BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
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NAME: Chrisann Schiro-Geist

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POSITION TITLE: Professor and Director

EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.)

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A. Personal Statement

Chrisann Schiro-Geist, Ph.D. (Principal Investigator). Dr. Schiro-Geist received her Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1974 in counseling psychology. She has been a licensed clinical psychologist and a certified rehabilitation counselor for nearly 40 years. She has authored over 80 articles in refereed journals and hundreds of presentations focusing her primary research on rehabilitation counseling. She has been awarded over 26 million dollars in grant money. She has been the recipient of over 50 honors, awards, and recognitions including most recently the Rank of Fellow from the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association in 2020. Dr. Schiro-Geist has been the director of UMID since its inception in 2007, where she has overseen expansion of program operations into the areas of transition and vocational training. Relevant recent work experiences include having been Senior Vice-Provost at the U. of M., Director of Disability and Rehabilitation Education and Training, and Director of Disability Research Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Schiro-Geist also was a major subcontractor in the delivery of TA to Community Rehabilitation providers, as part of the RRCEP for CRP's at University of Wisconsin at Stout, under Dr. Fred Menz. In that Regional Training model, she created and delivered technical assistance and training to community providers in Region V, while in her position as Director of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

As early as 1993, she was awarded a World Rehabilitation Fellowship to study distance education models in Australia, bringing those methods to some of the earliest fruition in the Rehabilitation Counseling field. She has a proven record of expert teaching, research, service delivery and leadership. She is the Editor of the Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis and is immediate past president of the the American board of
B. Positions and Honors

WORK EXPERIENCE

2007 - Present  Professor, and Director of Institute on Disability University of Memphis Institute on Disability (UMID)

2007 - 2004  Senior Vice Provost, Academic Affairs, & Professor, Counseling, Educational Psychology & Research, University of Memphis

2003 - 2004  Director, Disability and Rehabilitation Education and Training, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement and Institutional Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)

2000 - 2004  Director, Disability Research Institute, College of Applied Life Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1993 - 2004  Professor, Department of Community Health, College of Applied Life Studies, (UIUC)

1987 - 1993  Associate Professor with tenure, UIUC, Director of Graduate Studies and Supervisor of Counseling and Testing Services, Division of Rehabilitation Education Services (DRES).

1981 - 1987  Associate Professor of Psychology with tenure at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). Director of Rehabilitation Programs.

1975 - 1981  Assistant Professor of Psychology (IIT)

C. Contribution to Science

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS: Over 80 articles in refereed journals; 3 books and 4 book chapters with the following selected Peer-Reviewed Publications / Peer-Reviewed Books and Book Chapters


D. Additional Information: Research Support and/or Scholastic Performance

- 2019 - Principal investigator, Project FIRST (Finding Innovative Rehabilitation Services Training). Department of Education Grant CFDA NO.84.263 C, $1,974,264 or 5 years, 2019-2024
- 2018 - Minority fellowship in disability studies, a subcontract from University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center $22,000
- 2017- University of Memphis College of Education Research Grant: “Developing credentials for rehabilitation counseling professionals” with Michael Mackay $6000
- 2015 - BRIDGE (Building Resources for persons with Intellectual Disabilities toward Gainful Employment), Department of Education, $1.6 million
● 2003 - Rehabilitation Research Institute for Under-Represented Populations; sub-contract from Southern University, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, $175,000 (5 years)