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Education

- Ph.D. University of Wisconsin; Madison, Wisconsin—Rehabilitation Psychology
2017
- MS Illinois Institute of Technology; Chicago, Illinois — Rehabilitation Counseling 2014
- BS Washington University; St. Louis, Missouri — Bachelors of Science in Psychology
2008

Licenses and Credentials

- Certified Rehabilitation Counselor # 00119070
Specialization in Psychiatric Rehabilitation
Specialization in Rehabilitation Engineering Technology
- Licensed Professional Counselor — Illinois # 178010196

Publications

- Ruiz, D.**, Kriofske, A.M., & Sharp, S. (in progress) An Examination of Intimate Relationship Development for Women with Visible Physical Disabilities: A consensual qualitative follow-up. Manuscript in preparation.
- Ruiz, D.**, Tasjan, A., & Kriofske, A.M. (in progress) Impression Management For Intimate Relationship Development for Women with Disabilities. Manuscript in preparation.
- Smedema, S.M., **Ruiz, D.**, & Oliveira, D. (in progress). Higher order positivity variables and suicide risk in African-American college students. Manuscript in preparation.
- Perry, V. M., Chen, R., **Ruiz, D.**, & Rodriguez, H. (in progress). Beyond English: How rehabilitation counseling programs train linguistically diverse graduate students. Manuscript in preparation.
- Boen, R., and Ruiz, D. (2020). Graduate education in Rehabilitation Counseling and the stigma of mental illness: A Review of the literature. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*. (in press)
- Dutta, A., Kundu, M., Wu, J. R., Iwanaga, K, Chapin, M., Boen, R., **Ruiz, D.**, Merckerson, C., & Chan, F. (2020). Assessing learning styles of African American college students with disabilities: A factor-analytic approach. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*, 51(1), 42-57.
- Smedema, S.M., **Ruiz, D.**, & Chan, F. (in press). Psychometric Validation of a New Measure of Employability Skills Self-Efficacy for College Students with Disabilities. *Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability*
- Smedema, S.M., Muller, V., Yaghmaian, R.A., Umucu, E., **Ruiz, D.**, & Chan, F. (2017). Psychometric validation of the World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule 2.0 – 12-item version in persons with fibromyalgia syndrome. *Journal of Rehabilitation*.
- Smedema, S. M., **Ruiz, D.**, & Mohr, M. J. (2017). *Psychometric Validation of the World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule 2.0-Twelve-Item Version in Persons with Spinal Cord Injuries. Rehabilitation Research, Policy, and Education*, 31(1), 7-20.
- Cardosa, E. S., Phillips, B.N., Thompson, K., **Ruiz, D.**, Tansey, T., & Chan, F. (2016). Experience of minority college students with disabilities in STEM. *Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability*

Book Chapters

Perry, V., and **Ruiz, D.** (in preparation). Rehabilitation as a Discipline and Specialization in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. In D. Harley & C. Flaherty, *Principles And Practices Of Disability Studies: An Interdisciplinary Approach*.

Juergens, H., **Ruiz, D.**, & Smedema, S.M. (*in press*). Dynamics of relationships with people with disabilities: Friendships and sexual relationships. In J. Stano (Ed.), *Stigma and Disabilities*. Linn Creek, MO: Aspen Professional Services

Dissertation

Ruiz, D. R. (2017). *An Examination of Intimate Relationship Development for Women with Visible Physical Disabilities: A Consensual Qualitative Research Study* (Doctoral dissertation, The University of Wisconsin-Madison).

Presentations to Selected Professional Groups

Ruiz, D., Merckerson, C., Kriofske, A.M., Tashjian, A., & Perry, V., (2019). *An Examination of Intimate Relationship Development for Women with Visible Physical Disabilities*. A referred concurrent presentation. National Council on Rehabilitation Education Annual Training Conference, San Diego, CA, April 17, 2019.

Perry, V., **Ruiz, D.**, & Tashjian, A., (2019). *Increasing Counselor Competence in Discussing Sexuality with Clients*. A referred concurrent presentation. National Council on Rehabilitation Education Annual Training Conference, San Diego, CA, April 17, 2019.

Ruiz, D., Cardoso, E.S., Phillips, B.N. Thompson, K., Tansey, T. N., & Chan, F., (2016). *Advocacy in transition-aged youth: An exploratory factor-analysis*. A poster presented to the National Council on Rehabilitation Education Annual Training Conference, Newport Beach, CA, April 22, 2016.

Sharp, S., Thompson, K., **Ruiz, D.**, Deiches, J., & Friefeld, R. (2016). *Experiences of minority college students with disabilities*. A refereed poster presented to the National Council on Rehabilitation Education Annual Training Conference, Newport Beach, CA, April 22, 2016

Sharp, S. & **Ruiz, D.** (2015). *Youth Leadership Forum for students with disabilities: Positive Disability Identity and Psychosocial Adjustment*. A referred concurrent presentation. Evidence-Based Practices in Rehabilitation Counseling. Madison, WI. March 15, 2016

Ruiz, D., Huck, G., Tansey, T. N., & Chan, F., (2015). *The Development of a Social Cognitive Career Theory- based Assessment Instrument*. A refereed poster presented to the National Council on Rehabilitation Education Annual Training Conference, Newport Beach, CA, April 24, 2015.

