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EDUCATION

Capital Law University, Columbus, OH

Life Care Planning Graduate Program **2020**

University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI

Master of Science in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling **2010**

University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI

Bachelor of Science in Vocational Rehabilitation **2008**

Emphasis: Social Work and Psychiatric Rehabilitation

Honors: Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE

Valley Vocational Services, LLC

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor & Expert **August 2015 – Present**

Contracted with state agencies, attorneys, sureties, and others to provide unbiased vocational evaluations, life care plans, labor market reports, medical case management and retraining plans for injured workers, divorce proceedings, personal injury, and other disability cases.

Social Security Administration

Vocational Rehabilitation Expert **October 2015 – Present**

Performed transferable skills analysis to provide an unbiased, expert opinion in Social Security Administration Law hearings. Testified in thousands of disability cases nationally.

Bock Consulting, Inc.

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor **November 2015 – May 2016**

Summarized labor market research in reports used by third-party administrators and state agencies to determine a claimant's eligibility for services and ability to benefit from retraining.

Idaho Industrial Commission- Rehabilitation Division

Rehabilitation Field Consultant **July 2012 – November 2015**

Collaborated with key stakeholders in the workers' compensation field to facilitate an injured worker's return to work following an industrial injury. Provided labor market survey reports used in litigating cases.

Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor **January 2010 – July 2012**

Assisted individuals with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining employment through vocational counseling and guidance. Administered and interpreted academic and interest inventories.

CERTIFICATIONS

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| American Board of Vocational Experts Diplomate (Certificate #20411) | 2024 – Present |
| Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification Certified Vocational Evaluator (Certificate # 00112747) | 2020 – Present |
| International Commission on Health Care Certification Certified Life Care Planner (Certificate #1576) | 2020 – Present |
| American Board of Vocational Experts Fellow (Certificate #20411) | 2017 – 2024 |
| American Board of Vocational Experts International Psychometric Evaluation Certification (Certificate #20411) | 2017 – Present |
| Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (Certificate # 00112747) | 2010 – Present |

AWARDS

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| Presidential Citation (American Board of Vocational Experts) | 2020 |
| Emerging Professional (International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals) | 2018 |
| Rehabilitation of the Year (Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation) | 2012 |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Board of Vocational Experts

- Board Treasurer (2024 to Present)
- Chair of Credentialing Committee (2024 to Present)
- Editor of “The Vocational Expert” (2017 to Present)
- Co-Chair of Credentialing Committee (2023 to 2024)
- Board Secretary (2017 to 2024)
- Served on Conference, Website Re-Design, and Credentialing Committees

International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals

- SSVE Member at Large & Director of the Regional Representatives to the SSVE Board (2016 to 2020)
- Served on Marketing Committee (2019 to 2020)

The National Rehabilitation Association

- Membership Secretary (2010 to 2012)

PRESENTATIONS

International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals Annual Conference (Fort Worth, TX) - *Invited to speak*

- Are You Abiding by the Code of Ethics, 10/21/2022, co-presented with Terry Leslie to Rehabilitation Professionals

American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Conference (Tampa, FL)

- Personal Security and Safety for Vocational Experts, 3/25/2022, co-presented with Kourtney Layton to Vocational Experts

American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Conference (Tampa, FL)- *Invited to speak*

- Are You Abiding by the Code of Ethics, 3/26/2022, co-presented with Terry Leslie to Vocational Experts

American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Conference (Zoom)

- Best Practices & Methodologies for Social Security Vocational Experts, 3/21/2021, co-presented with Michelle McBroom Weiss and Mitchell Schmidt to Vocational Experts

American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Conference (Salt Lake City, UT)

- Advancing Your Practice with Technology, 4/7/2018, co-presented with Kourtney Layton to Vocational Experts

International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals Annual Conference (St. Louis, MO)

- Advancing Your Practice with Technology, 10/12/2017, co-presented with Kourtney Layton to Rehabilitation Professionals

Utah Association of Justice Conference (Salt Lake City, UT)- *Invited to speak*

- Vocational Rehabilitation: Analysis in SSA Cases, 5/19/2017, co-presented with Kourtney Layton to attorneys practicing Social Security representation

Idaho Trial Lawyers Association Conference (Boise, ID)- *Invited to speak*

- Vocational Rehabilitation: A Fresh Look at Vocational Issues, 2/24/2017, co-presented with Kourtney Layton to attorneys in Idaho

