

Dr. Thomas Kouo

Dr. Kouo currently serves as the Institutional Vice-President for Academic Affairs and New Jersey Campus Director for the Virginia University of Integrative Medicine (VUIM). He is a former Academic Dean at both VUIM and the Eastern School of Acupuncture and Traditional Medicine. He is a sought-after lecturer on many topics in acupuncture / herbal medicine, and teaches in several Doctoral programs around the country. He has served as a long-time accreditation site visitor for ACAHM.

Dr. Kouo has served as Vice-President of the Council since 2021 after a six-year term as an At-Large member of the Executive Committee. He is a past chair of the CCAHM Herb Committee and currently serves as the co-chair for the Academics Committee.

While serving as Academic Dean and Chair of the Herbology Department at the Virginia University of Integrative Medicine (VUIM), Dr. Kouo led the university through the ACAHM initial accreditation process in March 2015 and the institution was awarded the maximum years of initial accreditation. Prior to VUIM, Dr. Kouo served as Herbal Department Chair for Pacific College of Health Sciences in San Diego. He taught in both the Master's and Doctoral programs while also serving as a Clinical Supervisor. A graduate of the Master's and Advanced Practice Doctoral programs at Pacific College, Dr. Kouo founded and was the clinical director of Elemental Harmony Acupuncture, one of the foremost clinics for pediatrics, orthopedics, and women's health in San Diego. He was also the creator of a special facial rejuvenation protocol named "Age-Reversal Therapy" (ART) that was featured at the renowned A & B Medical Spa in Hillcrest, California.