Academic Professional Experience

Assistant Professor – Southern University and A&M College. Baton Rouge, LA

Masters level courses:

Leadership, Advocacy and Ethics (x3)

Counseling Theories and Techniques (x3)

Human Growth and Development (x4)

Professional Orientation and Ethics (x3)

Psychiatric Rehabilitation (x1)

Research Application and Program Evaluation (x1)

Practicum (x2)

Internship (x4)

Undergraduate level courses:

Supported Employment (x3)

Research Methods (x2)

Instructor – University of Wisconsin – Madison. Madison, WI

Rehabilitation Counseling Psychology Group Procedures — Masters —

Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant – University of Wisconsin – Madison. Madison, WI

Masters level courses: 10 courses taught

Internship Seminar in Rehabilitation Counseling

Practicum Seminar in Rehabilitation Counseling

Rehabilitation Counseling Practicum Supervision

Rehabilitation Counseling Psychology Group Procedures

Undergraduate level courses: 7 courses taught

Biopsychosocial and Vocational Aspects of Disability

Health Promotion for Chronic Illness and Disability

Internship Rehabilitation and Special Education

Rehabilitation Counseling Psychology Applications

Grants, Fellowships, Scholarships

Cooperative Learning and Individualized Mentoring (CLAIM) to Build Self- Efficacy, Persistence, and Goal Attainment in Postsecondary African American Students with Disabilities:

Co-Investigator

2019-present

Rehabilitation Counselor Training Program with Specialization in Assistive Technology – Long Term Training Grant **PR/Award # H129B140043**

Co- Project Director

2018-2019

Rehabilitation Services Administration Scholar

2012 - 2014

Rehabilitation Services Administration Traineeship Awarded

University of Wisconsin Madison, EdGRS Fellowship —

2014 - 2017

Fellowship funding for first and dissertator years of Ph.D. Study

Leather Leadership Conference Scholarship —

Spring 2016

Scholarship awarded for my suicide/mental health program focused on sexual minority populations

University of Wisconsin Madison, Paul Lustig Memorial Scholarship—

Fall 2017

Scholarship to a worthy and deserving student within the rehabilitation area

Professional Service Experience

Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin - Ad hoc Reviewer—

2019 – Present

Professional Memberships

National Council on Rehabilitation Education - Member—

2011 - Present

American Counseling Association - Member –

2017 - Present

ARCA Member –

2017- Present

ALGBTIC Member

2017- Present

Practical Experience

Fulltime Intern, Journey Health and Wellness Center; Madison, Wisconsin — 8/2016-8/2017

Perform assessments to evaluate and diagnose mental health and/or co-occurring issues in a culturally competent, recovery oriented, trauma sensitive manner by providing assessments within the context of client perspectives and beliefs.

Provide a range of clinical services including level of care assessment, service coordination, therapy and counseling to clients ranging in age from 7 – 60 (individuals, couples and groups), support and referrals in a context that is supportive a client's culture, values and perspectives.

Co-facilitate group counseling on and off site on various psychological topics. Groups facilitated have included Transgender Wellness, LGBT Recovery, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Trauma in Schools, Men's Seeking Safety Trauma and Substance Abuse Recovery, and THC Alternatives.

Practicum Student, Mendota Mental Health Institute; Madison, Wisconsin — 8/2015-5/2016
Administered, interpreted, and report on neurocognitive and personality assessments including Wechsler Adult Intelligent Scale Fourth Edition (WAIS-IV), Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence (WASI-II) Repeatable Battery for Neuropsychological Status (RBANS), and Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI).

Provided individual therapy to patients on Treatment-Rehabilitation-Assessment-Care #2 (TRAC 2) Unit focuses on managing mental illness, social skills, vocational training, employment within the institute, and education.

Co-facilitated group counseling for patients with severe mental illness on various psychological topics. Worked collaboratively with treatment planning teams to in assessing patients' goals and progress towards their treatment.

Clinical Intern, Asian Human Services; Chicago, Illinois — 8/2013-5/2014

Provided counseling to a specialized program for underserved minority populations living with HIV and AIDS, as well as Asian Immigrants, in the greater Chicago area.
Facilitated groups on positive prevention, substance abuse, and stress and pain management and provided counseling services through outreach, case management, advocacy, crisis intervention, and referral services.

Clinical Intern, Grais Apartments, Thresholds; Chicago, Illinois — 1/2013-5/2013

Provided counseling for a specialized program integrated dual diagnoses treatment of mental illness and substance abuse with formerly homeless members.
Direct service provided to members through outreach, case management, counseling, advocacy, crisis intervention, and referral services.

Psychiatry Assistant, Austin State Supported Living Center; Austin, Texas — 11/2009-8/2012

Participated in the planning and monitoring of State Supported Living Center's residents' psychiatric care by extracting pertinent patient data from residents' charts, as well as tracking and analyzing data related to targeted symptoms, medication side effects, and program compliance.
Compiled and completed comprehensive psychiatric assessments for the entirety of the campus residents who participate in psychiatric clinic. Monitored client charts for consistency in terminology related to psychiatric issues and institute corrective actions as necessary to accomplish this.

Implemented changes and tracked data to gain compliance in a specified plan of improvement in order to ensure the highest standards of care for the residents at Austin State Supported Living Center.

Psychology Assistant, Austin State Supported Living Center; Austin, Texas — 12/2008-

11/2009 Identified and helped to implement a new communication program that would better serve the residents who use augmentative communication devices due to their developmental disabilities.

Directly assisted Associate Psychologists in my unit as well as in other units with, behavior data collection, trending, and analysis, as well as the development of behavior support plans and other training objectives for the residents.

Designed and implemented a new program to assist employees, new, old, and temporary, to better help ensure a consistent standard of care for the residents and reduce staff turnover due allegations or injuries.