role in advancing chiropractic care in the Philippines.



Joel P. CARMICHAEL, DC, PhD, DACBSP®

After graduating from Logan University in 1985 Dr. Carmichael completed a one-year hospital residency in St. Louis, Missouri. He completed his PhD in Clinical Science at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He has been a member of the faculty at the Universidad Central del Caribe in Bayamón, Puerto Rico since 2021. Dr. Carmichael's interests include clinical and educational outcomes research, the treatment of complex spinal disorders, and chiropractic sports medicine. He is in his 39th year of chiropractic practice at The Center for Spine, Sports & Physical Medicine in Denver, Colorado.



Mary Lee CARTER, MS, CHSE®

Mary Lee is a Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE) who is passionate about integrating simulation and technology in healthcare education. In her current role as an Immersive Teaching and Learning Specialist at Parker University in Dallas, Texas, she is leading groundbreaking initiatives in developing fully immersive chiropractic VR/AR/MR scenarios and recently worked to develop the University's digital twin. Mary Lee's commitment to pushing the boundaries of virtual and mixed reality reflects her dedication to making healthcare education engaging and impactful. She believes that doing work you love, for the greater good, is the best reward



Janice CHAN Vey Lian, B.AppSci (ComMed), MClInChiro

Janice is the Director of the School of Alternative and Complementary Medicine (SACM), IMU University with over a decade of experience in chiropractic education in Malaysia. She has a Master of Clinical Chiropractic (MClInChiro) from RMIT University, Australia and is a member of the Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T&CM) Council, Ministry of Health Malaysia, advising on both professional and educational aspects of Chiropractic education. Janice has been a panel assessor for the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), for the accreditation of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes since 2020 and has participated in the design and implementation of the T&CM programme standards in 2021.



Pierre CÔTÉ DC, PhD

Professor Côté is an epidemiologist and a chiropractor who holds the Hann-Kelly Family Chair in Disability and Rehabilitation Research and the Ontario Tech University Research Excellence Chair in Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation. He is the Director of the Institute for Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation at Ontario Tech University, and the Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center on Rehabilitation and Musculoskeletal Health. He is also appointed as a Professor of Epidemiology at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto,

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Adjunct Professor of Disability Prevention at Southern Denmark University, and as Honorary Professor, School of Physiotherapy, MGM Institute of Health Sciences, Navi Mumbai, India.



Waleska CRESPO-RIVERA, MHSA, DrPH

Waleska Crespo-Rivera received a Bachelor's in Nutrition and Dietetics, a Master's in Health Services Administration, a Doctorate in Public Health, and a Fellowship in Academic Leadership.

After 23 years in the hospital sector, accepted the invitation to be president of UCC. As UCC president led the team that developed and started the first bilingual School of Chiropractic in a university with a School of Medicine and the first accredited by CCE in a USA territory. Currently is a Councillor of the CCE, an ACC Board Member, and president of the Association of Private Colleges and Universities of Puerto Rico.



Terry CRISP, DC

Dr Crisp has been involved in Chiropractic accreditation for twenty years with roles ranging from Site Evaluation Team Member, Accreditation Committee Member and Board Director to his current position as Chair of the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia. This Council accredits Chiropractic Educational Programs in Australia, New Zealand and Asia. He is currently serving as President of the Council on Chiropractic Education International. This Council has representatives from Accreditation Authorities throughout the world. Recently Dr Crisp has been elected as Chair of the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum, a group representing the sixteen registered health professions in Australia. He continues as a registered and practicing Chiropractor and feels that this complements a balance with the accreditation activities.



Christina CUNLIFFE BSc (Hons) DC PhD CBiol FRCC FRSB

Professor Christina Cunliffe is a Chartered Biologist and PhD, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology and a Fellow of the Royal College of Chiropractors. She served for many years on the regulatory body for chiropractic, the General Chiropractic Council, and was a member of its Education Committee. She was also Dean of the School of Health within BPP University.

She now leads the College of Health, an independent higher education institution accredited by the UK Higher Education Regulator. This incorporates the McTimoney College of Chiropractic, located in Oxfordshire, Manchester, Madrid and Hong Kong, where she has been Principal since 1998. She is also Visiting Lecturer at a number of other universities and medical schools.

