

Speakers with Expertise, Passion and Commitment...

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Mary Beth Larsen, DC is an individual who has proved that nothing is impossible. She has climbed mountains (most recently Mt. Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain in Africa with an elevation of 19,340 feet), graduated with a doctor of chiropractic degree, won a gold medal at the Pan American Games and participated twice in the Olympics. She broke the glass ceiling in 2000 when she became the first woman to qualify for the Pentathlon, a multi-sport event which includes pistol shooting, fencing, equestrian jumping, running and swimming. While



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training she took a leave of absence from her chiropractic studies, but after the Olympic Games in Sydney she went back to Logan Chiropractic College and graduated with her DC degree in 2001. Dr. Larsen juggled a new practice and athletic training and in the summer of 2004 competed in her second Olympic games. Currently with Standard Process, Inc. in Wisconsin where she serves as liaison to the chiropractic profession, Dr. Larsen uses her education, health care experience and extraordinary athletic achievements to motivate and inspire others to live life to the fullest and see the value of living a wellness lifestyle.

Robert Melillo, DC, MS, DABCN

is a recognized clinician and author with expertise in neurology, neuropsychology, neuroscience and childhood developmental disorders. He has more than 25 years of clinical experience. He received his DC degree from New York Chiropractic College in 1985 and his Diplomate in Chiropractic Neurology from Carrick Institute in 1989. He was named "Neurologist of the Year"

by the American Chiropractic Association Council on Neurology in 2009. Creator of the Brain Balance program, a specialized program that is based on the principles of hemispheric integration therapy, Dr. Melillo also worked with a composer and musician to develop music for adults and children specifically designed to balance brain activity. He has been interviewed several times by the media and featured on TV and the radio for his success with children with developmental problems. Co-founder of the Brain Balance Achievement Centers, Dr. Melillo has written several books about kids on the autistic spectrum and his most recent, "Reconnected Kids" was released by Penguin Publications in April of this year.



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Lora Tanis, DC, DICCP has a passion for children and for chiropractic. She loves what she does and her reputation as an excellent pediatrics practitioner has been built on integrity, service and continued learning. Though she believes implicitly in the power of



Dr. Lora Tanis

the chiropractic adjustment, she also believes that doctors who care for children, especially neonates and infants should take advanced courses in pediatrics so the care they provide is not only effective, but always safe and appropriate. A 1985 graduate of Palmer College, Dr. Tanis was in the first group of DCs to get Board Certified and receive her Diplomate in Clinical Chiropractic Pediatrics (DICCP). A skilled adjuster, Dr. Tanis's lectures always receive high ratings

because she is able to correlate her material with her extensive practice experience. She has a special interest in children with special needs and is always looking at ways to integrate chiropractic care with other disciplines to improve the quality of life for these children. Dr. Tanis is in private practice in Hewitt, New Jersey and Chair of the ICA Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics.

Elise Hewitt, DC, CST, DICCP is a 1982 graduate of Western States Chiropractic College with a bachelor's degree in environmental design from the University of Colorado in Boulder. She is Board Certified in Pediatrics (DICCP, Class of 2000), and also certified in Craniosacral Therapy from the Upledger



Dr. Elise Hewitt

Institute in Palm Springs, Florida. Dr. Hewitt has the distinction of being a founding member of both the ICA and ACA Pediatrics Councils and serves as president of the ACA Pediatrics Council as well as a delegate for the American Chiropractic Association. She lectures frequently on pediatrics for chiropractic state associations, is a member of NCMIC's Speaker's Bureau, and has also presented at nursing and lactation conferences on topics related to chiropractic treatment for nursing dysfunction. She was a co-investigator for a 3-year research project on dysfunctional nursing conducted by Western States Chiropractic College. Dr. Hewitt is in private practice in Portland, Ore., where she limits her care to only pediatric/pregnant patients.

