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EDUCATION

PhD University of Florida
Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Science; Specialty: Disability Science
Major Advisor: Elizabeth Boland, PhD, CRC

MHS University of Florida
Master of Health Science in Rehabilitation Counseling

BA University of Florida
Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in Sociology

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS:

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, CRC	# C-00049887	Exp. 03/31/2027
Certified Vocational Evaluator, CVE	# V-00049887	Exp. 09/30/2026
Certified Life Care Planner, CLCP	# 1021	Exp. 03/31/2024
International Certified Vocational Evaluator, ICVE	# 0113	Exp. 01/31/2024
Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer, CBIST	# 5453	Exp. 10/21/2023
Certified Information and Referral Specialist, CRS		Exp. 01/26/2023
International Psychometric Evaluation Certificate	#1021	Exp. 12/31/2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of South Florida

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child & Family Studies,
Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Program (RMHC)

- *Full Professor (2022-present)*
- *Associate Professor (2017-2022)*
- *Assistant Professor (2011 - 2017)*

Veterans Affairs Center for Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

- *Health Services Research & Development (HSR&D) Principal Investigator (2018- 2020)*
- *Research Associate, Affiliate Investigator (2011-Present)*

Career Consultants of America, Inc.

- *Associate, Expert Witness Consultation (December 2019- present)*

Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc. (BIAF)

- *Consultant and Brain Injury Specialist Trainer (2011- Present)*
- *Director of Family Programs & Services (2010 - July, 2011)*
- *Family and Community Support Program Coordinator (2005 –2009)*
- *Prevention Specialist (2004-2009)*
- *Researcher (2004)*

University of North Florida

- *Adjunct Professor (2008-2011)*

Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida

- *Employment Services Specialist (2001-2002)*
- *Independent Living Skills Trainer (2001)*

North Central Florida AIDS Network

- *Case Management Intern (1999)*

GRANTS AND FUNDED PROJECTS

External Awards

Nebraska Core Partner Capacity Building Project

Agency:	Department Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Traumatic Brain Injury State Demonstration Grant Program, 90TBSG0073-01-00
Funding Level:	\$1,501,340
Role:	Co-Investigator, Consultant (PD, Benett)
Description:	This project builds capacity in core partners of Nebraska's system of services and supports to effectively, equitably serve all individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI), targeting culturally and linguistically diverse populations, their families and support networks.
Dates:	08/01/2021-07/30/2025; JIT process

Decreasing Recidivism among Juveniles with Brain Injury Re-Entering the Community using Resource Facilitation

Agency:	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP); FLDJJ: OJJDP-2020-17350
Funding Level:	\$750,000
Role:	Site Principal Investigator
Description:	This project is collaborative effort between the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, University of South Florida (College of Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling and College of Criminology), Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Non-profit Youth Opportunity Foundation (inclusive of Traumatic Brain Injury expert practitioners and researchers), and a service provider of juvenile justice services. The ultimate goal of the project is to reduce recidivism through the creation of a Traumatic Brain Injury Continuum of services for juvenile justice youth reentering the community from long-term residential placement.
Dates:	10/01/20-09/30/23; JIT process

Rehabilitation Counseling Master's Degree Program: A Solution to Personnel Shortages in the Florida Public Vocational Rehabilitation System

Agency:	Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. DOE; H129B150004
Funding Level:	\$999,830
Role:	Principal Investigator/Project Director
Description:	This project promotes recruitment, training, and development of highly qualified rehabilitation counselors to meet the high demand for public sector providers of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services.
Dates:	10/01/20-09/30/25

Achieving Competitive Customized Employment through Specialized Services – Veterans: ACCESS-Vets

Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Research and Development Merit
Funding Level: \$1,196,039
Role: Co-Investigator (PI, Ottomanelli)
Description: This project examines the effects of a Veteran-driven CE intervention: Achieving Competitive Customized Employment through Specialized Services for Veterans (ACCESS-Vets) with spinal cord injury (SCI).
Dates: 01/01/2021- 12/31/2024; JIT

Enhancing Veteran Community Reintegration Research (ENCORE)

Agency: VA HSR&D RIVR IVI 19-487
Funding Level: \$298,578
Role: Co-Investigator (PI, Besterman- Dahan)
Description: The goal of Enhancing Veteran Community Reintegration Research (ENCORE) is to improve VA policies, programs and services that support Veteran community reintegration (CR). Two strategic objectives will guide ENCORE activities: (1) mobilize Veteran CR research and (2) promote innovation, relevance and acceleration of Veteran CR research and knowledge translation. Successful achievement of ENCORE's goal will be measured by meeting project milestones and benchmarks including deliverables developed by the multi-stakeholder partnership (MSP), ENCORE informed research proposal submissions, and knowledge translation (KT of research and MSP consensus into VA policies and programs.
Dates: 7/01/19-06/30/21

Completed Awards

Coalition Building to Implement Evidenced-Based Resource Facilitation and Increase Access to Community Support Services for Veterans with TBI

Agency: VA HSR&D (I21) HX -18-002; 1I21HX002405-01A1
Funding Level: \$99,758
Role: Principal Investigator
Description: The long-term goal of this research program (1 I21 HX002405-01A1) is to examine coalition building to provide Veterans with TBI (VTBI) with Resource Facilitation (RF) to address unmet community reintegration needs, and ultimately implement RF with other Veteran populations with chronic conditions. The short-term goal is to use results of the proposed pilot study to inform a Type II hybrid design trial to test coalition building to promote use of RF services among VTBI.
Dates: 5/01/19-04/30/20

Achieving Competitive Customized Employment through Specialized Services (ACCESS)

Agency: NIH/National Institute of Mental Health # 5R34MH11 15556-02
Funding Level: \$672,750
Role in Project: Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI, Jorgensen-Smith)

Description: The goal of this R34 application (RFA-MH-17-205) is to develop an intervention that can be utilized by community-based Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) service practitioners to improve competitive employment outcomes for adults (age 22+) with disabilities.
Dates: 03/01/2017-02/28/2021