Recognised more widely than the chiropractic profession as a leading academic, she was awarded a full Professorship by a public University in 2010. She was also awarded in 2021 an Honorary Doctorate in Healthcare Leadership by a large London University.

Christina maintains her multidisciplinary health clinic in the Oxfordshire countryside.

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Kendrah L DA SILVA, M.Tech Chiro

Kendrah Da Silva is the President of the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) and has been involved in chiropractic leadership for over 25 years. She previously served three terms as president of the Chiropractic Association of South Africa (CASA) and has contributed to health coding systems and the WFC's submission on ICD-11.

Representing Africa, a region with significant healthcare challenges, Dr Da Silva advocates for improved access to spine care. She played a key role in South Africa's National Health Insurance (NHI) implementation and presented to the Health Market Inquiry on healthcare barriers. Elected to the WFC council in 2019 and vice-president in 2021, she also chairs the Professional Board for Chiropractic and Osteopathy.

A lecturer at the University of Johannesburg, she teaches chiropractic principles and has spoken at several international congresses. Da Silva runs a private practice and was recently appointed as a medicolegal expert for malpractice cases in South Africa.



Dawn DANE, BSc (Hons), MSc (Chiro), EdD, SFHEA

Dawn Dane (EdD, SFHEA) is the Head of Chiropractic at CQUniversity, Australia. She has been a chiropractor for more than 20 years living and working on three continents. She has held academic positions for the past 12 years. She champions collaborative learning for students including intra and interprofessional, community based and cross-cultural learning opportunities through innovative projects. Dawn welcomes technology into the classroom and encourages her peers to as well.



Katie DE LUCA BAppSci (Ex&SpSci), MChiro, PhD

Katie de Luca is an Associate Professor at CQUniversity, Brisbane, Australia. She has >\$5M in competitive research funding, >65 peer-reviewed publications and supervises many chiropractic higher degree research students. A/Prof de Luca is on the Editorial Boards for Chiropractic and Manual Therapies and JMPT, currently overseeing the C&MT special collection, "Manual therapies for older adults during the Decade of Healthy Ageing". She is the Chair for the World Federation of Chiropractic, Disability and Rehabilitation Committee.



Faye DEANE, BSc Hons Chiropractic, MPH, FHEA, FRSPH, FRCC

Faye Deane is an academic and clinician with a strong background in chiropractic and public health. After graduating from the Welsh Institute of Chiropractic in 2007, she earned a Master's in International Public Health from The University of York in 2012. Her clinical experience includes working as the first-team chiropractor for Leeds and Sheffield United Football Clubs and completing internships in Malawi, Africa, and Chile.

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Now a full-time academic, Faye has played a key role in developing the UK's most contemporary MSci Chiropractic degree program. She holds leadership roles in several organizations, including the World Federation of Chiropractic's Public Health Committee, the British Chiropractic Association, and the International Federation of Sports Chiropractic, where she is Co-Chair for Education. She is also an education visitor for the General Chiropractic Council. Faye's work has made a significant impact on both the academic and clinical fields of chiropractic and public health, both in the UK and internationally.



Philip DEWHURST, BSc, MChiro, DC

Philip Dewhurst is an Associate Professor within the School of Chiropractic at Health Services University, UK. As well as his primary chiropractic qualifications, Dr Dewhurst has a postgraduate certificate in medical education from Dundee University and an MSc in Clinical Science from Bournemouth University.

He has worked in education for 16 years, educating hundreds of chiropractors and allied health professionals and developing a broad range of skills and knowledge along the way. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Chiropractors, Higher Education Academy and British Chiropractic Association and he is nearing completion of a Professional Doctorate in Education (Ed.D) exploring the factors which affect chiropractic student performance. He is involved in projects reviewing chiropractic practice and education standards in the UK and worldwide and is currently leading a UK workforce development strategy for chiropractic.



Scott DUNHAM, DC, MSc, MEd

Dr. Scott Dunham is Director of Education, Curriculum and Faculty Development at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. He has obtained a Master of Science and a Master of Education with a focus in educational leadership. Research interests include student well-being and the scholarship of teaching and learning.



