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Skilled and versatile practitioner, versed in acupuncture, health practices, herbal therapy, and nutrition with a unique background seeks a supportive, collaborative environment to provide medical care and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle to the community in order to foster healing and peace.

### **Licensure and Certifications**

Oregon licensed acupuncturist	2021 - current
Massachusetts licensed acupuncturist	2015 - 2021
NCCAOM Board Certified	2015
• Foundations	
• Point Location	
• Biomedicine	
• Herbal Medicine	
Tui Na Bodywork certified - Academy of Chinese Culture and Health Sciences	2005

### **Education**

**Southwest Acupuncture College, MSOM** Santa Fe, NM 2011 - 2014

Master's degree covering full scope of Classical East Asian medicine, including nutrition, herbal therapies, internal medicine, and healthy lifestyle education.

- Nearly 1700 student clinic hours logged, including over 400 audited non-credit hours for deeper focus and experience
- Clinical focus on Japanese Meridian Therapy techniques and theory
- Clinical Externships
  - Oncology Unit - St. Vincent de Christus Hospital
  - Rehabilitation Unit - St. Vincent de Christus Hospital

**Peralta Colleges**

Oakland, CA 2006 - 2010

- Undergraduate requisites for pre-med
- EMT certification training

**Academy of Chinese Culture and Health Sciences**

Oakland, CA 2005

- Certification in Traditional Tui Na Bodywork
- Chi Nei Tsang/Abdominal massage

**Apprenticeship**

Clinical apprenticeship with master acupuncturist Takayuki Koei Kuwahara L.Ac. at CULIA KI Clinic from 2015 to 2018.

- Traditional Japanese apprenticeship, modeled after his apprenticeship 40 years prior under Kodo Fukushima, creator of Toyohari way of acupuncture
- 60 - 80 hour work weeks included treating patients, managing the clinic, assistant teaching for practical, didactic, and physical course material during seminars, marketing and promotion, as well as daily self cultivation practices
- edited index of Clinical Guide to Meridian Therapy, English version, (in press)
- construed and transcribed conceptual lesson content to create seminar curriculum material
- included regular Aikido and laido training

**Work Experience**

**Southern Oregon Chiropractic**

Ashland, OR 2022 - present

Integrated clinic system. Sole acupuncturist practicing classical Japanese Meridian Therapy

- Treatments range from internal medicine to musculo-skeletal complaints
- Herbal prescriptions
- Custom nutrition and restorative exercises

**Natural Grocers**

Medford, OR 2020 - 2022

In-house nutritionist managing employee nutritional education, teaching classes, and conducting remote one on one nutritional coaching sessions

**Body Therapeutics**

Worcester, MA 2018 - 2020

Integrated clinic, working in tandem with a chiropractor and massage therapists

- Known within clinic for ability to treat patients considered difficult to treat, due to high pain sensitivity or relatively fragile states of health
- Brought pediatrics to the clinic

**Openspace Community Acupuncture** Somerville, MA 2018 - 2019

Prominent high-volume community style clinic in Boston area

- Efficient treatments within a fast paced environment

**CULIA KI Clinic** Watertown, MA 2015 - 2018

Traditional apprenticeship under Mr. Takayuki Koei Kuwahara, L.Ac.

- Patient treatment
- Clinic management
- Teaching assistant

**Southwest Acupuncture College** Santa Fe, NM 2011 - 2014

Student clinic manager

**ACCHS Professional Clinic** Oakland, CA 2010

Tui Na body work therapist

**Govendo Construction** Oakland, CA 2003 - 2010

First career - custom remodeling

**Teaching Experience**

**Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences** (formerly New England School of Acupuncture)

Teaching assistant

- Shonishin: Pediatric Acupuncture Spring 2016
- Point Location Fall 2018
- Tui Na Fall 2018

