***Curriculum Vita***

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Assistant Clinical Professor

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**Academic Preparation**

2013 Ph.D. Auburn University Rehabilitation Counseling and

Special Education

2008 M.Ed. Auburn University Rehabilitation Counseling (CORE

Accredited)

2006 B.S. Troy University Human Services, Criminal Justice

Dissertation Title: An Analysis of Career Thinking and Career Interests of Incarcerated Males.

**Professional Experience**

**Rehabilitation and Disability Studies Program Coordinator** (August 2015- present), **Director of Clinical Experiences** (August 2013-present), **Rehabilitation Program Clinical Coordinator** (August 2012- July 2013). Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling (SERC), College of Education, Auburn University.

**Assistant Clinical Professor** (December 2014-present)

**Instructor** (August 2012- November 2014)

Responsible for coordinating practicum and internship experiences for undergraduate and graduate students (on-campus and distance education) majoring in Rehabilitation. Responsible for teaching courses in Rehabilitation Counseling and Rehabilitation and Disability Studies each semester. Supervise and provide supervision to master’s level practicum and internship students, and ensure compliance for CACREP and CRCC guidelines for field experience. Communicate with practicum and internship site supervisors. Maintain relationships with community service providers to continue practica and internship placements for students. Serve as program coordinator for the Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation and Disability Studies. Ensure standards are met at the undergraduate level for CACREP registry. Member of Graduate Faculty, Auburn University Graduate School at level 2. Serve on doctoral student dissertation committees for doctoral students in Rehabilitation and Special Education and Counselor Education.

**Alabama Governor’s Youth Leadership Forum Staff Trainer** (2011-present), **Steering Committee Member** (2008-present), **Staff member** (2005-2011), Troy, Alabama.

Assist with planning and coordinating annual weeklong leadership forum for youth with disabilities in Alabama. Serve as Auburn University representative and recommend Auburn University students for master’s level practicum experience at the Alabama Youth Leadership Forum. Responsible for training and preparing Troy University students, Auburn University students, and returning campers for the staff positions held at the annual forum. I hold supervision meetings nightly for graduate students. Assist in follow up practicum review and assessment with Auburn Rehabilitation faculty and YLF program coordinators.

**Group Facilitator** (summer, 2010), Bullock Correctional Facility, Union Springs, Alabama.

Assisted in implementation of a research project entitled *RATES (Re-entry*

*through assistance, training, and employment skills)* and facilitated weekly group

sessions using Cognitive Information Processing (CIP) approach. Assisted with data collection, data entry, and analysis.

**Graduate Intern** (2008). Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, Homewood, Alabama.

Assisted counselors with transition caseloads in casework, attended IEP meetings at high schools, attended vocational evaluation feedback meetings at the state evaluation unit and with community rehabilitation programs, conducted plan reviews, provided guidance and counseling to transition aged consumers, conducted intake interviews, and documented case closures.

**Evaluator and Case Manager** (2008), **Case Manager** (2006). Easter Seals of the Birmingham Area, Homewood, Alabama.

Worked with a caseload of consumers referred from Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services for various services offered through Easter Seals. Taught Job School series of courses (work ethics, job readiness, job retention, money management, and effective communication skills), assisted in business education, academic upgrading, assessed consumers in the work adjustment lab, assisted with vocational evaluations. Completed monthly reports regarding consumer progress for rehabilitation counselors, completed administration of tests, scoring of assessment, interpretation of results, compiled and completed evaluation reports.

**Teaching:**

Instructor of record for the following courses:

RSED 4910 Rehabilitation and Disability Studies Practicum (undergraduate)

FA 2008, SP 2009, SU 2009, FA 2009, SP 2010, SU 2010, FA 2010, SP 2011, SU 2011, FA 2011, SP 2012, SU 2012, FA 2012, SP 2013, SU 2013, FA 2013, SP 2014, SU 2014, FA 2014, SP 2015, SU 2015, FA 2015, SP 2016, FA 2016, SU 2017

RSED 4920 Rehabilitation and Disability Studies Internship (undergraduate)