Employment and Vocational Rehabilitation of Veterans with Deployment-Related Stress – Phase II

Age: Veterans Health Administration HSR&D; IPA 1257-1017
Funding Level: \$28,140.15
Role: Co-Investigator (PI, Powell-Cope)
Description: This pilot study explores employment concerns and vocational rehabilitation needs of Veterans with deployment-related stress.
Dates: 10/01/16-09/30/17

Exploring Resource Facilitation Services for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Agency: Veterans Administration Foundation LIP 71-017; IPA 1257-1016
Funding Level: \$10,020.60
Role: Principal Investigator
Description: This purpose of this project is to examine resource facilitation (RF) services for Veterans and service members with TBI. RF is recognized as a best practice of resource service delivery in civilian populations and consists of a partnership that helps individuals and families navigate community resources to improve community re-integration outcomes.
Dates: 3/7/16-9/30/16

Rehabilitation Counseling Master's Degree Program: A Solution to Personnel Shortages in the Florida Public Vocational Rehabilitation System

Agency: Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. DOE; H129B150004
Funding Level: \$1,000,000
Role: Co-Principal Investigator/Assistant Director
Description: This project promotes recruitment, training, and development of highly qualified rehabilitation counselors to meet the high demand for public sector providers of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services.
Dates: 10/01/15-09/30/20

Employment and Vocational Rehabilitation of Veterans with Deployment-Related Stress

Agency: Veterans Health Administration HSR&D; IPA 1257-1012
Funding Level: \$27,990
Role: Co-Investigator (PI, Powell-Cope)
Description: This pilot study explores employment concerns and vocational rehabilitation needs of Veterans with deployment-related stress.
Dates: 10/01/15-09/30/16

Measuring Quality of Life in Veterans with Deployment Related PTSD (DR-PTSD)

Agency: Veterans Health Administration HSR&D; IPA 1257-1010
Funding Level: \$14,291

Role: Co-Investigator (PI, Luther)
Description: This pilot study explores how employment concerns of Veterans with DR-PTSD are associated with Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQOL) within the Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS) and Neuro-QOL framework.
Dates: 05/06/15-08/07/15

Community-Based Agricultural Initiatives for Transitioning Veterans

Agency: Veterans Health Administration ORH; IPA 1257-1009
Funding Level: \$170,186 (\$13,466, amount received)
Role: Co-Investigator (PI, Besterman-Dahan)
Description: The purpose of this project is to enhance and improve VA partnerships for increased healthcare outreach and access by assessing the impact of Veteran-oriented community agricultural initiatives (CAI) on transitioning rural Veterans.
Dates: 01/15/15-09/30/15

Employment Status of Veterans Following Diagnosis of a Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI)

Agency: Veterans Administration HSR&D; IPA 1257-1007
Funding Level: \$13,700
Role: Co-Investigator (PI, Luther)
Description: The purpose of this project is to analyze and interpret employment data available in the Electronic Health Record. This pilot study explores the use of information extraction to examine predictors of successful return to work for Veterans with mTBI.
Dates: 07/07/14-09/30/14

Action Ethnography of Community Reintegration for Veterans with TBI

Agency: Veterans Administration HSR&D; CRE 12-301
Funding Level: \$996,953 (\$27,500, amount received)
Role: Consultant (Co-PIs, Powell-Cope & Besterman-Dahan)
Description: The purpose of this project is to improve understanding of the experiences of Veterans with moderate to severe TBI, families and community reintegration (CR) workers as they transition to and sustain living in communities.
Dates: 01/01/13-01/01/18

Natural Language Processing to Improve Measurement of Unemployment in Veterans with TBI

Agency: Veterans Administration HSR&D; IPA 1257-1003
Funding Level: \$50,000 (\$9,039, amount received)
Role: Co-Investigator (PI, McCart)
Description: The purpose of this project is to develop an annotation schema and a training set of annotated documents to support the development of a natural language processing (NLP) system to reliably extract employment information from the Individualized Rehabilitation and Community Reintegration Care Plan.
Dates: 06/10/13-09/30/13

Extending SmartHome Technology for Cognitively Impaired Veterans to Delay Institutionalization – Phase II

Agency: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Funding Level: \$492,888 (\$8,560, amount received)
Role: Co-Investigator (PI, Jasiewicz)
Description: The purpose of this phase II project is to increase the response, adoption, and utilization of the “smart” technology to delay institutionalization for Veterans with cognitive impairments. Extend “smart” technology to a smartphone to provide contextual support both inside and outside of the home environment.
Dates: 05/01/13-04/30/14

Extending SmartHome Technology for Cognitively Impaired Veterans to Delay Institutionalization

Agency: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Funding Level: \$650,952 (\$19,976, amount received)
Role: Co-Investigator (PI, Jasiewicz)
Description: The purpose of this project is to address the needs of cognitively impaired veterans at risk for institutionalization. Technologies in this project are designed to extend independence at home, decrease caregiver burden, and prevent institutionalization. This project extends the successful Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program (PTRP) smart home to a home-based population where a current gap in services exists.
Dates: 05/02/12-04/30/13

Internal Awards

Completed Awards

UFF Faculty Travel Grant

Agency: University of South Florida
Funding Level: \$500
Role: Grant Recipient
Description: Travel funds awarded to present a poster at the America Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) in Atlanta, GA.
Dates: 2017

Faculty International Travel Grant

Agency: University of South Florida
Funding Level: \$2473
Role: Grant Recipient
Description: Travel funds awarded to present an instructional course at the America Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) in Toronto, ON, Canada. Course title: “Inter-professional Clinical Practice Guideline for Vocational Evaluation Following Traumatic Brain Injury-Development. Implementation and Evaluation.”
Dates: 2014

A New eLearning and eTeaching Initiative for USF Faculty

Agency: University of South Florida
Funding Level: \$1859
Role: Grant Recipient
Description: Faculty Online Course Development: Course developed: RCS 5035, Rehabilitation Concepts and Applications, Implementation and Evaluation.
Dates: 2015-2015

A New eLearning and eTeaching Initiative for USF Faculty

Agency: University of South Florida
Funding Level: \$4000
Role: Grant Recipient
Description: "Articulate Academy: Enabling Faculty to Create and Deliver Fully-Online Courses." Course developed: RCS 5080, Medical Aspects of Disability.
Dates: 2012-2012

Grants Submitted

RESUBMISSIONS

Achieving Competitive Customized Employment through Specialized Services – Veterans: ACCESS-Vets

Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Research and Development Merit
Funding Level: \$872,688
Role: Co-Investigator (PI, Ottomanelli)
Description: The purpose of the proposed study is to evaluate the effects of the ACCESS-Vets customized employment intervention on employment outcomes of Veterans with spinal cord injury.
Dates: 2019-2021
Disposition: resubmission, original score 230 (9/2019).

