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Curriculum Vitae

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**FACULTY**

2011 – present      **Associate Professor**, Department of Rehabilitation and Mental Health  
Counseling, University of South Florida, Courtesy Faculty

2005 – 2010      **Assistant Professor**, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation,  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Clinical Scholars Track

1997 – 2005      **Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychiatry, University of Texas  
Southwestern Medical Center, Clinical Scholars Track

**LICENSE/PRIVILEGING**

2010 – present      **Privileged**, James A Haley Veterans Hospital  
1995 – 2010      **Privileged**, Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System  
1995 – present      **Licensed**, State of Texas, Certificate #25584

**EDUCATION**

PhD 1995      **Clinical Psychology** - Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas  
MA 1992      **Psychology** - Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas  
BA 1989      **Psychology** – Magna Cum Laude, Stetson University, DeLand, Florida

**EMPLOYMENT**

8/2010 – present      **Clinical Psychologist**, James A Haley Veterans Hospital, HSR&D/RR&D  
Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (CINDRR)  
formerly the Center of Excellence: Maximizing Rehabilitation Outcomes

11/1997 – 8/2010      **Clinical Psychologist**, Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System,  
Spinal Cord Injury Center

2000 – 2010      **Director, Spinal Cord Injury Peer Partners Mentoring Program**, Veterans  
Affairs North Texas Health Care System, Spinal Cord Injury Center

9/10/07 – 12/10/07      **Acting Associate Chief of Staff (ACOS) for Research and Development**,  
Veterans Affairs North Texas Healthcare System

9/10/07 – 12/12/07      **Acting President**, Dallas VA Research Corporation (non-profit)

- 5/1997 – 11/1997      **Clinical Psychologist**, Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System, Geriatric Mental Health Team
- 9/1995 – 5/1997      **Clinical Psychologist**, Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System, Chemical Addiction Program
- 7/1994 – 6/1995      **Psychology Intern**, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, APA Accredited Internship
- 6/1991 – 8/1994      **Research Assistant**, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Department of Psychiatry
- 9/1990 – 12/1994      **Psychology Trainee**, Texas Tech University Psychology Clinic
- 9/1990 – 8/1991      **Psychiatric Intake Coordinator**, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
- 1/1990 – 5/1990      **Counselor**, New Directions Program, Lubbock Independent School District
- 1989 – 1990          **Teaching Assistant**, Texas Tech University, Department of Psychology

### **VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION– Committees and Service**

#### ***National***

- Employee Education System (EES), Program Planning Committees
- Spinal Cord Injury-Vocational Integration Program (SCI-VIP) Update, Chair, 2007, 2008, 2009
  - Successful Management of Spinal Cord Injury Clients: Basics and Beyond, Member, 2004
  - Workers with SCI: Talent for a Winning Team, Member, 2008
  - Managing Late Stage Multiple Sclerosis: Strategies for a Puzzle with Pieces That Don't Always Fit, Member, 2007
- Office of Research and Development, Cooperative Studies Program #589 – Veterans Individual Placement and Support towards Advancing Recovery (VIP-STAR), Planning Committee 2012, Executive Committee 2013-present
- Spinal Cord Injury Strategic HealthCare Group, Site Visit, Castle Point, New York, Consultant, 2002
- Workgroup on SCI&D Staffing Requirements, Member, 2001 – 2003

#### ***Regional and Local***

##### VISN 8

- Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (CINDRR), Chair, Community Reintegration Research Focus Area, James A Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa / North Florida South Georgia Veterans Health System/ Gainesville/FL 4/2014- present
- James A Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, FL
- HSR&D / RR&D CoE Maximizing Rehabilitation Outcomes, Strategic Plan Workgroup on Response to Suicide Ideation during Data Collection, Chair, 3/2012
  - Opening Ceremony Committee, National Wheelchair Games, 2013

##### VISN 17

- Research Committee, Member, 9/2006 – 12/2007
- Veterans Affairs North Texas Healthcare System
- Psychology Credentialing and Privileging Committee, Member, 2003 – 2009