FA 2008, SP 2009, SU 2009, FA 2009, SP 2010, SU 2010, FA 2010, SP 2011, SU 2011, FA 2011, SP 2012, SU 2012, FA 2012, SP 2013, SU 2013, FA 2013, SP 2014, SU 2014, FA 2014, SP 2015, SU 2015, SP 2016, SU 2016, FA 2016,

SP 2017, SU 2017

RSED 7910 Rehabilitation Counseling Practicum (graduate)

SU 2009, SU 2010, SU 2011, SU 2012, SU 2013, SU 2014, SU 2015, SU 2016, SU 2017

RSED 7916 Rehabilitation Counseling Practicum (graduate/distance education)

SU 2014, SU 2016, SP 2017

RSED 7920 Rehabilitation Counseling Internship (graduate)

FA 2008, SP 2009, SU 2009, FA 2009, SP 2010, SU 2010, FA 2010, SP 2011, SU 2011, FA 2011, SP 2012, FA 2012, SP 2013, SU 2013, FA 2013, SP 2014, SU 2014, FA 2014, SP 2014, SP 2015, SP 2016, FA 2016, FA 2016, SP 2017

RSED 7926 Rehabilitation Counseling Internship (graduate/ distance education)

SP 2015, SP 2017

RSED 5200 Vocational Evaluation in Rehabilitation Services (FA 2015, FA 2016)

RSED 4970/7440/7446 Transition Services through Emerging Adulthood (undergraduate,

graduate, and distance education sections) SP 2015, RSED 4970/4973 SP 2016,

SP 2017

RSED 7010 Rehabilitation, Programs, Services, & Ethics (FA 2014)

RSED 6220/6226 Placement Services in Rehabilitation (SU 2013) (graduate and distance

education sections)

RSED 4100 Professional Communication Skills (FA 2010; FA 2011; FA 2012; FA 2013;

SP 2014; FA 2014, FA 2015, FA 2016) (undergraduate)

RSED 3120 Assessment in Rehabilitation (SP 2011) (undergraduate)

RSED 5210/6210 Occupational Information (SP 2012, SP 2013)

RSED 5220 Placement Services in Rehabilitation (SU 2011, SU 2016) (undergraduate)

RSED 5220/6220 Placement Services in Rehabilitation (SU 2011) (undergraduate and

graduate sections)

RSED 5220/6220/6226 Placement Services in Rehabilitation (SU 2010) (undergraduate,

graduate, and distance education sections)

RSED 3020 Introduction to Rehabilitation (undergraduate, co-taught FA 2009, taught

FA 2016)

**Certifications:**

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (2013-2018) #00108005, certified as CRC since

2008.

**Publications (peer reviewed)**

Shippen, M.E**.,** Meyer, J.M., **Derzis, N.C.**, & Gage, C. (in press). Examining the Career Thoughts of Male Offenders Re-entering Society Using Cognitive Theory Assessment. *Journal of Correctional Education.*

**Derzis, N.C.**, Meyer, J.M., Curtis, R.S., Shippen, M.E. (2017) An Analysis of Career

Thinking and Career Interests of Incarcerated Males. *Journal of Correctional Education., 68(1), 52-70.*

**Derzis, N. C.**, Meyer, J.M., Curtis, R. S., Shippen, M.E., & Houchins, D. E.

(2017). A model of interdisciplinary training for rehabilitation counselors and special educators. (pp. 119-133)15th Hawaii International Conference on Education. Honolulu, HI.

Meyer, J. M., Hinton, V. M., & **Derzis, N.C.** (2015). Emerging adults with disabilities:

Theory, trends, and implications. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation*

*Counseling*, *46*(4), 3-10.

**Derzis, N.C.,** Shippen, M.E., Meyer, J.M., Curtis, R.S., Houchins, D.E. (2013). Career

interests of incarcerated men: The influence of generational differences. *Journal*

*of Offender Rehabilitation 52,* 393-406.

Curtis, R.S., **Derzis, N.C.**, Shippen, M.E., Musgrove, K.R., Brigman, H.E. (2013).

Work history and educational characteristics of incarcerated males.

