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Education

- Ph.D. University of South Florida, Expected 2021
Doctorate in Behavioral and Community Science
Advisors: Christina Dillahunt-Aspillaga, Ph.D./Tammy Jorgensen Smith, Ph.D.
Dissertation: "Supervision needs at 2- and 5-years post traumatic brain injury. A VA TBI Model Systems Study"
- M.A. University of South Florida, 2015
Master of Arts in Rehabilitation and Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Graduate Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy
- B.A. University of South Florida, 2011
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Minor: Gerontology

Licensure and Certifications

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, CRC	#C-00135655	Exp. 3/31/2025
Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer, CBIST	#15972	Exp. 10/04/2021
Florida Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern	#IMH13623	Exp. 3/31/2022

Professional Experience

- WOC Research Associate/Program Manager December 2018 to Current
James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital
13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33612
- Graduate Research Assistant May 2017 to Current
Department of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling
University of South Florida
13301 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard – MHC 1632, Tampa, Florida 33612
- ABILHouse Project Coordinator/Placement Coordinator January 2015 to November 2017
ServiceSource
2735 Whitney Road, Clearwater, Florida 33760
- Crisis Counselor May 2014 to January 2015
Gracepoint Wellness Children's Crisis Stabilization Unity (CSU)
2212 E. Henry Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33610

Research Experience

Characterization & Treatment of Chronic Pain After Moderate to Severe TBI

Funding Agency: National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDLRR)
Role: Graduate Research Assistant
Description: A 5-year multi-site, cross-sectional, observational study to identify treatment practice by clinicians who treat comorbid TBI and chronic pain to determine gaps in availability/accessibility of multidisciplinary pain treatment, highlighting underserved populations where applicable.
Dates: 2017 – Current

Long-Term Impact of Military-Relevant Brain Injury Consortium (LIMBIC) – Chronic Effects of Neurotrauma Consortium (CENC)

Funding Agency: Department of Defense (DoD)
Role: Graduate Research Assistant
Description: The mission of the Long-term Impact of Military-Relevant Brain Injury Consortium-Chronic Effects of Neurotrauma Consortium (LIMBIC-CENC) is to fill the gaps in knowledge about the basic science of mTBI (also termed concussion or mild TBI), determine its effects on late-life outcomes and neurodegeneration, identify service members most susceptible to these effects, and identify the most effective treatment strategies. LIMBIC-CENC is a multi-center collaboration linking premier basic science, translational, and clinical neuroscience researchers from the DoD, VA, academic universities, and private research institutes to effectively address the scientific, diagnostic, and therapeutic ramifications of mTBI and its long-term effects.
Dates: 2015 – Current

James A. Haley TBI Model Systems Program

Funding Agency: Department of Defense (DoD)
Role: Graduate Research Assistant
Description: In addition to civilian-related trauma, America's Armed Forces are sustaining new and complex traumatic injuries as part of the current military activities. Military servicepersons are returning from war with a myriad of complex medical conditions including TBI. The Veterans Affairs Central Office has developed an inter-agency agreement with the U.S. Department of Education's National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation and Research (NIDRR) TBI Model System Program to manage a database of variables associated with injury severity and outcomes associated with the longitudinal recovery course associated with TBI for persons admitted to a polytrauma rehabilitation center (PRC) in the VA healthcare system.
Dates: 2010 – Current

Striving to Work and Overcoming Employment Barriers Among Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury

Funding Agency: Department of Defense (DoD)
Funding Level: \$640,000
Role: Program Manager
Description: Extend the KFNEDS to Veterans with spinal cord injury (SCI) and further the understanding of the KFNEDS findings by exploring employment barriers and experiences encountered by Veterans with spinal cord injury who are striving to work, and the strategies used to overcome employment barriers.
Dates: September 2017 – September 2020

Achieving Competitive Customized Employment through Specialized Services (ACCESS)

Funding Agency: National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Mental Health (R34)
Role: Graduate Research Assistant
Description: Test the feasibility, acceptability, and preliminary efficacy of a customized employment model through a small randomized controlled trial (N=30) of adults with autism spectrum disorder.
Dates: March 2017 – June 2021

Comparison of Sleep Apnea Assessment Strategies to Maximize TBI Rehabilitation Participation and Outcome

Funding Agency: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)
Role: Graduate Research Assistant
Description: This study proposes to leverage the existing TBI Model System research consortium (TBIMS), funded by the Departments of Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs, to improve early detection of sleep apnea in patients with TBI undergoing inpatient rehabilitation at six study sites. Study aims are focused around components of phased testing for sleep apnea. Findings will inform clinician's decisions for screening and diagnostic tests to facilitate earlier recognition of sleep apnea (outcome) and subsequently prescribe appropriate treatments.
Dates: 2016 - 2020