Critical Incident Team, Team Leader/member 1995 – 2010  
 Investigative Medical Board, Chair, 2004  
 Medical Psychology Peer Review Group, Chair, 2002 – 2003  
 Mental Health Services Addiction Council, Member, 1997  
 Psychology Intern Training Committee, Member, 1996 – 1999  
 Research and Development Committee  
   Member, 2/2006 – 11/2006  
   Acting Chair, 11/2006 – 5/2007  
   Chair, 6/2007 – 7/2010  
 Smoking Cessation and Control Committee, Chair, 1995 – 1996  
 Spinal Cord Injury Center  
   CARF Rehabilitation Process, Section Leader, 2000 – 2005  
   Employee Reward and Recognition Committee, Chair, 1997 – 2003  
   Staff Competency Fair, Chair, 2004  
 Spinal Cord Injury Strategic Planning Committee, Member, 1997 – 1998  
 Dallas Research Corporation, Board of Directors, Acting President, 9/2007 – 12/2007

### **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS – Membership, Committees, and Service**

#### ***International/National***

American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, Member, 1997 – present  
 American Psychological Association, Division 22, Rehabilitation Psychology, Member, 1997 – present  
 American Psychological Association, Division 22, Rehabilitation Psychology, Section 2 Women's Issues  
   2014 – present  
 International Spinal Cord Society, Education Committee, Subcommittee for Vocational Rehabilitation,  
   USA Member, 2012

#### ***Regional***

University of Texas at Arlington, McNair Scholars Program, Mayra Rodriguez – An Examination of  
   Nursing Staff's Participation in Study Recruitment on a Spinal Cord Unit, Mentor, 2007  
 University of North Texas, Denton, Health Behavior Psychology, Dissertation Committee, Kristin Reed –  
   Evaluation of a Quick Inventory for Depressive Symptomatology-Self-Report (QIDS-SR) in a Spinal  
   Cord Injury Population, Committee Member, 2006 – 2007

### **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

2005 – present	<b>Course Director &amp; Faculty</b> , Spinal Cord Injury Vocational Integration Program Annual Research Training for VA RR&D Project staff, VA administration/ leadership, and stakeholders. Responsible for program planning and course content on implementing and evaluating evidence based supported employment in Spinal Cord Injury.
2010 - present	<b>Lecturer</b> , Psychology Internship and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Training Seminar Series. James A Haley Veterans' Hospital. Topics include: Spinal Cord Injury, Evidence Based Employment Practices, and Research.
2007 – 2010	<b>Lecturer</b> , PM&R Residents (PGY-II-IV) Vocational Rehabilitation and Physical Disability Overview.

- 2006 – 2010 **Lecturer**, Dallas VAMC Substance Abuse Fellowship Program. Topics include: Spinal Cord Injury and Substance Abuse.
- 1997 – 2010 **Lecturer**, Psychology Intern Training Seminar Series. North Texas Healthcare System, Dallas, Texas. Topics include: Assessment and treatment of Sexual Healthcare and Disaster Mental Health Interventions.
- 1997 – 2010 **Graduate Student Supervisor**, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dallas, Texas. Supervised and taught doctoral level psychology interns and masters level psychotherapist about treating patients with spinal cord injuries.
- 2004 - 2008 **Faculty**, Annual Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse (CRRN) Review Course, Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas, Texas
- 1999-2003 **Faculty**, Annual Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse (CRRN) Review Course. University of Texas at Arlington, Texas

### **GRANTS**

- 10/2012 – 9/2017 **Consultant**: Development Center to Enhance Evidence-Based Supportive Employment with a Technology Based Management System. NIDRR, PI Sarah E. Lord, \$2,493,403.
- 7/2012 – 6/2015 **Co-Investigator**: Assessing Supported Employment with Veterans with Felony Convictions and Mental Illness or Substance Abuse. Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Office of Rehabilitation and Research (ORD), Rehabilitation Research & Development (RR&D), PI Jim LePage – \$1,094,945; D7635-R
- 7/2010 – 6/2015 **Principal Investigator**: Spinal Cord Injury Vocational Integration Program (SCI-VIP): Predictive Outcome Model Over Time for Employment (PrOMOTE). VHA, ORD, RR&D – \$12,385,124. direct costs (7/10-6/15).
- 7/2005 – 6/2010 **Principal Investigator**: Spinal Cord Injury Vocational Integration Program (SCI-VIP): Implementations and outcomes. VHA, ORD, RR&D – \$3,128,151. direct costs (7/05-6/10).
- 10/2007 – 6/2010 **Principal Investigator**: Health Care Cost and Utilization of SCI-VIP. VHA, ORD, RR&D – \$160,000 direct costs. Supplemental funding to SCI-VIP: Implementations and outcomes
- 9/2007 – 5/2009 **Principal Investigator**: Ethnographic Evaluation of SCI-VIP. VHA, ORD, RR&D – \$ 70,000 direct costs (8/08-5/09). Supplemental funding to SCI-VIP: Implementations and outcomes