*Journal of Correctional Education. 64(1)*

Musgrove, K.R., **Derzis, N.C.**, Shippen, M.E., Brigman, H.E. (2012). PIRATES:

A program for offenders transitioning into the world of work. *Journal of*

*Correctional Education. 63(2)*

Shippen, M.E., Houchins, D.E., Crites, S. A., **Derzis, N.C,** & Patterson, D. (2010). An

examination of the basic reading skills of incarcerated males. *Adult Learning. 21* (3/4)*,* 4-12*.*

Shippen, M.E.,Patterson, D.P., Dunn, C., **Derzis, N.C.,** Nelson, C.L., & Houchins, D. E.

(2010). An examination of the written expression skills of incarcerated

males. *Journal of Correctional Education. 61*(3)*,* 189-202*.*

**Presentations**

**State**

**Derzis, N.C.,** Shippen, M.E. (2016, October). *A decade in prison: University outreach and research.* Auburn Life Long Learning Institute OLLI. Auburn Univeristy, AL.

**Derzis, N.C.,** Shippen, M.E. (2015, December). *A decade in prison: University outreach and research.* Alabama Rehabilitation Association Annual Training Conference. Auburn, AL.

Meyer, J. M., Hinton, V. M., **Derzis, N**., Weaver, S. (2015, July). *Emerging*

*adulthood: Theory, characteristics, and trends*. Auburn Head Injury Resources

Support Group meeting, Auburn, AL.

**Derzis, N.C.** (2015, July). *Intersection of life and work: Ethics for rehabilitation*

*counselors.* Alabama Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association, Montgomery, AL.

Meyer, J. M., Hinton, V. M., **Derzis, N.,** Weaver, S. (2015, March). *Emerging*

*adulthood: Theory, characteristics, and trends*. Auburn State Rehabilitation

Council (SRC) quarterly meeting, Montgomery, AL.

**Derzis, N.C,** &Shippen, M.E. (invited, 2014, September). *Career interests and*

*post-release employment opportunities for incarcerated males participating in*

*a re-entry program.* Bullock Correctional Facility. Union Springs, AL.

**Derzis, N.C,** Jenkins, K.R. (2014, March). *Transition in action: Youth leadership*

*forum*. 24th Annual Alabama Transition Conference. Opelika, AL.

Derzis, N. C., Shippen, M.E. (2014, February). Intersection of Generations and

vocational interests of male prisoners. 6th Annual Outreach Scholarship

Symposium. Auburn University.

**Derzis, N.C**, & Jenkins, K.R. (invited, 2013, October). *Advocacy in action: Youth*

*leadership forum.* Iota Delta Sigma Advocacy Training Workshop, Auburn, AL.

**Derzis, N.C,** &Shippen, M.E. (invited, 2013, March). *Career interests and*

*post-release employment opportunities for incarcerated males participating in*

*a re-entry program.* Bullock Correctional Facility. Union Springs, AL.

Shippen, M.E, & Derzis, N. C. (2013, February). The dynamic intersection of research,

training, and service. 5th Annual Outreach Scholarship Symposium. Auburn

University.

Shippen, M.E, & **Derzis, N.C.,** (invited, 2011, July). *Career interests and*

*post-release employment opportunities for incarcerated males participating in*

*a re-entry program.* Staton Correctional Facility. Elmore, AL.

**Derzis, N.C,** Stevens, R.H, & Kerlin, A.D. (invited, June, 2011). *Effective*

*communication skills.* Troy, AL.

Shippen, M.E, & **Derzis, N.C.,** (invited, May, 2011). *Re-entry efforts at the grassroots*.

Invited presenter for re-entry coordinators at the Alabama Department of

Corrections. Montgomery, AL.

**Derzis, N.C.**, (invited, 2010, July). *Vocational Rehabilitation 101.* Guest lecturer for RSED 7410/7416 Leadership in Special Education, Auburn University.

Musgrove, K.R, & **Derzis, N.C.,** (invited, 2010, June). *Career interests and*

*post-release employment opportunities for incarcerated males participating in*

*a re-entry program.* Staton Correctional Facility. Elmore, AL.

**Derzis, N.C,** Musgrove, K.R, & Shippen, M.E. (invited, 2010, April). *Career interests and post-release employment opportunities for incarcerated males participating in a re-entry program.* Staton Correctional Facility. Elmore, AL.