Rehabilitation Services Administration Long-Term Training Grant

Funding Agency: Rehabilitation Service Administration
Funding Level: \$1,000,000
Role: Graduate Research Assistant
Description: Increase the supply of qualified personnel available for employment in the public rehabilitation sector.
Dates: 2015 – 2020

Grant Work and Funded Projects

Warrior Bridge Brain Injury Demonstration Project

Agency: ServiceSource, Inc. (dba Abilities of Florida)
Funding Level: \$300,000
Role: Project Coordinator
Description: To increase community integration, self-sufficiency, and employment outcomes among people with brain injury and traumatic brain injury (TBI) through holistic, specialized services and to demonstrate that the clubhouse model is an effective strategy for veterans with TBI through the ABILHouse.
Dates: 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2016

Academic Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant Summer 2018 – Fall 2019
Department of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling
University of South Florida
13301 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard – MHC 1632, Tampa, Florida 33612

Courses: Social Cultural Foundations of Counseling RCS 6440
Introduction to Assessment and Treatment Approaches of Addictive Disorders RCS 4452
Medical Aspects of Disability RCS 5080

Practicum II	RCS 6803
Dynamics of Marriage and Family Therapy	RCS 6930
Therapeutic Communication Skills for Addiction Counseling	RCS 4504
Critical Thinking Skills and Collaborative Relationships	RCS 6930
Fundamentals of Substance Abuse Counseling	RCS 5450

Publications

Cotner BA, **Ching D**, Nakase-Richardson R, Murphy J, Martin A, Kane G, Takagishi SC, Scott S, Hoffman J. An environmental scan to identify current chronic pain treatment practices for persons with traumatic brain injury. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil.* 2020;101(12):e115.

Fyffe D, Cotner B, **Ching D**, Clark C, Quinn A, Ottomanelli L, O'Neill J. Developing a Veteran-specific employment survey: Lessons from Veterans living with SCI. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil.* 2020;101(12):e136.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga C, Bradley SE, Ottomanelli L, Trexler L, Malec JF, Butterfoss F, Radwan C, Ramaiah P, **Ching D**, Massengale J, Scott S. Using coalition building as a tool to implement resource facilitation for Veterans with traumatic brain injury: implications for rehabilitation counselors. *J Rehabil.* 2020;86(3):42-49.

Smith TJ, Dillahunt-Aspillaga CJ, Chou CC, **Ching D**, Weston A. Rehabilitation scholarship program – a solution to personnel shortages in the vocational rehabilitation system. *J Vocat Rehabil.* 2020;52(3):267-277.

Dams-O'Connor K, Sander A, Nakase-Richardson R, Tang X, Noyes E, Hammond F, Walker W, **Ching D**. Comorbidity burden contributes to community reintegration and employment after TBI. VA TBI Model Systems Study...American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference, 3-8 November, Chicago, Illinois. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil.* 2019 October; 100(10): e55-e56.

Nakase-Richardson R, Tang X, Noyes E, Silva MA, Drasher-Phillips L, Dams-O'Connor K, Walker W, Hammond F, Finn J, Stevens L, Sander A, **Ching D**. Impact of medical comorbidities on rehabilitation outcomes following TBI. A VA TBI Model Systems study. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil.* 2019 October; 100(10): e87.

Noyes E, **Ching D**, Royer A, Nakase-Richardson R, Silva MA, Brennan E. Sleep-apnea prevalence differs by TBI severity in Veterans, Service Members: VA TBI Model Systems study...American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference, 3-8 November 2019, Chicago, Illinois. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil.* 2019 October; 100(10): e28.

Noyes E, Tang X, Silva MA, Dams-O'Connor K, Finn J, Hammond F, Pugh MJ, Sander A, Stevens L, Walker W, Nakase-Richardson R, **Ching D**. Medical comorbidities predict psychological health after traumatic brain injury. A VA TBI Model Systems study...American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference, November 3-8, 2019, Chicago, Illinois. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil.* 2019 October; 100(10): e97.

Jorgensen-Smith T, Dillahunt-Aspillaga C, **Ching D**. ACCESS Intervention: enhancing employment outcomes for individuals with complex disabilities. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil.* 2019 October; 100(10): e38.

Fyffe D, Cotner B, Hathaway W, Quinn A, **Ching D**, Ottomanelli L, O'Neill J. Striving to work: experiences of Veterans living with a spinal cord injury. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil.* 2019 October; 100(10): e202.

Jorgensen-Smith T, **Ching D**, Weston A, Dillahunt-Aspillaga C. Achieving competitive customized employment through specialized services (ACCESS). *J Vocat Rehabil.* 2019; 50(3): 249-258.