### **AWARDS and HONORS**

Investigator Highlight of the Month, Research and Development Service, James A Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa Florida, October 2014

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, [Elizabeth and Sidney Licht Award](#) for excellence in scientific writing in rehabilitation medicine, 2013 Nov  
Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals [Internet]. June 2013 Member to Mention. Available from <http://www.academyscipro.org/uploads/docuploads/June%202013%20Member%20to%20Mention%20-%20Lisa%20Ottomanelli.pdf> [accessed 2013 Oct 16 ].  
Dallas-Fort Worth Federal Executive Board, Public Service Excellence Award for Interagency Cooperation, 2006  
Veterans Health Administration Outstanding Women Award for Career Development – Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Federal Women's Program, 2007  
Veterans Health Administration Outstanding Performance Award (annually 2007-present); Performance Award, 1997; Special Contribution Award, 2002  
Texas Tech University, Robert Earl Maxey Memorial Clinical Psychology Scholarship for Excellence in Clinical Psychology, 1990-1993  
Morton Plant Hospital, Clearwater, Florida, Foundation Scholarship Award, 1985-1992  
American Red Cross, Special Citation for Exceptional Volunteer Service, 1998

### **JOURNAL REVIEWER, Ad Hoc**

Topics in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation  
Rehabilitation Research and Practice  
Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
Quality of Life Research  
Rehabilitation Psychology  
Disability and Rehabilitation  
Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine  
Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development  
American Journal of Psychiatry  
American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
RAND Corporation, National Defense Research Institute  
Psychiatric Services

### **GRANT REVIEWER, Ad Hoc**

Veterans Health Administration, Office of Research and Development, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, Merit Review Committee, Ad Hoc Reviewer, 2/2008; Small Projects in Rehabilitation (SPiRE) Review Committee Spring/Fall 2013

Veterans Health Administration, Health Services Research and Development Service, Spinal Cord Injury Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI), Characterizing variability in respiratory care in spinal cord injuries and disorders, Reviewer, 2004

### **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

(\* indicates works published under previous surname of Fisher)

Ottomanelli L, Goetz LL, Barnett SD, Toscano R. Vocational rehabilitation in spinal cord injury: What services are associated with employment program outcomes? *Top Spinal Cord Inj Rehabil. In press*

Cotner BA, Njoh EN, Trainor JK, O'Connor DR, Barnett SD, Ottomanelli L. Facilitators and barriers to employment among Veterans with spinal cord injuries receiving 12 months of evidence-based supported employment services. *Top Spinal Cord Inj Rehabil. In press*

LePage J, Ottomanelli L, Njoh E, Barnett S. Spinal cord injury combined with felony history: Effect on supported employment for Veterans. *JRRD*. *In press*.

Thomas FP, Goetz LL, Dixon T, Ho C, Holmes SA, Ottomanelli LA, Sandford P. Optimizing medical care to facilitate and sustain employment after spinal cord injury [guest editorial]. *JRRD*. 2014; 51(6): xi-xxi. DOI: [10.1682/JRRD.2014.05.0119](https://doi.org/10.1682/JRRD.2014.05.0119).

Cotner BA, Keleher J, O'Connor DR, Trainor JK, Ottomanelli L. The role of social networks for Veterans with spinal cord injury in obtaining employment. Qualitative research at the VA [special issue]. *Annals of Anthropological Practice*. 2014 Sept; 37(2):40-56. DOI:10.1111/ napa.12034.

**Ottomanelli L**, Barnett SD, Toscano R. Individual placement and support (IPS) in physical rehabilitation and medicine: The VA spinal cord injury experience. *Psychiatr Rehabil J*. 2014; 37(2): 110–112.