**Derzis, N.C,** Musgrove, K.R, & Shippen, M.E. (invited, 2010, March). *Career*

*interests and post-release employment opportunities for incarcerated males*

*participating in a re-entry program.* Bullock County Correctional Facility. Union

Springs, AL.

**Derzis, N.C,** Musgrove, K.R, & Shippen, M.E. (invited, 2010, January). *Career*

*interests and post-release employment opportunities for incarcerated males*

*participating in a re-entry program.* Staton Correctional Facility. Elmore, AL.

**Derzis, N.C,** & Shippen, M.E. (invited, 2009, December). *Career interests and post-*

*release employment opportunities for incarcerated males participating in a*

*re-entry program.* Bullock County Correctional Facility. Union Springs, AL.

**Derzis, N.C,** Shippen, M.E, & Curtis, R.S. (invited, 2009, May). *Career interests*

*and post-release employment opportunities for incarcerated males participating*

*in a re-entry program.* Bullock County Correctional Facility. Union Springs, AL.

**Derzis, N.C,** Hinton, V.M, Tazewell, D, & Hughes, R. (2009, March). *Assessment in*

*transition planning*. 19th Annual Alabama Transition Conference. Opelika, AL.

Shippen, M.E., & Derzis, N. C. (2008, May). Improving the basic literacy skills of

incarcerated adults. 2nd Annual Outreach Scholarship Symposium. Auburn

University.

**Regional**

**Derzis, N.C.,** Meyer, J.M., Shippen, M.E. (2016, February). *Transition and emerging adulthood: Training counselors to improve outcomes for youth with disabilities.* Cross Cultural Regional Conference, Georgia Southern University, Savannah, GA.

**Derzis, N.C.,** (2014, March). *Disability, media, and culture.* Southeast Regional

National Rehabilitation Association, Gulf Shores, AL.

**National**

Meyer, J.M., **Derzis, N. C.**, Shippen, M.E., & Curtis, R.S. (January, 2017). A model of interdisciplinary training for rehabilitation counselors and special educators. 15th Hawaii International Conference on Education. Honolulu, HI.

**Derzis, N.C.**, Meyer, J.M, Shippen, M.E., & Curtis, R.S. (2016, April).

*An Examination of Disability Status, Recidivism, Length of Incarceration and Career Information of Incarcerated Males*. National Council on Rehabilitation Education Annual Conference 2016, Newport Beach, CA.

**Derzis, N.C.**, Meyer, J.M, Shippen, M.E., & Curtis, R.S. (2015, April).

*Intersection of career thinking and career interests of incarcerated males*.

National Council on Rehabilitation Education Annual Conference 2015,

Newport Beach, CA.

**Derzis, N.C.**, Meyer, J.M, Shippen, M.E., & Curtis, R.S. (2014, March).

*An analysis of career thinking and career interests of incarcerated males*.

National Council on Rehabilitation Education Annual Conference 2014,

Manhattan Beach, CA.

Hinton, V.M., Meyer, J.M, & **Derzis, N.C.** (2014, March). *Emerging adulthood and*

*youth with disabilities*. National Council on Rehabilitation Education Annual

Conference 2014, Manhattan Beach, CA.

Meyer, J.M, Shippen, M, & **Derzis, N.C.** (2013, April). *Examination of the psychometric*

*properties of the Career Thoughts Inventory for use with inmates*. National

Council on Rehabilitation Education Annual Conference 2013, San Francisco,

CA.

Cannon, B.L, & **Derzis, N.C.** (2010, April). *Rehabilitation supervision at the*

*undergraduate level.* National Council on Rehabilitation Education Conference.

Manhattan Beach, CA.

