

# The Osteopathic Academic Heritage of OSU-COM

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## INTRODUCTION

In 1892, Dr. Andrew Taylor Still founded the field of Osteopathic Medicine by publishing "The Philosophy and Mechanical Principles of Osteopathy" and creating his philosophy of holistic medicine and tenets of osteopathic medicine became practice. Today in 2020 osteopathic physicians find their profession threatened by single accreditation and a decrease in the number of physicians incorporating Osteopathic Principles and Practices (OPP) in their patient care, despite rising numbers of osteopathic graduates.

## OBJECTIVES

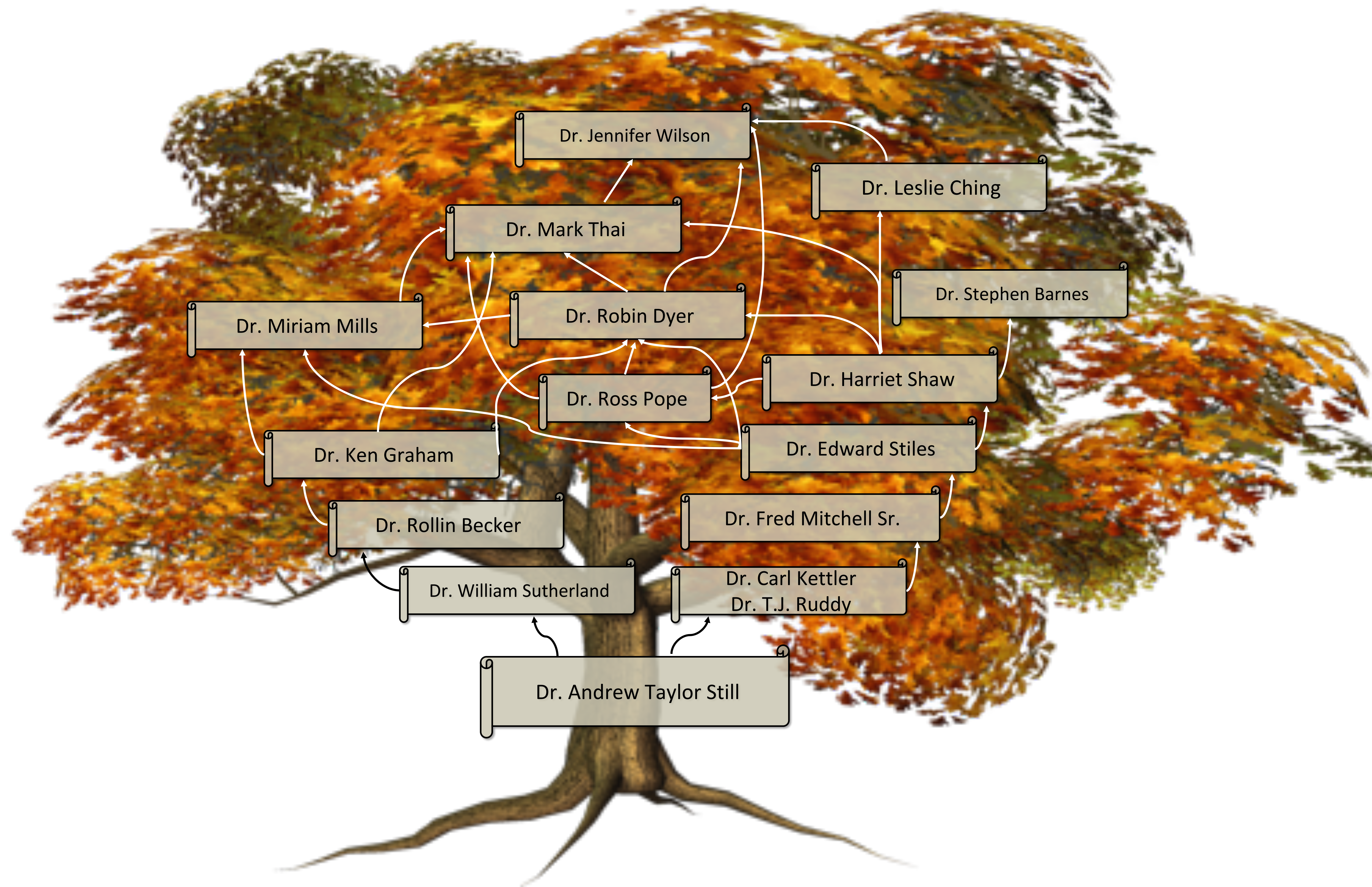
The purpose of this study was to evaluate the osteopathic ancestry of instructors and graduates at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (OSU-COM) in order to unite past, current, and future graduates with their academic heritage in an effort to preserve a portion of the practice of osteopathic medicine.