Hui Meng ER, BSc (Hons) (Sydney), PGCertMedEd (Dundee), PhD (Sydney)

Hui Meng Er is the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Education and Director of the Centre for Education at the IMU University, Malaysia. She obtained her PhD in Science from the University of Sydney, and Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Education from the University of Dundee. With extensive experience in education management, she specializes in curriculum design, development, and implementation of health professions programmes. She teaches in undergraduate and postgraduate health professions programmes, and conducts faculty development activities at the university. She frequently shares her knowledge and experience at health professions education conferences.

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Lisa GABRIEL, MBA

As a seasoned technology and academic professional of more than 25 years, Lisa creates winning solutions by building successful teams and implementing innovative, well-designed solutions. She is currently the Associate Provost at Parker University in Dallas, Texas. She is responsible for setting strategy and overseeing operations for several departments, including the Center for Teaching and Learning, Online and Instructional Technology, Library, Financial Aid, enrollment One Stop, and the Registrar's Office.

Her recent accomplishments include the implementation of the Parker One Stop for student enrollment services, orchestration of AI, virtual and augmented reality for teaching, reconfiguring the university student information system, and collaboration to support moving 300+ courses online within a week due to the pandemic. Lisa efforts at Parker have contributed to a 45% growth of the University in the last five years. She holds an MBA in Strategic Leadership from the University of Dallas and working on her PhD in Higher Education Leadership at Liberty University.



Paulo GOMES DE OLIVEIRA NETO, BSc Chiro

Coordinator of a Bachelor's degree in Chiropractic and Director of the Ethics Committee of the Brazilian Chiropractic Association. Since 2010, I have dedicated my life to providing chiropractic care to the community around me, with monthly community work and over 100 free appointments per month at my two private clinics. Since 2018, I have also focused on teaching and making our profession more accessible to low-income individuals, enabling them to transform their lives through chiropractic with a successful career based on ethical and moral values and love for caring for all people, in all the places that lives.



Billie G. HARRINGTON, PhD

Dr. Harrington, with over 25 years of experience in higher education, is an accomplished scholar specializing in cultural studies. In recent years, she has focused her scholarship on curriculum design and faculty development. Holding a PhD in Educational Studies with a focus on Curriculum & Teaching, she joined the chiropractic education community nearly a decade ago as the director of the Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning at Sherman College of Chiropractic. Dr. Harrington actively promotes excellence in teaching and learning through innovative instructional strategies and the integration of relevant educational technologies, to enhance the overall student experience.



David O. HAYES, DC

David O. Hayes, D.C., a 1992 graduate of CMCC, joined the University of Quebec in Trois-Rivières (UQTR) faculty in 1996 and soon became the first director of its Chiropractic Department. In 2010, he launched Canada's first publicly funded chiropractic graduate program. Hayes served 12 years on the

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Federation of Canadian Chiropractic (FCC) executive, including five years as president. He was reappointed as Director of UQTR's Chiropractic Department in 2020.

Hayes has received notable awards for his contributions to the profession, including the Interprofessional Council's Award of Merit in 2018 for his work advancing chiropractic in Québec and the Canadian Federation of Chiropractic's highest honor, the Normand Danis Award, in 2020. Despite his academic and administrative roles, he continues to practice part-time in Shawinigan, Québec, alongside his daughter, a recent graduate. Dr. Hayes has played a key role in developing chiropractic education and professional recognition in Canada.

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James HAYES, MHealthSc, (BSc) (Hons) in Medical Imaging

James Hayes is the Founder and CEO of Virtual Medical Coaching, transforming healthcare education through Virtual Reality (VR) and big data analytics. Recognized as a New Zealand Innovator of the Year semi-finalist in 2021 and Microsoft Supreme Prize winner in 2020, he leads the development of immersive training platforms for healthcare professionals. With over a decade of experience as a radiographer and lecturer across Ireland, the UK, Australia, and New Zealand, James is dedicated to creating world-class educational tools. He is currently pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence at Stanford University.



Igor HIMELFARB, PhD, MBA

Dr. Igor Himelfarb is a distinguished professional in the field of psychometrics and research, with a career that spans across academia and industry. As the Director of the Department of Psychometrics and Research at the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Dr. Himelfarb oversees critical operations including scoring calibration, equating, linking, and scaling and communication with key stakeholders.