UNFUNDED

Innovative Rehabilitation Training Grant-Sustainable Customized Employment Training for Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, Community-Based Service Providers, Job seekers and Families

Agency: Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. DOE; CFDA 84.263C, FON ED-Grants 070519-001
Funding Level: \$2,660,08.00
Role: Co-Investigator (PI, Jorgensen-Smith)
Description: This project addresses sustainable customized employment training needs for the nation vocational rehabilitation system.
Dates: 09/30/19-09/29/24
Disposition: Not awarded, 2019

Rehabilitation Counseling Master's Degree Program: A Solution to Personnel Shortages in the Florida Public Vocational Rehabilitation System

Agency: Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. DOE; H129B150004

Funding Level: \$1,000,000
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator/Assistant Director (PI, Jorgensen-Smith)
 Description: This project promotes recruitment, training, and development of highly qualified rehabilitation counselors to meet the high demand for public sector providers of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services.
 Dates: 09/30/19-09/29/24
 Disposition: Not awarded, resubmitted, 2020

QR Code Based Medication Adherence APP for Cognitive Impairment

Agency: National Institutes of Health (R21)
 Funding Level: \$400,875
 Role: Co-Investigator (PI, Crosland)
 Description: The goal of this R21 application (RFA-PAR-14-119) is to improve medication compliance beyond text prompts for individuals with TBI.
 Dates: 2018-2019
 Disposition: Not awarded, unscored

Secondary Analysis of Existing Databases in Traumatic Brain Injury to Explore Outcomes Relevant to Medical Rehabilitation

Agency: National Institutes of Health/ National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (R21)
 Funding Level: \$285,266
 Role in Project: Co-Investigator (PI, Belanger)
 Description: The objective of this R21 application (RFA-HD-16-001) is to assess the utility of individual characteristics and experiences of chronic mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) patients within the Veterans healthcare system to predict meaningful outcomes. In this project a predictive algorithm for mild TBI recovery trajectory will be developed. The ultimate goal is to allow clinical providers the ability to better tailor specific treatment approaches to particular subsets of patients.
 Dates: 2016-2018
 Disposition: Not awarded, unscored

Sensor-Facilitated Attitude and Behavior Change in Football Coaching Staff

Agency: Mind Matters Foundation
 Funding Level: \$139,522.53
 Role in Project: Co-Investigator (PI, Kearns)
 Description: The purpose of this project is to evaluate changes in attitudes and intent by university football team coaches to return a player suffering head trauma to play after receiving specific information about immediate and season-long cumulative effects of head trauma experienced by student team athletes.
 Dates: 2015-2016
 Disposition: Not awarded

Promoting Health and Well-Being in Rural Veterans by Partnering with Community-Based Agricultural Initiatives

Agency: Veterans Affairs, Office of Rural Health
 Funding Level: \$182,718
 Role in Project: Co-Investigator (PI, Besterman-Dahan)

Description: The purpose of this project is to identify and implement promising practices to enhance and improve VA partnerships with community agricultural initiative (CAI) in order to provide increased healthcare outreach, service options, and access to rural Veterans.

Dates: 2015-2016

Disposition: Not awarded

Community-based Agricultural Initiatives for Transitioning Veterans-Sustainment

Agency: Veterans Affairs, Office of Rural Health

Funding Level: \$174,551

Role in Project: Co-Investigator (PI, Besterman- Dahan)

Description: This sustainment project will provide the foundation for larger evaluations of various community agricultural initiative (CAI) models and help us achieve our long-term goal of defining promising practices for enhancing VA-CAI partnerships to increase outreach, access, and service options to rural Veterans at local, Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISN), and national levels. A vocational CAI will be evaluated in this project.

Dates: 2016

Disposition: Not awarded

Pilot Study of Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART) Among Female Adolescents Ages 12-17 for Treatment of Psychological Trauma and Grief Secondary to Loss of a Parent

Agency: USF Health Women’s Health Collaborative Grant

Funding Level: \$20,000

Role in Project: Co-Investigator (PI, Elliott)

Description: The purpose of this pilot project is to conduct the first controlled evaluation of Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART) as a therapeutic approach for female adolescents with symptoms of psychological trauma and grief secondary to loss of a parent. Results will be used to estimate effect size for a future randomized controlled trial to experimentally examine ART as a potential primary treatment modality for female adolescents with psychological trauma and grief secondary to loss of a loved one.

Dates: 2015-2016

Disposition: Not awarded

Potential Promising Practices in VA/non-VA Partnerships to Support Rural Veterans

Agency: Veterans Affairs, Office of Rural Health

Funding Level: \$176,664

Role in Project: Project Quality Reviewer (PI, Hannold)

Description: The focus of this proposed operational improvement project is to identify potential promising practices in partnerships between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Centers for Independent Living (CILs).

Dates: 2016

Disposition: Not awarded

Deploy RESULTS (Realistic Employment Strategies, Ultimate Long-term Success)!

Agency: Kessler Foundation

Funding Level: \$500,000

Role in Project: Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI, Ottomanelli)

Description: Deploy RESULTS will join forces with federal, state, and community-based

veteran and civilian resources to improve employment outcomes for Veterans with traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury. The RESULTS evidence-based strategies will be implemented in partnership with Florida's Veterans Administration and Tampa VA Polytrauma Hospital.