**Teaching assistant at seminars led by Takayuki Koei Kuwahara**

Hari Advanced Training 4 month series Austin, TX 2018

Hari Core Fundamentals 6 month series Santa Fe, NM 2017

Pediatric Acupuncture at Southwest Symposium Austin, TX 2017

Deepening Daishi Shonihari: Delving into Japanese Portland, OR 2017

Pediatric Acupuncture	
Hari Core Fundamentals 6 month series	Boston, MA 2017
8 Extraordinary Vessel Treatment and Advanced Diagnosis in Meridian Therapy	New York, NY 2016
Hari Core Fundamentals 6 month series	Santa Fe, NM 2016
Shonihari - Japanese Pediatric Acupuncture	New York, NY 2016
Hari Core Fundamentals 4 month series	Austin, TX 2016
Hari Core Fundamentals 6 month series	Boston, MA 2016

## **Skills and Specialties**

Specialization in Japanese Meridian Therapy, the study and practice of healing the body through the channel system as described in classical East Asian medicine. Through the use of needles, non-insertive tools, moxibustion, cupping, guasha, bodywork, and herbal therapy, the balance of the body is initiated, clearing impediments and revitalizing function. Patients typically note, in addition to physiological improvement, they experience a clarity of mind and emotional balance lasting well after a treatment. Techniques are designed to match the constitution of the patient. The versatility of this approach allows for effective treatment of highly sensitive patients as well as more robust people.

### **Clinical focus includes:**

- Chronic pain
- Pediatrics
- Anxiety and psychological issues
- Facial rejuvenation
- Fertility and gynecology
- Treatment of pregnant women

## **Specialized Training**

Healthy Horizons Symposium: Building Bridges Between Classical Chinese Medicine, Biofield Science, and Consciousness	completed 2024
Asynchronous online course	
Shang Han Lun: Psychosocial Applications of Classical Formulas	eLotus 2020
William Morris	
Pediatrics: Special Considerations for Infants and Toddlers	eLotus 2020
Jake Fratkin	

Supporting Oncology Symptoms with TCM Chien-Fu Liao	eLotus 2020
Facial Rejuvenation and Cosmetic Acupuncture Michelle Gellis	Seacaucus, NJ 2019
Japan Study Trip: Acupuncture Methods and Cultural Foundations Tanioka Masanori Sensei, Takayuki Koei Kuwahara Sensei	Osaka, Japan 2018
Beginner and Advanced Shakuju Therapy Satoshi Nakaya Sensei	Waltham, MA 2017
Shonishin: Japanese Treatment Strategies for Children Tetsuya Fukushima Sensei	Watertown, MA 2017
Beginner and Advanced Shakuju Therapy Osamu Hara Sensei	Watertown, MA 2016
Acupuncturists Without Borders: Healing Community Trauma Carla Cassler	Santa Fe, NM 2014
Treating Traumatic Injury and Pain Jake Fratkin	Boulder, CO 2014
Treating Children with Oriental Medicine Soma Glick	Boulder, CO 2013
Hari Core Fundamentals 6 month series Ehrland Truitt, Takayuki Koei Kuwahara Sensei	Santa Fe, NM 2012
Cultural and Language Study Ding Lao Shi	Beijing, China 2007

## **Community Service**

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| <b>La Familia Medical Center</b>   | Santa Fe, NM 2011 - 2012 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diabetes unit - tracking patient data, assisting in counseling sessions</li> </ul>  |                          |
| <b>San Francisco Bay to Breakers</b>   | San Francisco, CA 2009   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tended injured racers and onlookers in the medic tent</li> </ul>  |                          |
| <b>Berkeley Free Clinic Peer Counseling Collective</b>   | Berkeley, CA 2000 - 2004 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer counselor in a community clinic. Counseled patients, designed and conducted educational training, facilitated regular staff meetings.</li> </ul> |                          |

## **Professional Organizations**

Vice President - High Desert Hari Society	2019 - current
Board of Directors - High Desert Hari Society	2018 - current
Board of Directors, Secretary - Boston Hari Society	2016 - 2019

## **Scholarships and Honors**

Gentle Tiger Scholarship - Southwest Acupuncture College	2010
Inductee to Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society - Peralta Colleges	2008
Selected to tutor English for adult GED program - Peralta Colleges	2008

## **Martial Arts**

East Asian martial arts often are based on similar systems used in Classical East Asian medicine. Martial arts practice has helped me cultivate discipline, focus, and an understanding of body mechanics and alignment. It provides me with exercises I can share with patients to open or heal specific regions or functions of the body.

- Practitioner for 21 years
- Black belt in laido