Dr. Himelfarb earned his M.B.A. in Marketing and Data Analytics from Colorado State University, a Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis on Research Methodology and Quantitative Methods in Social Science from University of California Santa Barbara, an M.A. in Statistics from the same institution, an M.A. in Education Psychology and a B.A. in Psychology from California State University, Northridge.



Fatima ISMAIL, MTech Chiropractic (S.A.); PG DIP: Research Supervision (UJ); PhD Candidate (UJ)

Dr. Fatima Ismail, with six years as a full-time lecturer, embodies the University of Johannesburg's core values. In 2021, she earned a Postgraduate Diploma in Research Supervision with distinction, senior lecturer in 2022 and became Head of the Chiropractic Department in 2023. She is currently pursuing her doctorate, focusing on interprofessional education. She has a strong publication record, received the UJ Vice Chancellor's Award for Most Promising Young Teacher, and secured a national research grant. She excels in student supervision and balances her professional life with being a devoted mother of three.

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Claire JOHNSON, DC, MEd, PhD

Claire Johnson, DC, MEd, PhD is a chiropractor, licensed in the state of California, USA. She earned her Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the Southern California University of Health Sciences, master's degree in health professions education from the University of Southern California Rossier School of Education, Medical Education division of Keck School of, and a doctorate in public health (epidemiology) from Walden University. She serves as the Chair of the Public Health Committee for the World Federation of Chiropractic. She is a Professor at the National University of Health Sciences where she serves as the Editor in Chief of three scientific, peer-reviewed journals.



Henrik Hein LAURIDSEN, DC, MSc, PhD

Henrik Hein Lauridsen graduated from AECC in 1991 and practiced as a chiropractor for a decade. He completed an M.Sc. in Clinical Chiropractic (Rehabilitation) in 1999 and earned a Ph.D. in Clinimetrics from the University of Southern Denmark in 2007. Currently, he serves as Associate Professor in the Research Unit for Clinical Biomechanics at the University of Southern Denmark. His primary responsibilities include research in clinimetrics, pediatric pain management, and headache disorders. He supervises pregraduate and Ph.D. research projects and teaches both Ph.D. courses and the Clinical Biomechanics program. Since 2006, he has been Head of Studies for Clinical Biomechanics.



Craig S. LITTLE, Ed.D.

Craig Little has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) since 2015. The CCE maintains recognition by the United States Department of Education as the national accrediting body for doctor of chiropractic degree and residency programs. CCE is also recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and is a member of the CHEA International Quality Group (CIQG).

Prior to CCE, Dr. Little served as a practicing doctor of chiropractic for over 30 years. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree from the Southern California University of Health Sciences; a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Chapman University; and, a Doctorate of Education degree (Ed.D.) in interdisciplinary leadership from Creighton University. Dr. Little currently serves on the Editorial Board of The Journal of Chiropractic Education, and the board of directors of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors.



Ashley N. LONG, PhD

Dr. Ashley N. Long (she/her) is the Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning and Quality Enhancement Plan Director at Parker University in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Long oversees faculty development, learning resources, online learning, instructional technologies, and the scholarship of teaching

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and learning. Throughout her higher education career spanning over 12 years, she also strives for justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Dr. Long earned a PhD in Higher Education from the University of North Texas, a Master of Science in Health Studies from Texas Woman's University, and a Bachelor of Science in Health from Texas A&M University.



Amy MILLER, BSc, MSc, PhD, FEAC

Dr Amy Miller is a Lecturer at Health Sciences University, where she teaches on the chiropractic and MSK Paediatric Health courses. Her research focuses on spinal pain and MSK problems in young people, working with the international COURSE study team to develop understanding of this global problem. Collaboration and co-creation are at the heart of Amy's research, and she has recently developed a Young Peoples Advisory Group for MSK research. Amy is a Fellow of the European Academy of Chiropractic (Paediatrics) and Chiropractic Academy for Research Leadership (CARL) programme.



Nilesh Kumar MITRA, MBBS, Masters in Surgery (Anatomy), M.Ed.