Dates: 2016-2019
Disposition: Not awarded

Information Extraction for Vocational Rehabilitation of Veterans with TBI

Agency: Veterans HSR&D
Funding Level: \$820,100
Role in Project: Co-Investigator (PI, Finch)
Description: The three-year retrospective cohort study of Veterans with TBI will extract employment concepts (terms) that are annotated in the text documents from the electronic health record. A committee of experts in TBI, vocational rehabilitation and medical informatics will validate the terms. These terms will supplement the controlled vocabulary in the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF). This will become baseline data for future research in employment for Veterans with TBI.

Dates: 2015-2018
Disposition: Submitted December 2013, not awarded; resubmitted June 2014, not awarded

Rehabilitation Services Administration Long-Term Training Grant

Agency: Rehabilitation Services Administration
Funding Level: \$1,111,090
Role in Project: Co-Investigator (PI, Jorgensen-Smith)
Description: The project will increase the supply of qualified personnel available for employment in the public rehabilitation sector. Collaborating with the Florida Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, researchers will provide advanced, hands-on vocational rehabilitation training to students in the RMHC program. Student participants will receive scholarships and stipends using on a "return on investment" program that requires work within the public sector after graduation.

Dates: 2014-2018
Disposition: The request for proposals was rescinded due to FY 2014 budget cuts

Natural Language Processing to Improve Measurement of Unemployment in Veterans with TBI

Agency: VA HSR&D
Funding Level: \$100,500
Role in Project: Co-Investigator (PI, McCart)
Description: The study will determine if a natural language processing (NLP) system can reliably extract employment information from the TBI Plan of Care. We will leverage data from an ongoing QUERI study (RRP 12-450; PI-McCart). These data consist of (1) Plans of Care for Veterans from two the Tampa Polytrauma Service's Post-Deployment Rehabilitation Education Program, and (2) random samples of outpatients' Plans of Care from each of the 23 Polytrauma Network Sites within the Polytrauma System of Care.

Dates: 2013
Disposition: Not awarded, submitted March 2013 and as a resubmission in February 2013

Enhancing Low ADL Monitoring Program using VA developed SmartHome Technologies

Agency:	VA Office of Rural Health
Funding Level:	\$855,681
Role in Project:	Co-Investigator (Co-PIs, Levy & Jasiewicz)
Description:	This demonstration project targets elderly Veterans living at home in rural areas who are at risk for institutionalization. The latest VA-developed smart technologies will be provided to improve activity monitoring on rural-dwelling frail elderly Veterans and their caregivers in the Veterans' homes. This project reflects the team-based, collaborative, patient-centric, and inclusive Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model of care.
Dates:	2013
Disposition:	Not awarded

Factors Affecting School, Volunteerism & Work for OND/OEF/OIF Veterans

Agency:	Veterans Health Administration, RRD4, Psychological Health & Social Reintegration
Funding Level:	\$197,586
Role in Project:	Co-Investigator (PI, Hannold)
Description:	This exploratory study provides a foundational understanding of factors affecting vocational activities for Veterans with mild traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder (mTBI/PTSD) to inform vocational rehabilitation practice and guide development of a vocational assessment battery (VAB). A future proposal will be developed to test the effectiveness of the VAB to guide appropriate job-related opportunities and supports that result in improved job acquisition, retention and satisfaction for Veterans with mTBI/PTSD.
Dates:	2011-2012
Disposition:	Not awarded

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

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- years post-traumatic brain injury: a Veterans Affairs TBI Model Systems Study. *The Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1097/HTR.0000000000000640>
5. Silva, M. A., Finn, J., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Cotner, B. A., Stevens, L.F., & Nakase-Richardson, R. (2021). Development of the traumatic brain injury rehabilitation needs survey: A VA TBI Model Systems study. *Disability and Rehabilitation*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09638288.2021.1900930>
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 8. Miles, S., Hammond, F. M., Neumann, D., Silva, M. A., Tang, X., Kajankova, M., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. & Nakase-Richardson, R. (2021). Evolution of irritability, anger, and aggression after traumatic brain injury: identifying and predicting subgroups. *Journal of Neurotrauma*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1089/neu.2020.7451>
 9. Silva, M. A., Vanden Bussche Jantz, A. B., Monden, K. R., Rabinowitz, A. R., Cotner, B. A., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Nakase-Richardson, R. (2021). Unmet rehabilitation needs indirectly influence life satisfaction 5 years after traumatic brain injury: A VA TBI Model Systems study. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. 102(1), 58-67. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2020.08.012>
 10. Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Bradley, S., Ottomanelli, L., Trexler, L., Malec, J., Butterfoss, F., Radwan, C., Ramaiah, P., Ching, D., Massengale, J., & Scott, S. (2020). Using coalition building as a tool to implement resource facilitation for veterans with traumatic brain injury: Implications for rehabilitation counselors. *Journal of Rehabilitation*. 86(3), 42-49.
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International

Invited

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Bakken, S., & Ottomanelli, L. (2021, September). *What works for those who want to work? Addressing employment needs in tandem with VA healthcare* [Symposium presentation]. The 2021 meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Dallas, TX. [Invited presentation]

Trexler, L., Parrott, D., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Sutter, S. (2021, September). *Feasibility and satisfaction with a surveillance prototype for traumatic brain injury* [Poster presentation]. The 2021 meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Dallas, TX. [Invited presentation]

Rossiter, A., Cervelli, L., Cogan, A., Ling, C., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2020, October). *Providing culturally competent care for service members, veterans and their families*. Symposia presented at the 2020 virtual meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Rumrill, P., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2020, October). *New and emerging treatment approaches to facilitate community reintegration of individuals with TBI and PTSD*. Symposia presented at the 2020 virtual meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Carlozzi, N., Sander, A., Cervelli, L., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2020, October). *Caring for caregivers of veterans or service members with traumatic brain injury: Practical implications for civilian health care providers*. Special symposia presented at the 2020 virtual meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Adams, S., Corrigan, J., Herrold, A., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2020, October). *Risk factors & interventions for co-occurring substance use disorders in neurorehabilitation in complex civilian and military populations*. Special symposia presented at the 2020 virtual meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Ahole, Z., Tucker, M., Degeneffe, C., Romero, S., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2020, October). *Return to school among individuals with TBI: Prevalence and factors associated with outcomes one year post-injury: A TBIMS study*. [Poster presentation]. The 2020 virtual meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.

- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Pogoda, T., Ottomanelli, L., Billingsley, E., & Eshel, I. (2019, November). *Variations on patient-centered approaches to community reintegration: Meeting individuals where they are*. Special symposia presented at the meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Chicago, IL [Invited presentation]
- Middleton, A., Graham, J., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2019, November). *Successful community discharge and integration following post acute rehabilitation*. Special symposia presented at the meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Chicago, IL
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Cotner, B., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Pugh, M., Silva, M., Haskin, A., Tang, X., Saylor, M., & Nakase-Richardson, R. (2017, March). *Employment stability in veterans with TBI: A VA TBIMS study*. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Brain Injury Association World Congress on Brain Injury, New Orleans, LA.

Stevens, L., Cotner, B., Bailey, E., Sander, A., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2016, November). *Traumatic brain injury caregiving and family needs*. Symposia presented at the meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Chicago, IL.

Melillo, C., Besterman-Dahan, K., Powell-Cope, G., Lind, J., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. ... & Downs, K. (2016, November) *Community reintegration in veterans with traumatic brain injury: Perspectives from community event observations*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Chicago, IL.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Ching, D., Duncan, D., & Ray, M. (2016, November) *ABILHOUSE: A Community-based Clubhouse for Veterans and Civilians with TBI*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Chicago, IL.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Jorgensen-Smith, T., Hanson, A., Ehlke, S., Dixon, C., Quichocho, D., Stergiou-Kita, M., & Yanson, J. (2016, April). *Vocational Evaluation Practices following Traumatic Brain Injury*. Poster presented at the meeting of the North American Brain Injury Society, Tampa, FL.

Ching, D., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Duncan, D., & Ray, M. (2016, April). *ABILHOUSE: A community-based Clubhouse for veterans and civilians with TBI*. Poster presented at the meeting of the North American Brain Injury Society, Tampa, FL.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Schmitt, M., Ottomanelli, L., & Powell-Cope, G. (2015, October). *Community reintegration of veterans with TBI: Implications for practice*. Symposia presented at the meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Dallas, TX. [Symposia was one of three that received the highest ratings of all submissions with a primary focus on military/VA reviewed by the 2015 Program Committee]

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Lind, J., Haun, J., Antinori, N., & Luther, S. (2015, October). *Health-related quality of life and employment concerns among veterans with PTSD: A qualitative exploration*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Dallas, TX.

Haskin, A., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Silva, M., Schmitt, M., Pugh, M. J., & Nakase-Richardson, R. (2015, October). *Employment stability in veterans with TBI: A VA TBIMS study*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Dallas, TX.

Pugh, M. J., Carlson, K., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Morris, R., & Jaramillo, C. (2015, October). *TBI severity and community reintegration in veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Wars*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Dallas, TX.

Silva, M., Martinez, K., Schmitt, M., Lynn, C., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Garofano, J., & Nakase-Richardson, R. (2015, October). *VA TBIMS study of mental health and functional characteristics of military/veterans returning to school*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Dallas, TX.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Finch, D., Luther, S. L., & McCart, J. (2014, October). *Using information from the electronic health record to improve measurement of unemployment in service members and veterans with mTBI and post-deployment stress*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Stergiou-Kita, M., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2014, October). *Inter-professional clinical practice guideline for vocational evaluation following traumatic brain injury: Development, implementation, and evaluation*. Instructional course presented at the meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Rugs, D., & Martinez, K. (2014, March). *Department of Veterans Affairs Smart Home 2: Extending smart home technology for cognitively impaired veterans to delay institutionalization*. Poster presented at the meeting of the International Brain Injury Association World Congress on Brain Injury, San Francisco, CA.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Becker, M., & Haynes, D. (2014, March). *Predictors of behavioral health services and associated costs: Individuals with TBI in Florida*. Poster presented at the meeting of the International Brain Injury Association World Congress on Brain Injury, San Francisco, CA.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Monroe, D. (2012, September). *Traumatic brain injury caregiver focus groups, needs assessment, survey results and implications*. Poster presented at the meeting of the North American Brain Injury Society (NABIS), Miami, FL.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, T. (2010, March). *Vocational models of service delivery for individuals with traumatic brain injury in the state of Florida*. Poster presented at the meeting of the International Brain Injury Association World Congress on Brain Injury, Washington, DC.

National

Rumrill, P., Ahonle, Z., Degeneffe, C., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2022, April). Strategies for working with individuals with TBI across phases of the VR process. [Paper presentation]. The 2022 meeting of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, San Diego, CA.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. & Rumrill, S. (2021, August). Ethical considerations and multicultural concerns in case management [Webinar presentation]. University of Kentucky, Human Development Institute, HDI Webinar series.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. & Leslie, M. (2021, June). Case management medical and psychological assessments and evaluations [Webinar presentation]. University of Kentucky, Human

Development Institute, HDI Webinar series.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Minton, D., & Rumrill, P. (2021, June). *Evidenced-based practices to improve rehabilitation outcomes for civilians and veterans with brain injuries* [Paper presentation]. The 2021 meeting of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, San Diego, CA.