Smith-Morris C, Lopez G, **Ottomanelli L**, Goetz L, Dixon-Lawson K. Ethnography, fidelity, and the evidence that anthropology adds: supplementing the fidelity process in a clinical trial of supported employment. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil*. 2014 Jul; 95(7): 1254–1261. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2014.01.010>.

Sinnott PL, Joyce V, Su P, **Ottomanelli L**, Goetz LL, Wagner TH. Cost effectiveness of supported employment for Veterans with spinal cord injuries. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil*. 2014 Jul; 95(7): 1254–1261. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2014.01.010>.

**Ottomanelli L**, Barnett SD, Goetz LL. The effectiveness of supported employment for Veterans with spinal cord injury: 2-year results. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil*. 2014 Apr; 95(4): 784–790. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2013.11.012>.

**Ottomanelli L**, Barnett SD, Goetz LL. A prospective examination of the impact of a supported employment program and employment on health related quality of life, handicap, and disability among Veterans with SCI. *Qual Life Res*. 2013 Oct; 22(8):2133-2141. doi: 10.1007/s11136-013-0353-5.

**Ottomanelli L**, Goetz LL, Suris A, McGeough C, Sinnott P, Toscano R, Barnett S, Cipher DJ, Lind LM, Dixon T, Holmes AS, Kerrigan A, Thomas F. The effectiveness of supported employment for Veterans with spinal cord injuries: Results from a randomized multi-site study. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil*. 2012; 93(5):740-747. *2013 Elizabeth and Sidney Licht Award paper*.

Ullrich PM, Spungen AM, Atkinson D, Bombardier CH, Chen Y, Erosa NA, Groer S, **Ottomanelli L**, Tulskey DS. Activity and participation after spinal cord injury: State-of- the-art report. *J Rehabil Res Dev*. 2012; 49(1):155–74.

**Ottomanelli L**, Goetz LL, Sippel J, Cipher D. Factors associated with employment among Veterans with spinal cord injury. *J Vocat Rehab*. 2011; 34 (3): 141-50.

Sinnott PL, Cheng A, Wagner TH, Goetz LL, **Ottomanelli L**. Cost-effectiveness analysis of the Spinal Cord Injury Vocational Integration Program (SCI-VIP). *Top Spinal Cord Inj Rehabil*. 2011; 14 (4): 80-88.

**Ottomanelli L**, Goetz LL, McGeough C, Suris A, Sippel J, Sinnott P, Wagner TH, Cipher D. Methods of a multi-site randomized clinical trial of supported employment among veterans with spinal cord injury. *J Rehabil Res Dev*. 2009; 46 (7), 919-930.

**Ottomanelli L**, Lind L. A review of critical factors related to employment following spinal cord injury: Implications for research and vocational services. *J Spinal Cord Med*. 2009; 32 (5), 503-53.

**Ottomanelli L**, Brashaw LD, Ciper D. Employment and use of vocational rehabilitation services among Veterans following spinal cord injury. *J Vocat Rehab*. 2009; 31 (1), 39-43.

**Ottomanelli L**, Goetz L, McGeough C, Kashner ML. Building research capacity through partnerships: The spinal cord injury vocational integration program (SCI-VIP) implementations and outcomes inaugural meeting. *J Rehabil Res Dev*. 2007; 44(1):vii-xii.

Martz E, Livneh H, Priebe M, Wuermsler L, **Ottomanelli L**. Predictors of psychosocial adaptation among individuals with spinal cord injury/dysfunction. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil*. 2005 Jun; 86(6):1182-92.

**Fisher LA\***, Elias J, Ritz K. Predicting relapse among substance abusers as a function of personality dimensions. *Alcoholism: Clin Exp Res*. 1998; 22: 1041-1047.

Adinoff B, Iranmanesh A, Veldhuis J, **Fisher LA\***. Disturbances of the stress response: The role of the HPA axis during withdrawal and abstinence. *Alcohol Health and Research World*. 1998; 22:67-72.