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 5/23/2024 National Symposium on Quality Employment 2024 LIVE
- 4/30/2024 Integrative Pain Management: Sociological & Clinical Perspectives
- 2/29/2024 The Essentials of Drafting a Life Care Plan
- 2/28/2024 Improving Long-Term Health & Family Outcomes through Case Management
- 4/4/2023 Current Trends in Orthotics and Prosthetics
- 3/31/2023 Ethics, Ambiguity, and Epistemic Uncertainty
- 3/31/2023 Unique Considerations in Pediatric Life Care Planning
- 3/31/2023 Overview of the Indego Therapy Exoskeleton
- 3/31/2023 ODG by MCG Overview
- 3/29/2023 Focusing on 'Cant's' Limits Future Employment Potential for People with Disabilities: How You Can Change the Rhetoric
- 3/29/2023 Diversity and Social Justice: A Starting Place
- 3/28/2023 Overview of Traumatic Brain Injury
- 3/28/2023 Job Analysis in Context: Practical and Forensic Considerations
- 3/25/2023 Four Strategies for Rehabilitation Professionals to Connect with Large Businesses
- 3/28/2023 Diversification: Adding Life Care Management to Your Practice
- 3/24/2022 ABVE 2022 Annual Conference
- 12/14/2021 Salary Survey 2021
- 11/5/2021 ABVE 2021 Annual Conference
- 3/2/2021 Introduction to Gender Inclusivity
- 2/25/2021 SSVE Core Elements & Best Practices
- 2/18/2021 Bone Anchored Prosthetics- Eliminating the Socket
- 12/29/2020 CRPS Legal Issues
- 12/10/2020 Triangulating Occupational, Educational, and Labor Market Data
- 12/10/2020 Pediatric Acquired Brain Injuries: Nuances and What Rehabilitation Professionals Need to Know
- 12/10/2020 Management of Sexual Dysfunction and Male Infertility
- 12/10/2020 Difficult Hypotheticals-Typical Areas for Questioning, How to Answer, and Sources to Use
- 12/10/2020 A Daubert Challenge: What You Need to Know
- 10/7/2020 2020 IARP Virtual Conference and & IALCP Virtual Symposium
- 8/28/2020 2020 American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Conference
- 8/27/2020 2020 American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Pre-Conference
- 7/18/2019 2019 Idaho NRA Conference "Catch the Vision" (Ethics)
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- 6/21/2019 IARP 2019 Leadership Training (CRC)
- 4/14/2019 2019 American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Conference (CRC)
- 4/8/2018 2018 American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Conference (Ethics)
- 4/8/2018 2018 American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Conference
- 4/4/2018 A Look at Multicultural Counseling Competency: Pregnancy Discrimination and Retaliation
- 10/26/2017 2017 Annual Seminar on Workers' Compensation
- 10/14/2017 IARP 2017 Annual Conference (Ethics)
- 10/14/2017 IARP 2017 Annual Conference
- 8/10/2017 Cannabis in the Workplace
- 7/21/2017 2017 NRA Conference People, Purpose, Passion: The Pathway to Success (Ethics)

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4/9/2017 2017 American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Conference (Ethics)
4/9/2017 2017 American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Conference
10/27/2016 2016 Annual Seminar on Worker's Compensation

10/27/2016 2016 Annual Seminar on Worker's Compensation (Professional Development)
WIOA's Impact on VR: Transforming Challenges into opportunities through smart,
8/11/2016 collaborative partnerships
NRA and Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Building Bridges to Embrace Change
7/22/2016 (Ethics)

7/22/2016 NRA and Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Building Bridges to Embrace Change
1/4/2016 Social Security Vocational Expert Handbook: Revised Edition
10/29/2015 2015 Annual Seminar on Workers' Compensation
7/24/2015 2015 NRA Conference (Ethics)
7/23/2015 2015 NRA Conference (Professional Development)

6/16/2015 Cognitive Innovations to Promote Independence in the Home and the Community
6/14/2015 Field Review of the Standards of Practice for Life Care Planners- 3rd Edition
6/14/2015 Tools of the Trade: Using Statistics to Select and Interpret Tests
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6/13/2015 Tools of the Trade: Using Testing Statistics to Select and Interpret Tests
6/8/2015 ADA Title I: Employment Requirements
6/8/2015 Overview of Disability Rights
6/8/2015 Title II Tutorial
6/8/2015 Welcoming Customers with Disabilities
6/8/2015 ADA Basic Building Blocks Web Course
The University of Idaho ADA updates and the upcoming 25th Anniversary of the Americans
4/20/2015 with Disability Act