Professor Dr Nilesh Kumar Mitra has been teaching anatomy to medical and health science students for the last 28 years and topics of Health Professions Education to postgraduate students since last 12 years. Presently, he is the Dean of Teaching and Learning at IMU University. Prof Nilesh Kumar has been facilitating many international symposiums and workshops, and recently, he received a fellowship from AMEE. He has worked as Associate Dean, Technology Enhanced Learning at IMU since 2020. He received his MBBS degree from R G Kar Medical College, Calcutta University, and a Master of Surgery from Nagpur University, India. Prof Nilesh has completed a Masters in Education.



Daniel MOORE, DC

Daniel is a senior lecturer from Teesside University in the UK where he leads the chiropractic provision. He is a passionate educationalist and in 2024 became the first chiropractor ever to be awarded the rare and internationally prestigious title of National Teaching Fellow (NTF) by Advance HE in the UK.

He is passionate about the transformative potential of education and engages in research and knowledge exchange projects focused on undergraduate and professional education. Daniel is a member of the Education Committee of the General Chiropractic Council and the Education Task Force for the Global Alliance for Musculoskeletal Health (G-MUSC).



William E. MORGAN, DC

William E. Morgan is the president of Parker University. Parker is the second largest chiropractic campus in the world. Prior to coming to Parker, he practiced in Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, the President's Hospital. He has been credentialed at five hospitals and has served as a consultant to various government executive clinics in Washington, D.C., caring for government

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leaders. He has served as a consultant to the White House, the United States Congress, the Veterans Administration, the U.S. Navy, and the U.S. Army.

Dr. Morgan has held faculty adjunct appointments in several chiropractic colleges and one medical school. He has attained the rank of full [adjunct] professor and has completed a comprehensive hospital-based residency. Over the course of two decades, he supervised dozens of physicians, chiropractors, students, physical therapists, dentists, and other specialties in a hospital-based setting. Dr. Morgan has a passion for patient-centered learning and clinical residencies.



Sharné NAIDOO, MTech Chiro

Dr Sharné Naidoo has been a chiropractic lecturer at the University of Johannesburg since February 2020, where she coordinates key chiropractic modules and contributes to academic administration and programme development. Currently pursuing a PhD in Chiropractic, her research focuses on enhancing teaching, learning, assessment, and practice in chiropractic education. She has supervised several postgraduate students, published in reputable journals, and presented at the Chiropractic Educators Research Forum. Sharné's commitment to professional development is reflected in her completion of research supervision courses. She is dedicated to advancing chiropractic education through innovative teaching methods and continuous professional growth.



Brian C. NOOK, DC, ICSC, FICC

Currently Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Palmer College of Chiropractic West, Past Dean/Head of College at the Australian College of Physical Education, Sydney, School Dean Chiropractic and Sports Sciences at Murdoch University, Perth. Northwestern College of Chiropractic graduate in 1983 and practiced in Iowa for 18 years. Senior Lecturer at Technikon Natal Chiropractic in Durban, South Africa.

Currently the Federation International de Chiropractic du Sports (FICS) Secretary General and involved with FICS for over 35 years. Official chiropractor at 4 Olympic Games (Barcelona, Atlanta, Sydney, and Salt Lake City), 3 All African Games and 5 World Games.



Rose OLSON-LONG, DC, M.Ed

Dr. Rose Olson-Long, DC, M.Ed., is an Assistant Professor and the Blended Doctor of Chiropractic Program Chair at Parker University in Dallas, TX. She has spearheaded the innovative launch of this program and continuously enhances it using cutting-edge technologies. With a Master of Education from Dallas Baptist University and currently pursuing a Master of Science in Clinical Research, Dr. Olson-Long is deeply committed to academic excellence. She is dedicated to advancing chiropractic education and fostering student engagement.

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Norman OUZTS, DC

Dr. Norman Ouzts held a variety of roles within the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Board of Directors, including District V Director from 2007 to 2017, Vice President from 2010 to 2012, and President from 2012-2014. In addition, Dr. Ouzts had served on the South Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the South Carolina Chiropractic Association, the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards, Chairman of the Chiropractic Summit, and Founding President of the Pro-Active Healthcare of South Carolina.

Norman Ouzts, D.C., is a business executive with the mission to establish and maintain uniform high standards of excellence in the chiropractic profession and chiropractic regulation. He assumed leadership of NBCE in 2017. Dr. Norman Ouzts is a licensed chiropractor with over 25 years of experience.



