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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Florida, 2005
Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Science; Specialty: Disability Science

M.H.S. University of Florida, 2001
Master of Health Science in Rehabilitation Counseling

B.A. University of Florida, 2000
Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in Sociology

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS:

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, CRC Certified	# C-00049887	Exp. 03/31/2017
Vocational Evaluator, CVE	# V-00049887	Exp. 09/30/2016
Certified Life Care Planner, CLCP Professional	# 1021	Exp. 03/31/2019
Vocational Evaluator, PVE Certified Brain	# 00062	Exp. 12/31/2015
Injury Specialist Trainer, CBIST	# 5453	Exp. 10/21/2015
Certified Information and Referral Specialist, CIRS		Exp. 01/26/2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of South Florida

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

- *Assistant Professor* (2011 - 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 CONTRACT FUNDED PROJECTS

External Awards

Community-Based Agricultural Initiatives for Transitioning Veterans

Funding Agency: Veterans Health Administration ORH; IPA 1257-1009
Funding Level: \$170,186 (\$13,466)
Role in Project: Contractor, Co-Investigator (Besterman-Dahan, PI)
Description: 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: 2015-2015

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

Funding Agency: Veterans Administration HSR&D; IPA 1257-1007
Funding Level: \$13,700
Role in Project: Contractor, Co-Investigator (Luther, PI)
Description: 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: 2014-2014

Action Ethnography of Community Reintegration for Veterans with TBI

Funding Agency: Veterans Administration HSR&D; CRE 12-301
Funding Level: \$996,953 (\$27,500)
Role in Project: Consultant (Co-PIs, Powell-Cope & Besterman-Dahan, Co-PIs)
Description: 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: 2014-2018

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

Funding Agency: Veterans Administration HSR&D; IPA 1257-1003
Funding Level: \$50,000 (\$9,039)
Role in Project: Contractor, Co-Investigator (McCart, PI)
Description: 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: 2013-2013

Extending Smart Home Technology for Cognitively Impaired Veterans to Delay Institutionalization (T-21) Phase II- AIVA

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Funding Level: \$492,888 (\$8,560)
Role in Project: Contractor (PI, Jan Jasiewicz, PhD)

Description: 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: 2013-2014

Extending Smart Home Technology for Cognitively Impaired Veterans to Delay Institutionalization (T-21)

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Funding Level: \$650,952 (\$19,946)
Role in Project: Contractor (PI, Jan Jasiewicz, PhD)
Description: Address the needs of cognitively impaired veterans at risk for institutionalization. Technologies designed to extend independence at home, decrease caregiver burden, and prevent institutionalization. Integrates the PACT model of care with team-based, patient centered care, and enhanced access. Extends the successful PTRP smart home to a home-based population where a current gap in services exists.

Dates: 2012-2013

Internal Awards

Faculty International Travel Grant

Funding Agency: University of South Florida
Funding Level: \$2473
Role in Project: 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: “Interprofessional Clinical Practice Guideline for Vocational Evaluation Following Traumatic Brain Injury-Development, Implementation and Evaluation”.

Dates: 2014-2014

A New eLearning and eTeaching Initiative for USF Faculty

Funding Agency: University of South Florida
Funding Level: \$ 4000
Role in Project: 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

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Becker, M., Haynes, D., Ehlke, S., Jorgensen-Smith, T., Sosinski, M., & Austin, A. (in press, 2015). Behavioral health service needs and associated costs: Individuals with traumatic brain injury in Pinellas County. *Brain Injury*. doi:10.3109/02699052.2014.1002005.

- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Jorgensen-Smith, T., Ehlke, S., Hanson, A., Sosinski, M., & Gonzalez, C. (in press, 2015). Community capacity building in the State of Florida: Disability adjustment and vocational guidance counseling for individuals with traumatic brain injury. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*, 46(1).
- Jorgensen-Smith, T., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Kenny, C. (in press, 2015). Integrating customized employment practices within the vocational rehabilitation system. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 42(3).
- Kearns, W. D., Scott, S., Fozard, J. L., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Jasiewicz, J. (in press, 2015). Decreased movement path tortuosity is associated with improved functional status in TBI patients. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*.
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Finch, D., Massengale, J., Kretzmer, T., Luther, S. L., & McCart, J. A. (2014). Using information from the electronic health record to improve measurement of unemployment in service members and veterans with mTBI and post-deployment stress. *PLoS One*, 9(12), e115873. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0115873.
- Frain, J., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, T., Frain, M., & Ehkle, S. (2014). Family resiliency, family needs, and community reintegration in persons with brain injury. *Rehabilitation Research, Policy, and Education*, 28(2), 91-110. doi:10.1891/2168-6653.28.2.91.
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Agonis-Frain, J., Hanson, A., Frain, M., Sosinski, M., & Ehlke, S. (2014). Applying a resiliency model to community reintegration and needs in families with traumatic brain injury: Implications for rehabilitation counselors. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*, 45(1), 25-36.
- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Jorgensen-Smith, T., Ehlke, S., Sosinski, M., Monroe, D., & Thor, J. (2013). Traumatic brain injury: unmet support needs of caregivers and families in Florida. *PloS one*, 8(12), e82896. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0082896.
- Reid, J. A., Haskell, R. A., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Thor, J. (2013). Contemporary review of the empirical and clinical studies of trauma bonding in violent or exploitative relationships. *International Journal of Psychology Research*, 8(1), 37-73.
- Dillahunt, C. (2006). Be HeadSmart® Seniors! The effectiveness of a psychoeducational fall and consequential injury prevention program. *Florida Public Health Review*, 3, 16-25.

Book Chapters

- Martinez, K., Mann, K., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Jasiewicz, J., Rugs, D., Wilks, Y., & Scott, S. (2015). VA SmartHome for veterans with TBI: Implementation in community settings. In C. Bodine, S. Helal, T. Gu & M. Mokhtari (Eds.), *Smart Homes and Health Telematics*, (pp. 110-118) Switzerland, Springer International Publishing. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-14424-5_12
- Reid, J. A., Haskell, R., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Thor, J. (2013). Trauma bonding and interpersonal violence. In T. Van Leeuwen & M. Brouwer (Eds.), *Psychology of trauma*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers, Inc.

Technical Reports

- Bruce, T., Menchetti, B., & Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2014). *Project RESULTS: A tool kit for project leaders*. Tallahassee, FL; West Orange, NJ: Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc.; Kessler Foundation. Retrieved from: http://www.byyourside.org/documents/Project_RESULTS_Toolkit.pdf

Dillahunt, T., & Price, P. (2007). *Vocational model of service delivery to individuals with traumatic brain injury: Vocational guidance counseling and disability adjustment counseling*. Tallahassee, FL: Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc. Retrieved from: <http://www.byyourside.org/documents/BIAF-VocRehabFinalReport.pdf>

Dillahunt, T., & Price, P. (2008). *Vocational model of service delivery for individuals with traumatic Brain injury: Supporting providers of supported employment*. Tallahassee, FL: Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc. Retrieved from: <http://www.byyourside.org/documents/BIAF- VocRehabFinalReport-08.pdf>

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, T., & Price, P. (2009). *Promising practices: Community capacity building and vocational models of service delivery for individuals with traumatic brain injury*. Tallahassee, FL: Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc. Retrieved from: http://www.byyourside.org/documents/Promising_Practices_8-09.pdf

Conference Abstracts (Peer Reviewed)

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Finch, D., Luther, S. L., & McCart, J. (2014). Using information from the electronic health record to improve measurement of unemployment in service members and veterans with mTBI and post-deployment stress. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 95(10), e53. doi: 10.1016/j.apmr.2014.07.164 [Special section: Accepted abstracts from the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine 91st Annual Conference].

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Rugs, D., & Martinez, K. (2014). Department of Veterans Affairs Smart Home 2: Extending smart home technology for cognitively impaired veterans to delay institutionalization. *Brain Injury*, 28(5-6), 36. doi:10.3109/02699052.2014.892379 [Special section: Accepted abstracts from the International Brain Injury Association's Tenth World Congress on Brain Injury].