Ching D, Dillahunt-Aspillaga C, Duncan D, Ray M. ABILHOUSE: A community-based clubhouse for veterans and civilians with TBI. *J Head Trauma Rehabil.* 2016; 31(2): 14-15.

Conference Presentations

National

Dillahunt-Aspillaga C, **Ching D**. Medical/functional aspects of TBI and PTSD: assessment & planning. Presentation at: American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Conference; March, 2020; Tampa, FL. (Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic)

Jorgensen-Smith T, Dillahunt-Aspillaga T, **Ching D**, Weston A. ACCESS: Achieving competitive customized employment through specialized services. Presentation at: National APSE Conference; June, 2018; Orlando, FL.

State

Dillahunt-Aspillaga T, **Ching D**. Vocational evaluation of youth with traumatic brain injury. Presented at: Annual Mental Health and Transition Conference of Florida APSE; May, 2019; Orlando, FL.

Ching D, Dillahunt-Aspillaga T, Jorgensen-Smith T. Traumatic brain injury (TBI) in transition age-youth, associated comorbidities and employment outcomes. Presented at: Annual Mental Health and Transition Conference of Florida APSE; April, 2018; Orlando, FL.

Ching D, Jorgensen-Smith T, Dillahunt-Aspillaga T. Balance or burnout: strategies for optimizing your life and work experience. Presented at: Annual Mental Health and Transition Conference of Florida APSE; April, 2018; Orlando, FL.

Weston A, **Ching D**. Toxic stress in the workplace: effects and recommendations for promoting wellness. Presented at: Annual Mental Health and Transition Conference of Florida APSE; April, 2018; Orlando, FL.

Posters and Oral Presentations

Fyffe D, Cotner BA, **Ching D**, Clark C, Quinn A, Ottomanelli L, O'Neill J. Developing a Veteran-specific employment survey: lessons from Veterans living with SCI. Poster presented at: 2020 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference; October 2020; Virtual Conference.

Cotner BA, **Ching D**, Nakase-Richardson R, Murphy JL, Martin A, Takagishi SC, Kane G, Scott S, Hoffman J. An environmental scan to identify current chronic pain treatment practices for persons with traumatic brain injury. Poster presented at: 2020 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference; October 2020; Virtual Conference.

Ching D, Tang X, Noyes ET, Hammond FM, Walker WC, Dams-O'Connor K, Sander A, Nakase-Richardson R. Comorbidity burden contributes to community reintegration and employment after traumatic brain injury: a VA TBI Model Systems study. Poster presented at: 2019 Military Health Research Symposium; August, 2019; Orlando, FL.

Nakase-Richardson R, Tang X, Noyes ET, **Ching D**, Silva MA, Drasher-Phillips L, Dams-O'Connor K, Walker WC, Hammond FM, Finn JA, Stevens, LF. Impact of medical comorbidities on rehabilitation outcomes following TBI: A VA TBI Model Systems study. Poster presented at: 2019 Military Health Research Symposium; August, 2019; Orlando, FL.

Noyes ET, Tang X, **Ching D**, Silva MA, Dams-O'Connor K, Finn JA, Hammond FM, Pugh MJ, Sander A, Stevens L, Walker WC, Nakase-Richardson R. Medical comorbidities predict psychological health after traumatic brain injury: a VA TBI Model Systems study. Poster presented at: 2019 Military Health Research Symposium; August, 2019; Orlando, FL.

Jorgensen-Smith T, Dillahunt-Aspillaga T, **Ching D**, Weston A. Achieving competitive customized employment through specialized services (ACCESS). Poster presented at: Annual Spring Conference of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education; April, 2019; San Diego, CA.

Jorgensen-Smith T, Dillahunt-Aspillaga T, Weston A, **Ching D**. Rehabilitation scholarship program: a solution to personnel shortages in the vocational rehabilitation system. Poster presented at: Annual Fall conference of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education; October, 2018; Arlington, VA.

Quichocho D, Lucier-Greer M, O'Neil CW, Burke B, **Ching D**. Understanding the experiences of family caregivers of adults with traumatic brain injury: an empirical and theoretical review. Poster presented at: Annual Meeting of the Groves Conference on Marriage and Family; June, 2018; Portland, ME.

Honors and Awards

APSE "Got Mike!" Educational Leadership Award	2018
USF College of Behavioral & Community Sciences Graduate Assistant of the Year	2018

Honor Societies

Phi Kappa Phi	Inducted 2014
Delta Epsilon Iota	Inducted 2014
Golden Key International Honour Society	Inducted 2013

Professional Organizations

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM)	2019 - Current
Association of Persons Supporting EmploymentFirst (APSE)	2018 - Current
North American Brain Injury Society (NABIS)	2017 - Current