Ahonle, Z., Tucker, M., Degeneffe, C., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2021, June). *Return to post-secondary education among individuals with TBI: Factors related to outcomes two years post injury, a TBIMS study* [Poster presentation]. The 2021 meeting of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, San Diego, CA.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2020, December). *Vocational evaluation and Traumatic Brain Injury* [Webinar presentation]. The Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals Association Virtual Conference.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2020, September). *Transition and employment: Creating universal brain injury competencies for vocational rehabilitation staff* [Conference presentation]. National Association of State Head Injury Administrators Virtual State of the States Conference.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2020, August). *Vocational management of people with Traumatic Brain Injury. Administration for community living* [Webinar presentation]. The Indiana TBI State Department of Health Rehabilitation Indiana Hospital of Indiana, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Virtual Conference.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2020, August). *Traumatic Brain Injury accommodations. Administration for community living* [Webinar presentation]. The Indiana TBI State Department of Health Rehabilitation Indiana Hospital of Indiana, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Virtual Conference.

Ottomanelli, L., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Bakken, S. (2019, September). *Vocational rehabilitation in the VA polytrauma system of care: Current practices, unique challenges, and future directions Department of Veterans Affairs*. Paper presented at the Rehabilitation Grand Rounds Virtual Conference.

Besterman-Dahan, K., Hahm, B., Lind, J., Melillo, C., Downs, K., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Powell-Cope, G. (2019, October). *Community reintegration and rehabilitation pathways and transitions following Traumatic Brain Injury*. Paper presented at the 2019 HSR&D/QUERI National Conference, Washington, D.C.

Gavin, E., Miles, S., Silva, M., Corrigan, J., Newman, F., Eapen, B., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Nakase-Richardson, R. (2019, August). *Arrest rates in veterans and military personnel after TBI: A VA TBI model systems study*. Poster presented at the 2019 Military Health System Research Symposium, Kissimmee, FL. [Grand Rounds winner for best Military and Veterans Affairs poster].

Miles, S. R., Silva, M. A., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Corrigan, J., Neumann, D., Eapen, B., Gavin, E., & Nakase-Richardson, R. (2019, November). *Longitudinal demographic and mental health predictors of post-TBI arrests in Veterans: A Veterans Affairs TBIMS study*. Poster presented at the 2019 Military Health System Research Symposium, Kissimmee, FL.

- Jorgensen-Smith, T., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Ching, D. (2018, June). *ACCESS: Achieving competitive customized employment through specialized services*. Paper presented at the National APSE Conference, Orlando, FL. .
- Cotner, B., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Pugh, M.J., Silva, M.A., Haskin, A.A., Tang, X., Saylor, M., & Nakase-Richardson, R. (2017, August). *Employment stability in Veterans and Service Members with TBI*. Poster presented at the 2017 Military Health System Research Symposium Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- Bailey, E., Nakase-Richardson, R., Patel, N., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Ropacki, S., Sander, A., Stevens, L., & Tang, X. (2017, August). *Supervision needs following Veteran and Service Member moderate to severe traumatic brain injury: A VA TBI Model Systems study*. Poster presented at the 2017 Military Health System Research Symposium, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- Nakase-Richardson, R., Stevens, L.F., Tang, X., Lambert, G.J., Sherer, M., Walker, W., Pugh, M.J., Eapen, B., Finn, J., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Adams, R., & Garafano, J. (2017, August). *Do civilian epidemiologic studies inform military TBI epidemiology? A comparison of the VA and NIDILRR TBI Model System cohorts*. Poster presented at the 2017 Military Health System Research Symposium Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2016, December). *Heavy caseload management and quality documentation*. Webcast presentation at the American Institutes for Research, Center on Knowledge Translation for Disability and Rehabilitation Research, Washington, DC. .
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2016, December). *Ethical concerns and cultural competency in caseload management*. Webcast presentation at the American Institutes for Research, Center on Knowledge Translation for Disability and Rehabilitation Research, Washington, DC. .
- Jorgensen-Smith, T., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2016, October). *Integrating customized employment strategies for competitive employment outcomes*. Poster presented at the meeting of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE), Arlington, VA.
- Bailey, E., Nakase-Richardson, R., Barnett, S., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Ropacki, S., Sander, A., Stevens, L. (2016, August). *Supervision needs following veteran and service member traumatic brain injury: A VA TBIMS Study*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO. (Blue Ribbon Award for best submission)
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2014, September). *Special topics in ethics: Ethics and vocational assessment*. Webinar presentation at the meeting of the Center for Continuing Education in Rehabilitation, Seattle, WA.
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Dixon, C. (2013, November). *Vocational evaluation following traumatic brain injury (TBI): Implications for students and new professionals*. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation Joint Conference, Arlington, VA.
- Dixon, C., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2012, April). *Rehabilitation counselor educator's response to neuroimaging*. Poster presented at the meeting of the National Council on Rehabilitation

Education (NCRE), San Francisco, CA.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2011, October). *TBI and Native Americans: A dawn of new hope, understanding, and techniques available to assist and enhance counselor's cultural competence and vocational service delivery for VR consumers residing in or near tribal lands*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Conference on American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation (CANAR), Orlando, FL.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, T., Menchetti, B., & Bruce, T. (2010, October). *Florida's collaborative approach to employing survivors of TBI*. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation Joint Conference, Arlington, VA.

Dillahunt, C. J. (2006, February). *Fall prevention in elders: A psychoeducational model to reduce brain injuries*. Poster presented at the meeting of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE), San Diego, CA.

Dillahunt, C. J. (2006, April). *Fall prevention in elders: A psychoeducational model to reduce brain injuries*. Poster presented at the meeting of the World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, Durban, South Africa.

Regional

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2020, August). *Vocational management of people with TBI* [Webinar presentation]. The Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana and Administration for Community Living Virtual Conference.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2020, August). *TBI accommodations* [Webinar presentation]. The Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana and Administration for Community Living Virtual Conference.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. & Buckles, V. (2019, January). *Medical aspects of evaluation & life care planning in TBI*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Southwest International Rehabilitation Association, Tampa, FL.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Rumrell, L. (2012, May). *Vocational evaluation following Traumatic Brain Injury: A discussion of key processes, factors and implications for rehabilitation counselors facilitating successful return to work*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Southeast Regional National Rehabilitation Association, Safety Harbor, FL.