Dan Murphy, DC, DABCO is a popular speaker, internationally recognized for his excellent evidence-based

material. He has presented nearly 1500 continuing education seminars all over the world. A magna cum laude graduate of Western States Col-



Dr. Dan Murphy

lege of Chiropractic, he received his Diplomate in Chiropractic Orthopedics in 1986. Dr. Murphy was in private practice for 25 years, but now with his heavy speaking schedule sees patients only occasionally. He has been on the faculty of Life Chiropractic West in Hayward for 27 years and is now a full professor teaching management of spinal disorders. A voracious reader, Dr. Murphy keeps up-to-date on the latest research relevant to chiropractic and provides a weekly subscription service of this research with his reviews and comments. In 2001 he was named by readers of Dynamic Chiropractic as their #1 choice for leader of "Our Virtual Chiropractic Association." He received ICA's distinguished "Chiropractor of the Year" award in 2009.

Joyce Miller, DC, DABCO, is currently senior clinic tutor at the Anglo-European Chiropractic College and lead tutor for the MSc in Chiropractic Pediatrics at Bournemouth University. She oversees AECC's busy infant and child clinic, the largest chiropractic pediatric clinic in the UK. Dr. Miller obtained her DC degree from North-



Dr. Joyce Miller

western College of Chiropractic in Minnesota and her bachelor's in science from the University of North Dakota. A chiropractor with world-wide practice experience, Dr. Miller believes that in order for chiropractic pediatric care to achieve its rightful place as a valid health care discipline there must be research to support it. She has been widely published in peer-reviewed journals and is continually encouraging her students and colleagues to be

involved in clinical research projects and/or write papers and get them published. An enthusiastic and involved instructor, Dr. Miller is committed to advancing chiropractic pediatric care and has proved her commitment time and time again by her willingness to go more than that extra mile to support quality pediatric education and research.

Ian McLean, DC, DACBR has more than 26 years experience as a radiologist. Born in New Zealand, he received his DC degree from Palmer College in 1979 and practiced in Independence, Missouri before completing his residency in radiology at Cleveland College of Chiropractic. He received



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his Diplomate in Radiology in 1982. Dr. McLean has been on the faculty of Palmer College since 1983 and now serves as Professor of Clinical Radiology and also as Director of Palmer's Residency Program. He has authored and co-authored many papers published in various peer-reviewed journals as well as radiology textbooks and participated in various research projects. A dedicated instructor, Dr. McLean enjoys teaching and has received several Faculty of the Year awards over the years. He has a radiology practice in Iowa, the Palmer Imaging Consultation Services.

Lia Nightingale, PhD received her doctorate from the University of Illinois where she taught for several years before joining the Life Sciences Division at Palmer College as Assistant Professor in biochemistry. Her specialty is food science and human nutrition. Dr. Nightingale has been published in many peer-reviewed journals and has presented papers on nutrition at scientific conferences. She was co-investigator in a 4-year research project on the "Lipid polymorph impact on food quality: use to enhance food science

education" funded by the US Department of Agriculture. Dr. Nightingale serves as Chair of the National Board



Lia Nightingale, PhD

of Examiners' Biochemistry/Physiology Curricular Issues Committee, and also the Pathology Curricular Issues Subcommittee. Active in her community she has co-developed and taught nanotechnology workshops for junior and high school students, served as a judge for a state science fair and lectured for Heart Smart for Women. She is deeply concerned about childhood obesity and takes every opportunity to write and speak on this topic and recommend guidelines on healthy eating.

Sharon Vallone, DC, FICCP has an enormous capacity for giving, sharing and multi-tasking. She has a special interest in caring for special needs children and pregnant women. Her interest and desire to help children with special needs began when she was a chiropractic student and heard Dr. Lorraine Golden, a chiropractor from Kentucky, speak about a non-profit facility she had founded, the Kentucky-



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ana Children's Center (KCC) for her "special angels," children who were physically and mentally challenged. Now Dr. Vallone serves as the Chairman of the Board of KCC. A graduate of New York Chiropractic College, she received her Diplomate in Clinical Chiropractic Pediatrics (DICCP) in 1998 and was made a Fellow in 2005 because of her ongoing contributions to the profession in advancing chiropractic care for kids. Vice Chair of the ICA Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics, Dr. Vallone also serves as Editor of the *Journal of Clinical Chiropractic Pediatrics*. She is well-published and has lectured all over the world. An instructor on the DICCP program she has a private practice in S. Windsor, Connecticut.