Faculty and Staff, Brief Bios:

**Dr. Trenton Landon, Ph.D., CRC., LVRC-Utah**, has been with Utah State since the Fall 2016 semester. Dr. Landon is an assistant professor in rehabilitation counseling at Utah State University in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling. Dr. Landon presently serves as the program chair for the Master’s in Rehabilitation Counseling. Since starting in 2016, Dr. Landon is the author/coauthor of 14 publications.

**Dr. Michelle McKnight-Lizotte, Ph.D., CRC, LPC-Idaho**, is an assistant professor in rehabilitation counseling at Utah State University in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling. Dr. McKnight-Lizotte has been with Utah State since the Fall 2018 semester. Since that time, Dr. McKnight-Lizotte has authored or co-authored four publications.

**Dr. Kathleen (Kat) Oertle, Ph.D., CRC, LVRC-Utah**, is an assistant professor in rehabilitation counseling at Utah State University in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling. Dr. Oertle has been with Utah State University since Fall 2013. Dr. Oertle is currently being reviewed for promotion to associate professor with tenure. Dr. Oertle has been awarded more than $4 million in external. Dr. Oertle has authored/co-authored 20 peer reviewed publications and one book chapter. Additionally, Dr. Oertle recently served as a guest editor for a special edition of *Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis*; this special issue of the journal focused on Dr. Oertle’s primary area of research, transition of students and youth with disabilities to employment and/or postsecondary education.

**Dr. Brian Phillips, Ph.D., CRC**, is a newly hired assistant professor in rehabilitation counseling at Utah State University in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling. He will begin his appointment in the Fall 2019 semester.

**Dr. Tim Riesen** was recently promoted to Research Associate Professor and holds a joint appointment in the Center for Persons with Disabilities and the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling. Since joining the department in 2011, Dr. Riesen has been the PI for $6,558,298 in federal grants and state contracts and published over 20 peer reviewed manuscripts and book chapters.

**Tracy Woolstenhulme, MRC., CRC, Practicum/Internship Coordinator and Supervisor**, is a clinical instruction and the practicum/internship coordinator in the Special Education and Rehabilitation Department at Utah State University. Her work with practicum/internship students is invaluable to the core faculty as her work with practicum internship students allows core faculty to focus on research and grant writing.

**Kris Wengreen, Graduate Program Coordinator**, is a full-time departmental employee. Her degree in Business Information Systems has served the USU RCM program well because she is able to develop databases which record and monitor many aspects of the program including RSA Scholar Payback, Student Progress, Graduates, and much more. Mrs. Wengreen has been with USU for more than 17 years.
**Number of Students**
Current Doctoral Students: 3 (one presently on a leave of absence)
Current Master’s Degree Students: 54
Current Alternative Certification Students: 65

A total of 96 Master’s and Alternative Certification students receive scholarship funds, with the remaining 23 either being self-pay or receiving tuition assistance through the VA.

**Students Supported with Scholarship Funds**

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Total Scholarship Money Dispersed: $776,229

**Faculty Publications for 2019**

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**Published/In Press**


**Book Chapter**


**Manuscripts Under Review:**


**Oertle, K. M., Guest Editor** (under review). Special Issue on Transition,
Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis, Editor, Dr. Chrisann Schiro-Giest. Publication is planned for August 1, 2019

Oertle, K. M., Bobroff, S., & Sax, C. (under review). Organizational policies and personnel factors that are incentives for and challenges to collaboration as identified by statewide transition supervisors. Contributed equally as second authors. Acknowledgement to Elizabeth Chesley-Livingston, a rehabilitation counseling doctoral student at the Utah State University, for her contribution to early version of this manuscript and assistance with data collection and analysis.


In Progress (submission anticipated prior to December 31, 2019)


Riesen, T., Hall, S., Keeton, B (in progress). Discovery fidelity scale: An exploratory analysis to determine internal consistency and predictive validity.


Presentations

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Refereed Presentations

*Chesley-Livingston, E., & Oertle, K. M. (October, 2018). Transition-age individuals with disabilities, supported employment, and the outcomes. Concurrent Session, National Rehabilitation Association Annual Training Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.


counselor supervisors’ perceptions on counselor professional dispositions for rural service delivery. National Council on Rehabilitation Education’s (NCRE) Spring Conference, San Diego, CA


Oertle, K. M., & Riesen, T. (October, 2018). Training professionals for effective delivery of transition and employment services. Concurrent Session, National Rehabilitation Association Annual Training Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.


Invited Presentations


### Grants

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### Grant Submissions

$1,000,000 = Funding Request Pending  

$597,747 = Funding Request Pending  
**Oertle, K. M. (PI) & Sax, C. L. (Co-PI) Collaborate for Change (C2) CFDA Number 93.433.** Funding requested from Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Community Living, NIDILRR Field Initiated Projects Program. Development, Stage: Proof of Adoption; Outcome; Domain: Employment. Amount Requested: $597,747. Acknowledgment to our project team, Sheryl Bobroff and Nan Hampton along with *Kayla Currier, Elizabeth (Liz) Chesley, Eliza Jex, Alyce McLeod, and Azure Pellegrino, Master’s and doctoral students at Utah State University, who helped with the development of this proposal for the past
submissions by editing, researching data, checking citations, and making suggestions for improvements. Submitted February 5, 2019.

Current Funded Grants and Contracts


Riesen, T. (2019). Discovery fidelity Scale. Center for Social Capital. ($36,000 for 3 years)