Chapman, R., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2012, May). *Counseling professionals who have disabilities: Implications for counseling skills, techniques and ethical practice*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Southeast Regional National Rehabilitation Association, Safety Harbor, FL.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, T. (2010, October). *Florida's collaborative approach to employing survivors of TBI*. Poster presented at the meeting of the National State Head Injury Administrators and North American Brain Injury Society Joint Conference (NASHIA/NABIS), Minneapolis, MN.

State

- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. & Ching, D. (2019, May). *Vocational evaluation of youth with traumatic brain injury*. Paper presented at the second annual Mental Health and Transition Conference of Florida APSE, Orlando, FL.
- Ching, D., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Jorgensen-Smith, T. (2018, April). *Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in transition age-youth, associated comorbidities, and employment outcomes*. Paper presented at the first annual Mental Health and Transition Conference of Florida APSE, Orlando, FL.
- Ching, D., Jorgensen-Smith, T., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2018, April). *Balance or burnout: Strategies for optimizing your life and work experience*. Paper presented at the first annual Mental Health and Transition Conference of Florida APSE, Orlando, FL.
- Chou, C.C., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2016, August). *Positive psychology in vocational rehabilitation*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Florida Rehabilitation Association, Orlando, FL.
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2016, February). *Caseload management: Increasing effectiveness through evidenced-based practices*. Webinar presentation at the meeting of the Florida Center for Inclusive Communities Employment Conference: Talent Actualized, Tampa, FL.
- Lattimore, R., Bruce, T., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2013, August). *Project RESULTS: Realistic employment strategies ultimate long-term success*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Florida Rehabilitation Association, Orlando, FL.
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Jacobs, H. E., Waldman, W., & Sweet, B. (2011, September). *Brain injury services in the community*. Panel presented at the meeting of the Florida Association for Applied Behavior Analysis (FABA), Daytona Beach, FL. .
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, T. (2011, May). *Exploring the intersections of traumatic brain injury and domestic violence: Embracing survivor resiliency*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Florida Coalition against Domestic Violence, Orlando, FL.
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, T. (2011, May). *Traumatic brain injury statewide resource and support center (TBIRSC): An overview of the TBIRSC and resource facilitation*. Paper presented at the meeting of the County Veterans Service Officers Annual Training Conference, Cocoa Beach, FL.
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, T. (2010, May). *Veteran task-force presentation and community partners*. Paper presented at the meeting of the County Veterans Service Officers Annual Training Conference, Cocoa Beach, FL.
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, T. (2009, November). *Understanding and accommodating PTSD, TBI and other mental health concerns*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Uniforms to Mortarboards: Florida's Colleges and Universities Serving Veterans, Tampa, FL.
- Dillahunt, C. J. (2009, July). *Traumatic brain injury in Florida*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Florida Rehabilitation Association, Orlando, FL.

Local

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2022, April). Neurocognitive disorders. Law enforcement and community: Crisis intervention team VALOR training. Tampa Police Department, Tampa, FL.

Ottomanelli, S., Smith, T., Cotner, B., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Mendesson, S., Cassna-Palas, J., Cruz, A., & Venkatchalam, H. (2022, April). ACCESS VETS: Achieving Competitive Customized Employment through Specialized services for Veterans, James A. Haley Hospital Research Day, Tampa, FL.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2018, November). *Student veterans and service members with PTSD*. Paper presented at the Community awareness series events: President's initiative to bring the community to the students, Pasco-Hernando State College, Dade City, FL.

Groer, M., Beckie, T., Burns, C., Marcolongo, E., Kostas-Polston, E., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., ...& Chandler, R. (2014, April). *Empowering women veterans' health project*. Paper presented at the meeting of the USF Responds to Military Sexual Trauma: Research Symposium, Tampa, FL. [Invited presentation]

Upcoming Presentations

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference (2022, November). Multiple presentations. [Invited presentations]

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National

American Association for The Advancement of Science (AAAS)	2022-present
American Board of Vocational Experts (ABVE)	2022-present
American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM)	2013-present
American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA)	2008-present
College of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals (CVRP)	2020-present
Florida Rehabilitation Association (FRA)	2003-present
International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP)	2020-present
National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE)	2005-present
National Rehabilitation Association (NRA)	2003-present
National Rehabilitation Counseling Association (NRCA)	2003-present
Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals (VECAP)	2003-present
Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment Association (VEWAA)	2013-present

HONORS AND AWARDS

Fellowships and Scholarships

George Washington University Fellowship	2007-2010
Auzenne Graduate Scholars Fellowship	2004-2005
University Women's Club Scholarship Award	2003
Grinter Graduate Student Fellowship	2002-2003
Cheryl M. Ziegert Scholarship	2001

Awards

Diplomate, College of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals	2022
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Fellow, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine	2021
Dean's Outstanding Research Award	2019
Professor of the Year, USF iLINC Association	2018
Faculty Empowerment Award, University of North Florida	2009

Honor Societies

Phi Beta Kappa Society	Inducted 2000
Golden Key International Honour Society	Inducted 2000
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociological Honor Society	Inducted 1999
Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society	Inducted 1996
Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society	Inducted 1996

JOURNAL EDITORSHIPS AND REVIEWER ACTIVITIES

Manuscripts

<i>PLoS ONE</i>	2013-present
<i>Journal of Neuroscience and Behavioural Health</i>	2014-present
<i>Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling</i>	2014-present
<i>BioMed Central Health Services Research</i>	2016-present
<i>Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation</i>	2017-present
<i>Contemporary Research in Disability and Rehabilitation</i>	2017-present
<i>Journal of Military, Veteran and Family Health</i>	2017-present
<i>Dignity: A Journal on Sexual Exploitation and Violence</i>	2018-present
<i>Journal of Rehabilitation</i>	2018-present
<i>Journal of Interpersonal Violence</i>	2018-present
<i>Disability and Rehabilitation</i>	2018-present
<i>Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation</i>	2018-present
<i>The Clinical Neuropsychologist</i>	2019-present
<i>Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation</i>	2019-present
<i>Brain Injury</i>	2020-present
<i>Journal of Correctional Health Care</i>	2021-present
<i>Psychiatry Research</i>	2021-present
<i>Social Science & Medicine</i>	2022-present
<i>Journal of Cognitive Psychotherapy</i>	2022-present