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., Becker, M., Haynes, D., & et al. (2014). Predictors of behavioral health services and associated costs: Individuals with TBI in Florida. *Brain Injury*, 28(5-6), 37 [Special section: Accepted abstracts from the International Brain Injury Association's Tenth World Congress on Brain Injury]. doi:10.3109/02699052.2014.892379.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., & Monroe, D. A. (2012). Traumatic brain injury caregiver focus groups, needs assessment, survey results and implications. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, 27(5), e5- e6 [Special section: North American Brain Injury Society Abstracts (NABIS) 10th Annual Conference on Brain Injury]. doi:10.1097/HTR.0b013e3182690d04.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2012). Traumatic brain injury (TBI) caregiver focus groups, needs assessment, survey results and implications. *Brain Injury*, 26(4-5), 368-369 [Special section: Accepted abstracts from the International Brain Injury Association's Ninth World Congress on Brain Injury]. doi:10.3109/026990 52.2012.660091.

Dillahunt-Aspillaga, T., Menchetti, B., & Bruce, T. (2010). Project results: Florida's collaborative approach to employing survivors of traumatic brain injury. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, 25(5), 389-390 [Special section: North American Brain Injury Society Abstracts (NABIS) 388th Annual Conference on Brain Injury]. doi:10.1097/HTR.0b013e3181f79.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International

- 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, ON, Canada. [Invited presentation]
- 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, ON, Canada. [Invited presentation]
- 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., et al. (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

- Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C. (2014, September). *Special topics in ethics: Ethics and vocational assessment*. Webinar presented at the meeting of the Center for Continuing Education in Rehabilitation, Seattle, WA. [Invited presentation]
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, 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., & 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. 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

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. [Panel organizer].

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

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.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM)	2013-present
American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA)	2008-present
Florida Rehabilitation Association (FRA)	2003-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

Faculty Empowerment Award, University of North Florida	2009
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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

Grants

US Department of Education, NIDRR Field Initiated Program Research or Development, Employment Research Fellowships	May 2014 June 2014
US Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA Traumatic Brain Injury Statewide Implementation Partnership Grants	April 2014

TEACHING

University of South Florida

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling [CORE- accredited Rehabilitation Counseling Program]	
Rehabilitation Counseling Concepts and Applications	RCS 5035
Medical Aspects of Disability	RCS 5080
Medical Aspects of Disability (on-line)	RCS 5080
Career and Lifestyle Assessment	RCS 6301
Directed Studies	RCS 5905
Independent Studies	RCS 6906

University of North Florida

Brooks College of Health/ Department of Rehabilitation Counseling [CORE- accredited Rehabilitation Counseling Program]	
Introduction to Rehabilitation Counseling	RCS 5031
Vocational Exploration and Job Placement	RCS 6320
Research in Counseling	EDF 6495
Vocational Assessment	RCS 6255
Internship Rehabilitation Counseling	RCS 6825
Brooks College of Health/Department of Mental Health Counseling [CACREP-accredited Mental Health Counseling Program]	
Legal, Professional, and Ethical Issues in Counseling	MHS 6700
Career and Lifestyle Development	SDS 6310

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine	
Military Veterans Networking Group,	
Community Re-integration Task Force, Chair	2015-Present
National Rehabilitation Association	
Legislative Summit, Florida Delegate	2010
Florida Rehabilitation Association (FRA)	
Board Member	2009-Present
Veterans Affairs and Brain and Spinal Cord Injury	
Community Integration Task Force, Member	2009-June 2011

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Continuing Education

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 Coursework

University of North Florida 6 credit hours 2006
Epidemiology and Disease Control HSC 6505
Theory of Health Behavior HSC 6603

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

University

Rehabilitation Science Doctoral Program Planning Committee, Member 2011-2013

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences

Veterans Services Certificate Program Planning Committee, Member 2012-2013

Department of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Scholarship Committee, Chair 2013-present

New Faculty Search Committee

Member 2013

Co-Chair 2014-present

Textbook Scholarship Committee, Member 2012-2013

Fundraising Scholarship Brochure Committee, Member 2012

RMHC 40th Anniversary Planning Committee, Member 2012

Commencement Marshall 2012, Spring

iLINC Student Organization, Co-Advisor 2011-present