Katarzyna (Katey) PACZEK B.App.Sc. (Clinical Sc.) B.Chiropractic Sc., MHPE

Katey is a senior lecturer at IMU University and the clinician-in-charge of the University's Chiropractic Centre. A graduate of RMIT she was in private practice for over 19 years and in 2014 received the Meritorious Service Award from the Association of Chiropractic Malaysia in recognition of her contribution to the chiropractic profession in Malaysia through its developing years. She has a masters in health professions education (MHPE) and has interests in clinical teaching and curriculum development. She is a fellow of the IMU Centre for Education.



Omar PERVEZ, DC

Omar Pervez is a seasoned healthcare leader with over 20 years of experience as a chiropractor in dynamic clinical and academic environments around the world. He currently serves as the Chiropractic Health Clinic Coordinator and Clinical Lecturer at CQUniversity in Queensland, where he leads clinical education programs and mentors future chiropractors. Omar has a strong background in clinical management, curriculum development, and patient care. Additionally, Omar currently sits as a member of a steering and overseas accreditation committee within the Council of Chiropractic Education Australasia. He has a passion for strategy, performance improvement and innovation in Chiropractic care and education, and is finalising his MBA to support his vision.



Christopher PETRIE, DC, DACBR

Dr. Christopher Petrie, DC, DACBR, currently serves as the Director of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness at Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, MN, where he has previously served as the Director of Curriculum and Learning Analytics, an Associate Professor, and the Director of Clinical Education. He completed his DC degree at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA, and completed his radiology residency at Parker University in Dallas, TX, where he subsequently served as a faculty member and department chair. He has taught courses and continuing education sessions covering all

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areas of radiography and diagnostic imaging interpretation as well as differential diagnosis and clinical reasoning. He has held Diplomate status with the American Chiropractic Board of Radiology since the completion of his residency in 2009. He is a member of the Academy of Site Team Visitors with the Council on Chiropractic Education and currently sits on the American Chiropractic Board of Radiology.

**SOW Chew Fei, MBBS (MAHE), Dip Derm (Glasgow), MMed (Dundee)**

Associate Professor Dr. Sow Chew Fei is the Associate Dean of Clinical & Experiential Learning at IMU University, where she leads strategic planning and curriculum development for Clinical and Communication Skills in simulation-based education and spearheads innovative educational technologies. A medical doctor with a Diploma in Dermatology and a Master in Medical Education, she has pioneered virtual reality in health professions education at IMU. Dr. Sow has led numerous virtual reality projects and established an immersive learning interactive space, enhancing the curriculum through cutting-edge technological advancements. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Medical Education, focusing on integrating technology into medical training.

**David STARMER, BSc, DC, MHS**

Dr. David Starmer is a Director of Education at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC) and a former Education Coordinator for its simulation lab. He holds a chiropractic degree, a master's in Health Studies, and a certificate in healthcare simulation education. Renowned for his leadership, he has chaired CMCC's Faculty Council, served multiple terms with his provincial regulatory college, and completed one term as President. He is actively engaged in research on spinal manipulation training and simulation education. He has received numerous awards and developed a chiropractic simulation training system adopted worldwide by many institutions.

**H. Garrett THOMPSON, DC, PhD**

Dr. H. Garrett Thompson is a distinguished leader in higher education and is proud to serve Logan University as its next president. With over 30 years of experience in the field, Dr. Thompson has held various administrative roles at esteemed institutions, driving innovation and fostering interprofessional collaboration. His research interests include healthcare education, policy, and leadership, with numerous publications and presentations on these topics. As a dedicated mentor, Dr. Thompson has guided students and faculty to reach their full potential, earning international recognition for his commitment to academic excellence and contributions to higher education.

**Desiree VARATHARAJULLU, PhD: Health Sciences, M.Tech: Chiropractic, Adv. Dip: Business Administration**

Dr. Desiree Varatharajullu is an academic in the Department of Chiropractic. She is the current Head of Department as well as the Clinic Director for the Chiropractic Day Clinic at the Durban University of Technology. She received her PhD: Health Sciences and M.Tech: Chiropractic degrees from the Durban University of Technology. Desiree had lectured part-time and ran two private practices before

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