Grants

US Department of Education, NIDILRR Field Initiated Program	
Research or Development, Employment	May 2014
Research Fellowships	June 2014
US Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA	
Traumatic Brain Injury Statewide Implementation	April 2014
Partnership Grants	
Department of Defense, Military Operational Medicine (MOM)	
Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP)	March 2020, 2022

Conference Proposals and Abstracts

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM)

ACRM National Poster & Conference Abstracts	September 2015-present
US Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration HSR&D/QUERI National Conference Abstracts	April 2015, 2019
City of Tampa Mayor's Alliance Awards	September 2020

TEACHING

University of South Florida

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling [CORE- accredited Rehabilitation Counseling Program]	
RCS 5035 Rehabilitation Counseling Concepts and Applications	2011-2014
RCS 5035 Rehabilitation Counseling Concepts and Applications (online)	2018-2021
RCS 5080 Medical Aspects of Disability	2012-2013
RCS 5080 Medical Aspects of Disability (online)	2013-2015
RCS 6301 Career and Lifestyle Assessment	2015-2020
RCS 6301 Career and Lifestyle Assessment (online)	2020-2021
RCS 6430 Advanced Case Management and Quality Documentation (online)	2015-2021
RCS 5905 Directed Studies	2011-2021
RCS 6906 Independent Studies	2011-2021
RCS 6930 Seminar in Rehabilitation Counseling	2015-2021
RCS 6971 Thesis	2011-2021
MHS 7980 Dissertation	2011-2021

University of North Florida

Brooks College of Health/ Department of Rehabilitation Counseling [CORE- accredited Rehabilitation Counseling Program]	
RCS 5031 Introduction to Rehabilitation Counseling	2008
RCS 6320 Vocational Exploration and Job Placement	2008-2009
EDF 6495 Research in Counseling	2008
RCS 6255 Vocational Assessment	2009
RCS 6825 Internship Rehabilitation Counseling	2008-2009
Brooks College of Health/Department of Mental Health Counseling [CACREP-accredited Mental Health Counseling Program]	
MHS 6700 Legal, Professional, and Ethical Issues in Counseling	2009
SDS 6301 Career and Lifestyle Development	2010

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation (VACOR) Federal Advisory Committee, SGE Member	August 2021-May 2024
Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) Ethics Committee, Member	2021-2023
Youth Opportunity Foundation Scientific Advisory Council- Youth with TBI Polytrauma Research Executive Committee, Member	2020-present
James A. Haley Veterans Administration Medical Center American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine	2020- present
Military Veterans Networking Group, Chair	2018-present

Community Re-integration Task Force, Co-Chair		2015-2019
International Program Planning Committee, Member		2018-present
International Behavioral Health Networking Group, Founder, Co-Chair		2021- present
International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals		
Academic Advisory Council, Member		2015-present
National Rehabilitation Association		
President's Executive Committee		2021-present
Membership Committee		2021-present
Board Member at Large		2019-present
Legislative Summit, Florida Delegate		2010
Florida Rehabilitation Association (FRA)		
Board Member		2009-present
Legislative Chair		2009-2011
Veterans Affairs and Brain and Spinal Cord Injury		
Community Integration Task Force, Member		2009-June 2011

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Continuing Education

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine

Leadership Training: Enabling Leadership in a Diverse Rehabilitation Community 2021

AATBS Advanced Training in the Behavioral Sciences

Substance Abuse and Dependency (Pre-Licensure Course) 15.0 CEUs 2021

Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC)

TBI Symposium 8.5 CEUs 2012

AAACEU Continuing Education for Certified Health Professionals

Blast Injuries and Polytrauma

Part A: Overview and Treatment Modalities 10 CEUs 2011

Part B: Family and Community Issues 10 CEUs 2011

Part C: Rehabilitation and Return to Work Issues 6 CEUs 2011

Graduate Certificates

University of Florida

Life Care Planning 2008

George Washington University

Brain Injury: Education & Transition Services 2010

Virginia Commonwealth University

Supported Employment for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury 2011

Additional Course Work

University of North Florida

6 credit hours 2006

Epidemiology and Disease Control [HSC 6505]

Theory of Health Behavior [HSC 6603]

University of the Cumberland

2021-2022

Human Growth and Development [COUN 536]

Theory and Practice of Multicultural Counseling [COUN 636]

Theories and Techniques for the Treatment of Process Addictions and Substance Abuse [COUN 639]

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

University

USF Faculty Senator 2020-present

Rehabilitation Science Doctoral Program Planning Committee, Member 2011-2013

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences (CBCS)

CBCS Strategic Planning Committee, Member 2022

CBCS Tenure and Promotion Committee, Chair 2018-2021

CBCS College Faculty Council, Chair 2018-2020

Vice- Chair 2017-2018

Member 2016-2018

CFS Governance Council, Member, alternate Representative 2016-2019

Veterans Services Certificate Program Planning Committee, Member 2012-2013

CBCS Doctoral Program Admission Committee, Member 2017-present

Child & Family Studies, Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling (RMHC) Program

Scholarship Committee, Chair 2013-2019

CFS Tenure and Promotion Committee, Chair 2020

New Faculty Search Committee

Member 2013

Co-Chair 2014-2015

RMHC Tenure and Promotion Guideline Development Committee

Member 2014-2015

RMHC Marketing Committee, Member 2015-2020

Textbook Scholarship Committee, Member 2012-2013

Fundraising Scholarship Brochure Committee, Member 2012

RMHC 40th Anniversary Planning Committee, Member 2012

Commencement Marshal 2012, 2016

iLINC Student Organization, Co-Advisor 2011-2021