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**Mary Jo Bulbrook, BSN, RN, MEd, EdD, CEMP/S/I, HTCP, HTP/I, ICF  
AU President & CEO**

Dr. Mary Jo Bulbrook started her career as a pediatric nurse in Cincinnati, OH and moved into community college teaching in Texas. From there she got her doctorate in college teaching at North Texas State University with a minor in clinical specialist in psychiatric mental health nursing at Texas Woman's University.

She was recruited to University of Utah where she was director of psychiatric mental health nursing and served on the university wide research committee. In addition Occupational Health interdisciplinary grant was achieved where she represented nursing's contribution. Her work included international development when she was asked to head up the nursing department at Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's, Nfld, CA.

She returned to USA to care for her father after her mother passed and started a career in Complementary and Alternative Medicine practice and education. Her CAM modalities included Healing Touch, Therapeutic Touch, Touch for Health, Energy Psychology and Transpersonal Psychology. Dr. Bulbrook is a medical intuitive and founder of Transform Your Life through Energy Medicine (TYLEM). TYLEM is based on her distinguished 36-year career as a university professor and clinical specialist in psychiatric mental health nursing. This work was taken to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Peru, Ireland and Chile as well as throughout the USA and Canada.

From 1974-84, she was a key figure in the development of world- renowned family therapist Virginia Satir's teaching organization, Avanta Network. Drawing on their 12 years together, elements from Virginia's teachings and philosophy were integrated with Dr. Bulbrook's holistic nursing theory Healing From Within and Without. Over the next decade, Dr. Bulbrook's therapy training evolved into the Energetic Healing Program. In 2004, the title of the program was changed to its' current name, representing the growth and expansion from the original model.

Over the last five decades, Dr. Bulbrook has been a pioneer in the energy medicine field. She began teaching and practicing Therapeutic Touch and Touch for Health in the seventies, and moved to teaching her own energy material in the eighties. From 1990-2004, Dr. Bulbrook was active in the leadership of Healing Touch. She developed both HT and her own program in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Peru, Ireland and Chile, as well as throughout the US and Canada. Mary Jo has collaborated with international healers such as Rosalyn Bruyere, Credo Mutwa (South African Sangoma), Bob Randall (Aborigine elder), and Rose Pere (Maori Tohuna). In 1989, Dr. Bulbrook was honored with the Canadian Holistic Nurse of the Year award. From this rich background, she was able to create a highly effective and easy to implement model of advanced psycho- spiritual treatment and multi-dimensional health and healing.

Dr. Bulbrook has been active on various board of directors in nursing, Healing Touch, Energy Psychology, Touch For Health, American Holistic Nurses Association, Canadian Holistic Nurses Association and founded the Australia Holistic Nurses Association.

Her worldwide connection with indigenous healers, nursing, psychology and educational leadership and reform focuses her to be in a position of leadership that is inclusive, innovative and inspirational.



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**Dr. Anthony Maranto, PhD**  
**Senior Vice President – Chief Academic Officer**

Dr. Maranto currently serves as a senior environmental consultant and program manager for numerous clients at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration where he supports a wide range of projects across the National Geodetic Survey, the Coast Survey Development Laboratory, the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, and the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, among others. Prior to his work with NOAA, Dr. Maranto provided scientific and program support to numerous organizations across the Department of Defense and the U.S. Army. In his twelve years of consulting for DoD, he oversaw research, management, and policy projects related to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) defense; environmental compliance and health; natural and cultural resource management; land use management; and pollution prevention technologies. Dr. Maranto received his BA in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; his MA in Environmental Science from Goddard College; and his Ph.D. in Environmental Science from the Union Institute. As a researcher and educator, Dr. Maranto has a wide range of experiences and interests. He was formerly the Director of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Radioecology Laboratory. Additionally, he has held posts in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and in the Department of Biology at Essex Community College in Baltimore. He currently serves as a member of the Planning Advisory Committee at Morgan State University and sits on the board of directors for two non-profit organizations; Kupenda for the Children (a charity that supports physically and mentally handicapped children in the developing work) and LEEK Mountain Preserve (an organization which provides conservation support and outdoor recreation opportunities to wounded US service members). Dr. Maranto is the founder and Chief Editor of the Pacific Journal of Science and Technology, presently in its twelfth year of publication. He has authored or co-authored over 50 publications and presentations on numerous topics including carcinogenic risk assessment, environmental management, radioecology, health physics, data quality control, and neurological receptor modeling.

**Dr. Niranjana Ray, B.S.E.E. (Hons.), M.S.E.E., Ph.D. (Engineering)**  
**Vice President for University Development**



Dr. Ray is a Program Director of Corporate Training (Six Sigma), and Deputy Program Director for the Akamai University Business Administration Program. He is President of Roswell 83, LLC (3 star hotel, Motel 6), and serves on the Board of Directors of 101 Crescent, Inc. (3 star hotel, Quality Inn & Suites). Dr. Ray received his B.S.E.E (Hons.), M.S. E.E. and Ph.D. (Engineering) from Jadavpur University in India. He has taught at several universities including Jadavpur University, India, Engineering University, Bangladesh and International Institute of Management Science, India. He served as a Faculty Head of Computer Division of the Indian Institute of Material Management, Kolkata, India. He was an adjunct faculty of University of Redlands, California and Greenwich University, Norfolk Island. He served as a Principal Adviser, Software Design and Development of EDSA Micro Corporation., USA. As a corporate trainer he taught Managers, Engineers of Parsons Corporation, USA in Relational Database Management System (DBMS). He also provided training on courses of

Computer and DBMS to Managers, Engineers of State Electricity Board, Kolkata, India, and Indian Administrative officers at Administrative training Institute, Kolkata, India. He is a Competent Toast Master (CTM) of Toast Master of International, USA. Dr. Ray was a senior member of IEEE, USA. He has a number of published papers to his credit. His primary interests are in teaching and research in the fields of Computer Science and Engineering, Management Information Systems, Computer Applications in Business Administration including Project Management, and Systems Analysis and Design. Dr. Ray joined the Akamai University faculty during 2002 and as such has been considered a founding member of the AU academic team.