## METHODS

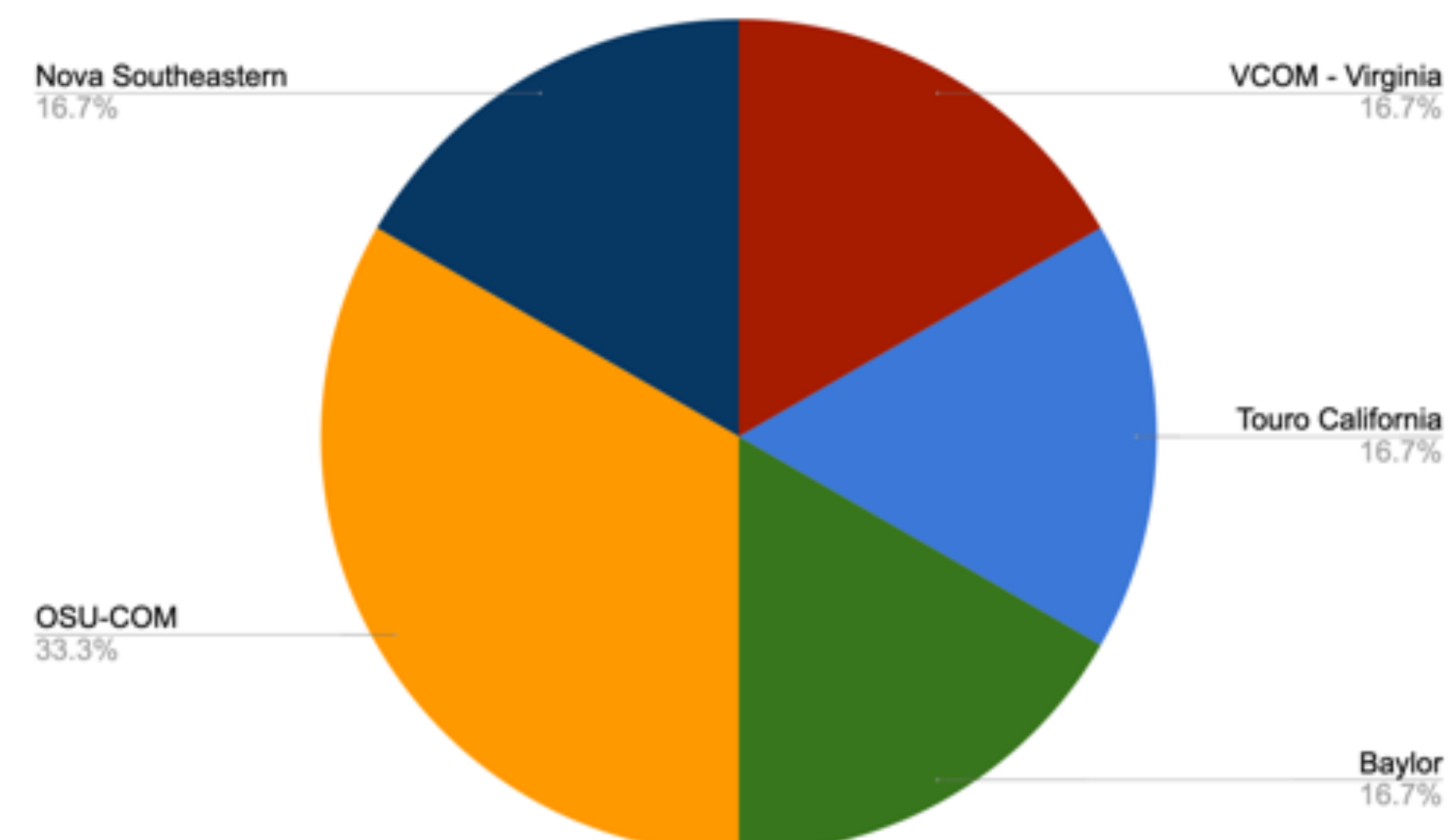
We used direct survey of current OSU-COM Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) faculty: Dr. Robin Dyer, Dr. Leslie Ching, Dr. Mark Thai, Dr. Stephen Barnes, Dr. Jennifer Wilson, and Dr. Miriam Mills. Data was gathered in person, over the phone, and by email. Additional information on earlier generations of osteopaths is provided with permission via the personal research of Dr. Amelia McConaghy. Once collected, the information was consolidated into charts and tables. A diagram styled after genealogical trees was chosen to demonstrate only the faculty's shared osteopathic heritage.

## RESULTS

### The Interconnectedness and Shared Academic Heritage of OMM Faculty



### Medical Schools Attended by OMM Faculty



### Chief Osteopathic Influencers of the OMM Faculty

<b>Stephen Barnes</b>	Harriet Shaw	Frank Walton	Ed Stiles			
<b>Leslie Ching</b>	Harriet Shaw	David Harden	Shawn Kreger	Richard Schuster		
<b>Robin Dyer</b>	Harriet Shaw	Ken Graham	Ed Stiles	Ross Pope	Herb Yates	Robert Irvin
<b>Miriam Mills</b>	Harriet Shaw	Ken Graham	Robin Dyer	Rachel Brooks	Herb Yates	Viola Freeman
<b>Mark Thai</b>	Harriet Shaw	Ken Graham	Robin Dyer	Ross Pope	Miriam Mills	
<b>Jennifer Wilson</b>	David Boesler	Mark Sandhouse	Robin Dyer	Ross Pope	Mark Thai	Leslie Ching

## CONCLUSION

OSU-COM graduates can trace their techniques back to the physicians who developed those methods as manual skills that were passed from person to person. It is our hope that the information gathered and consolidated in this study will inspire current and future graduates to both incorporate OPP in their practices and pass along the knowledge acquired at OSU-COM to the next generation of osteopathic physicians. Though this study provides a significant analysis of academic mentorship and heritage, further studies and investigation should be conducted so as not to lose the value and roots of academic ancestry at Oklahoma State University.

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