

## News In Brief

Editorial Staff

### New Opportunities for AOM Students at SCU

Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCU), in Whittier, Calif., is launching a daytime acupuncture and Oriental medicine (AOM) program in September 2007. This new daytime program is offered in addition to the current evening program, enabling SCU to better serve students through expanded options for taking classes.

The College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine at SCU offers a master's degree in AOM. The Los Angeles College of Chiropractic at SCU also offers a DC degree. Furthermore, SCU offers students the option of a dual-degree program in both chiropractic and AOM. SCU is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and the Council on Chiropractic Education.

Dr. John Scaringe, vice president for academic affairs, explained how this new program fits into the long-term strategy of SCU: "The move to a daytime AOM program is the first of a series of steps to feature a fixed dual chiropractic/AOM schedule, and eventually offer a Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine degree."

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### Building Bridges 2007 Conference: New Dates, Location Announced

The Building Bridges 2007 Conference, sponsored by the Traditional Chinese Medicine World Foundation, has moved its location and dates. The conference will now be held Oct. 18-21 in Chantilly, Va., near Washington, D.C.

Originally scheduled to be held Nov. 8-11 in Baltimore, the event will feature a full schedule of CEU classes, an exhibit hall for vendors and two preconference workshops, allowing TCM practitioners, acupuncturists, Chinese herbalists and practitioners of Chinese bodywork to earn up to 31.5 CEU credits. Medical doctors, psychiatrists and doctors of osteopathy can earn CME credits through the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, N.Y.

Steven K.H. Aung, MD, OMD, PhD, will be the keynote speaker, discussing "Integrative Compassionate Medicine for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Beyond." Dr. Aung is a clinical associate professor, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta, as well as an advisor to the World Health Organization on TCM.

The two preconference speakers will be Christine Page, MD, speaking on "Listening to the Wisdom of Your Body" and Nan Lu, OMD, who will talk about "The Sun Is Your Father; the Moon Is Your Mother; the Earth Is Your Home." Dr. Page is the author of several books, including *Spiritual Alchemy*. Dr. Lu is the founding director and president of the Traditional Chinese Medicine World Foundation.

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## Acupuncturists Without Borders Sponsors Pilot Veterans Program

Following its success in treating victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Acupuncturists Without Borders (AWB) is now looking to provide its services to another needy population: U.S. veterans. A pilot program for this project is currently underway in Albuquerque, N.M., led by Susan Pollard, DOM.

Still in the planning stages, the Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans Project will provide free acupuncture treatments for veterans returning from Iraq or Afghanistan. Veterans from other past conflicts or wars will also be invited to receive treatments. The treatments also will be available to the veterans' family members.

Albuquerque veterans who received the acupuncture treatments are experiencing benefits such as a full night's sleep for the first time in years and fewer bad dreams, according to AWB. They are also reporting improved mental clarity, less anxiety and a reduction in stress. Some are even reporting temporary reduction in pain from headaches or sciatica.

Acupuncturists Without Borders is currently raising funds for the program and hopes to be able to bring it to other cities sometime this year. For more information about the program, to volunteer, or to make a donation, contact AWB at [veterans@acuwithoutborders.org](mailto:veterans@acuwithoutborders.org).

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