**Rt. Rev. Dr. Harvey Menden, Ph.D., D.Min., MBA, BS**  
**Secretary / Treasurer**

Dr. Menden is Director, Training and Organizational Development for a multi-billion dollar business. He previously held the position as a Senior Consultant for the Human Resources Organizational Capability Group at Amoco Corporation. He has provided services as either an employee or an external consultant to Fortune 500 companies such as The General Electric Company, The Coca-Cola Company, Black and Decker, Canada Life, and

Little Tikes. He possesses extensive experience within Human Resources, Organizational Development, Organizational Behavior, International Business, and Adult Education.

Dr. Menden is a member of the International Society for Performance Improvement (ISPI) and has previously served on the Atlanta chapter's board. He serves as adjunct faculty at Newport University. Dr. Menden received his Ph.D. in Business Education from International Institute for Advanced Studies, D.Min. from CBCS, an MBA from Newport University, and a BS in Political Science from the State University of New York. He is an ordained minister.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Harvey Menden is ordained through holy orders within the Lutheran Evangelical Protestant Church (LEPC). He is the Bishop of the Synod of Georgia, USA. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Menden is on the LEPC/GCEPC denominational Board of Advisors. As a bi-vocational clergy member he has held ordained leader servant positions in the church as a Deacon, Priest and Bishop. Religious research interests include the field of Apologetics. Apologetics means A theological science which has for its purpose the explanation and defense of the Christian religion. Dr. Mendens doctoral research was titled Leveraging Apologetics for Successful Evangelism. Dr. Mendens religious education includes an M.T.S. from Agape Seminary, D.Min. from CBCS, an M.A. and Ph.D. from Southwest Bible College and Seminary.



**Dr. Douglass Capogrossi**  
**Professor Emeritas & Akamai University Historian**

Dr. Capogrossi is the founding president of Akamai University in 2002 and CEO setting the stage for international education online using innovative approaches to the nature of the human condition.

He has established and administered a variety of formal and non-formal education programs including distance learning colleges, trade apprenticeships, correctional education programs, work experience projects, on-the-job training ventures within industry and the human services, cross-border university affiliations, distance learning training programs for industry, and adult job training through center-based programs. He holds permanent teaching credentials in the United States in commerce and social studies and lifetime certification as a counseling teacher for the emotionally disturbed.

Dr. Capogrossi has fifteen years experience developing and delivering successful correctional education programs for adult inmates in Hawaii prison facilities with emphasis in parenting, cognitive development, transition to work and community, and adult basic education skills.

Dr. Capogrossi is an experienced community service administrator, where his expertise rests primarily with creation of NGO corporate structures, program funding, excellence of Board operation, and implementation of a wide spectrum of government and nonprofit training programs and emergency services projects. Dr. Capogrossi has held top management positions in industry, serving as General Manager of Micrographic Systems, a medical camera-manufacturing firm in Silicon Valley California for a brief period in the early 1980s and he owned and operated America Builders, a successful licensed general contracting firm. Dr. Capogrossi has extensive community service experience on NGO boards and is highly experienced with founding activities for new nonprofit ventures, especially with antipoverty programs.

He has served as a member of the Board of an international quality assurance agency in higher education. Dr. Capogrossi earned his Bachelors in Business Administration, his Master's in Curriculum and Instruction, and his Ph.D. in Adult and Continuing Education from Cornell University, USA, where he completed an extensive dissertation investigating the effectiveness of the American education system. Among his more recent published scholarly papers, *The Assurance of Academic Excellence among Nontraditional Universities* was published in the *Journal of Higher Education in Europe*. Dr. Capogrossi has dedicated his career in service to humanity, through his efforts to improve the human condition.



**Dr. Christine Bair,**  
**Faculty Council Chairperson**

Author of *The Heart Field: What it is. How it works. Why it matters* (2016), Dr. Bair translates biofield science and ancient spiritual principles into a wholistic perspective of wellness, she has worked for over four decades in a wide variety of clinical healthcare, academic, and private practice settings. Credentialed and experienced in allopathic and esoteric theory and practice, she focuses on the primary role of consciousness and the Heart Field as the

connecting link between body/mind/spirit. Specializing in understanding relationships, Christine facilitates transformation of life stress into personal growth and experienced wellness. Author of cutting edge research in the field of Energy Medicine and Spiritual Healing, Christine is dedicated to education and research into mind-body-heart biofield-based medical interventions which use consciousness and energy as primary modalities.

**Dr. Rhonda Yates**

**Chairperson of Alumni Council**

I was so very pleased to discover Akamai University and explore your diverse programs of study. It has always been my dream to return to school to further my education and to pursue a Ph.D. After working for several years in the counseling field, I took time off from my career to raise my family and home-school my children, as well as to assist my husband in the growth and development of our business. During that time, I was still able to find ways to develop and utilize my counseling and leadership skills through the varied experiences and challenges which are always present in such undertakings. At this point, I now feel I am finally ready to return to my first love of learning and hopefully, at some point, be able to share such knowledge with others by teaching on a collegiate level including Christian Studies Counseling.

Aside from my experience in the field of counseling, I also have spent several years pursuing a working knowledge in the field of energetics as well as complementary and alternative health practices. I have attended various workshops and have undertaken numerous self-study programs. I am a Level 3 Reiki Practitioner and am currently in training to become a Reiki Master.