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OCOM Welcomes New President

The Oregon College of Oriental Medicine Board of Trustees is pleased to announce **Sherri L. Green, PhD** as OCOM's fifth President and Chief Executive Officer. She succeeds Interim President Bill McCrae in the position. In reflecting on her new role, Dr. Green feels "inspired by the community service orientation, national engagement, and leadership that exemplifies OCOM."



Search Committee and Board Chair Karen Williams expressed gratitude for the comprehensive national search process: "An exhaustive effort brought so many qualified candidates into the applicant pool. Throughout the hiring process, Dr. Green demonstrated vision for the medicine, our mission, and the learning community that is OCOM. These qualities were evident to all who met her, and she is exceptionally qualified and enthusiastic to lead the institution in its next phase of growth."

Prior to assuming her role as OCOM's President, Dr. Green cultivated an impressive and diverse career that encompassed positions in nonprofit management, academic leadership, and research within the North Carolina university system. She is also trained in Chinese medicine with a lifelong focus on internal arts that culminated in a diploma in acupuncture from the Jung Tao School of Classical Chinese Medicine, where she became the college President in 2017.

Dr. Green also earned a PhD in Maternal and Child Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in one of the top ranked schools of public health — the Gillings School of Global Public Health, and a master's degree in social work from the University of South Carolina at Columbia, South Carolina. Her diverse skill set is further demonstrated by her clinical license in social work and her graduate certificate in executive coaching.

Dr. Green has served as a mentor, teacher, health care provider, administrator, and as a principal investigator on numerous research and program grants, primarily focused on substance use disorders, trauma, and maternal and child health topics. For the past three and a half years, in addition to leading the Jung Tao School, she managed a large grant portfolio and led work in North Carolina with state and national partners to support primary care providers seeking to overcome barriers and address the opioid crisis with evidence-based strategies. Her diverse interests in health and medicine include bringing acupuncturists, behavioral, and allopathic health care providers together with state and national public health policy makers to develop innovative evidence-based programs.

On the opportunity to lead OCOM during the college's next phase, Dr. Green believes "we are at an exciting and critical juncture for the field of Chinese and East Asian medicine. It is time to take our place at the national table for both clinical and research discussions involving acupuncture and integrative

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health. I envision a time when licensed acupuncturists work in community health centers and hospitals as a matter of course, truly bringing life-changing integrative health care to the masses. I think the timing is right for our profession nationally, and I believe OCOM, as a leading institution for our field, and working in coordination with others, can make a real difference integrating acupuncture into the fabric of our nation's health care systems."

The unique combination of vision and experience are what swayed Board search committee member Cathy Chinn. "During the interview, she talked about her current research work and offered perspectives on OCOM's potential in the future as a leader for our field. I knew then she is the best leader to take OCOM into the future."

During a transitional period, Dr. Green will be serving in a dual role as President of both the Jung Tao School of Classical Chinese Medicine and OCOM. This opportunity for smooth transition as well as innovative collaboration may lead to future partnerships between the institutions — in research, faculty development, and academic programs.

■ **On May 21**, community members are invited to join the Board of Trustees and new President, Sherri L. Green, PhD, for an open house and Presidential tea. The gathering will be held in the OCOM campus' KPC Community Room between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM. Oregon College of Oriental Medicine, 75 NW Couch Street, Portland, Oregon 97209

Founded in 1983, OCOM is a single-purpose professional graduate school that offers first professional and postgraduate degree programs in acupuncture and Chinese medicine. OCOM's mission is to transform health care by educating highly skilled and compassionate practitioners, providing exemplary patient care, and engaging in innovative research within a community of service and healing. Our 1,500 graduates practice, teach and research Chinese medicine in 50 states and across the globe, and have provided an estimated 10 million treatments over the past 36 years. OCOM's campus and primary teaching clinic inhabit a LEED Gold certified facility in historic Old Town Chinatown. Additional information about the college is available on our website: ocom.edu

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