Outreach and Service

Auburn University College of Education:

College of Education Undergraduate Committee (2016-present)

College of Education E-Learning and Outreach Technology Committee (2014-2016)

Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling

Department Assessment Committee member (2017-present)

Department Curriculum Committee member (2016-present)

Search committee member for Assistant Professor in Rehabilitation Counseling (2016-2017)

Search committee member for Administrator I/II/III position at Center for Disability Research and Service (Fall 2015, Summer 2016)

SERC Media and Recruitment Committee (2014-2016)

Search committee member for Assistant Professor in Rehabilitation Counseling (2012-2013)

Community and Professional Service:

Alabama Head Injury Foundation (2016-present), Regional Board Member, Auburn, AL

Exceptional Outreach Organization (2014-2015), Board Member, Auburn, AL

Group facilitator at Montgomery Women’s Center (2011, April- present). I have co-facilitated a group on career development for nine participants. During this time we have worked on activities such as resumes, cover letters, career interests, employment proposals and post-release education, employment opportunities, and identification of community resources.

Presenter for Alabama Department of Corrections Re-entry programs (2009-present). I have completed numerous presentations for groups of individuals who are incarcerated on topics such as career development, post-release employment and education. I have presented on these topics at four different institutions.

Donated textbook warehouse organizer (2009-2010). I assisted with the organization of thousands of donated text books from various Alabama schools to the Alabama Department of Corrections. These books were organized, catalogued, and shipped to prisons around Alabama for prison education programs. Undergraduate students in rehabilitation assisted with this effort.

Board Member of Alabama Rehabilitation Association (invited, 2009-present). Primary role is to support the recruitment of college students into this professional rehabilitation organization. Assist with planning and execution of annual ARA conference. **President of ARA 2016.**

**Honors and Awards**

Recipient of the Emily and Gerald Leischuck Undergraduate Teaching Award (2017). Auburn University, AL.

Recipient of ACCESS award from Auburn University’s Program for Students with Disabilities (October, 2011). This award is given to instructors who are nominated by a student with a disability for excellence in accommodating students with disabilities in the class room.

**Professional Organizations and Memberships**

American Counseling Association (ACA) (2013-present)

Division member of American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA) (2013-present)

National Rehabilitation Association (NRA) (2008-present)

Alabama Rehabilitation Association (ARA) (2008-present), President (2016)

National Council on Rehabilitation Education (Auburn is an Institutional Member of

NCRE) (Individual professional membership 2013-present)

**Grants**

Willis, J. P. (Co-Principal), Jenkins, K.R. (Co-Principal), **Derzis, N.C.** (Consultant), "Youth Leadership Forum," Sponsored by Christopher and Dana Reeves Foundation, Private, $2,050.00. (June 1, 2016 - June 7, 2016).

Willis, J. P. (Co-Principal), Jenkins, K.R. (Co-Principal), **Derzis, N.C.** (Consultant), "Youth Leadership Forum," Sponsored by Christopher and Dana Reeves Foundation, Private, $3,000.00. (June 1, 2014 - June 7, 2014).

Meyer, J. M. (P.I.), Curtis, R., Rawlins, L., **Derzis, N**., & Fleming, C. (2014). Preparing

Rehabilitation Counselors for the Challenges and Benefits of the

Rehabilitation Profession. Rehabilitation Services Administration. A five-year

project totaling $1,000,000.00.

Not funded

Meyer, J. M., Shippen, M. E., & **Derzis, N.** (2014). Transition and Emerging

Adulthood Methods: Training Rehabilitation Counselors as Related Service

Providers (TEAM). Office of Special Education Programs. A five-year project

totaling $1,250,000.00.

**Contracts**

Shippen, M.E., Fleming, C.L., Derzis, N.C. (2017) Tutwiler Polling Project. Alabama Department of Corrections. A one year contract totaling $139,182.00.

Willis, J. P. (Co-Principal), Jenkins, K.R. (Co-Principal), **Derzis, N.C.** (Consultant), "Youth Leadership Forum," Sponsored by Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, State, $50,000.00. (June 1, 2016 - June 7, 2016).

Willis, J. P. (Co-Principal), Jenkins, K.R. (Co-Principal), **Derzis, N.C.** (Consultant), "Youth Leadership Forum," Sponsored by Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, State, $50,000.00. (April 1, 2015 - July 1, 2015).

Willis, J. P. (Co-Principal), Jenkins, K.R. (Co-Principal), **Derzis, N.C.** (Consultant), "Youth Leadership Forum," Sponsored by Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, State, $50,000.00. (April 1, 2014 - July 1, 2014).