## **CHAPTERS**

Ottomanelli L, Goetz LL. Effective interventions for employment after spinal cord injury. In: Schultz IZ, Gatchel R, editors. *Handbook of return to work: from research to practice*. [Handbooks in health, disability, and work](#). New York: Springer Science + Business Media; 2012 Nov. *In press*. Nov 2012.

Smith-Morris C, Lopez G, Ottomanelli L, Goetz L. Narrating a return to work after spinal cord injury. In: Warren N, Manderson L, editors. *Reframing disability and quality of life. A global perspective series: Social indicators research series*, vol 52. New York: Springer. 2013: 300 p. ISBN 978-94-007-3017-5. <http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/well-being/book/978-94-007-3017-5?detailsPage=authorsAndEditors>

**Ottomanelli LA**, Adinoff B. Substance abuse and personality disorders: The impact of three clusters on course, prevalence and treatment. In: Hubbard JR, Martin PR, editors. *Substance abuse in the mentally and physically disabled*. New York: Marcel Dekker. 2001.

Adinoff B, Scannell S, **Fisher L\***, Dohoney K: Inpatient treatment. In: Tarter RE, Ammerman RT, Ott PJ, editors. *Sourcebook on substance abuse: Etiology, methodology, and intervention*. New York: Allyn and Bacon. 1999.

## **NON-REFEREED**

Ottomanelli L, Dirk L. The VHA Office of Rural Health helps to unite technology and employment specialists to support rural Veterans' employment goals. *The rural connection*. Quarterly newsletter of the VHA Office of Rural Health. 2014 Oct; 5(1):8.

Subcommittee for Vocational Rehabilitation (**Ottomanelli L**, USA member). 1.22 Sub Module: Vocational rehabilitation [internet]. In: elearnSCI.org. Education Committee, International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS), c2012 [initiated 2012 Sept 4; cited 2012 Sept 24]. Available from <http://www.elearnsoci.org/>

Goetz LL, **Ottomanelli L**. Vocational rehabilitation and spinal cord injury. *Spinal Cord Injury/Disorders Services Newsletter*. 2009;12(3).

**Ottomanelli L.** Spinal Cord Injury Vocational Integration Program: Implementation and Outcomes (Project # VA RR&D BR3773R). Congressional Briefing, Executive Office, Veterans Affairs North Texas Healthcare System, Dallas, Texas, October 2006.

**Ottomanelli L.** Spinal Cord Injury Vocational Integration Program: Implementation and Outcomes (Project # VA RR&D BR3773R). Congressional Briefing. Executive Office, Veterans Affairs North Texas Healthcare System, Dallas, Texas, April 2005.

**Ottomanelli L** [reviewer]. Spinal cord injury: A guide for living, book review. *Biofeedback*. 2002; 29 (4), 29-30.

**Fisher L\***, Adinoff B. Itching to understand the phenomenon of craving in addiction, letter. *South Med J*. 1998; 91:217.

## **NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Podium***

**Ottomanelli L**, Barnett SD, Goetz LL. Key characteristics of Veterans with SCI to inform research and practice [Sept 2]. Annual Educational Conference. Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professional, Saint Louis, Missouri, 2014 Aug 31 to Sept 3.

Cotner BA, Njoh EN, Trainor JK, O'Connor DR, Barnett SD, **Ottomanelli L**. Facilitators and barriers to employment for Veterans with SCI within first 12 months of SE services [June 29]. 2014 Conference. Mixed Methods International Research Association, Boston, 2014 June 27-29.

Trainor JK, O'Connor DR, Cotner BA, Njoh EN, Barnett SD, **Ottomanelli L**. Participating in supported employment: identifying reasons Veterans with SCI decline and/or accept services [June 29]. 2014 Conference. Mixed Methods International Research Association, Boston, 2014 June 27-29.

Cotner B, Keleher J, O'Connor D, Trainor J, **Ottomanelli L**. The role of social networks for Veterans with spinal cord injury in obtaining employment [invited roundtable]. [7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting](#). Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2014 March 18-22.

**Ottomanelli L**. Help wanted: Finding effective strategies for employment after SCI [invited] [March 1]. RP 2014 – Translating Research into Practice. American Psychological Association, Division 22, San Antonio, Texas, 2014 Feb 27 - Mar 2.

Cotner B, Keleher J, O'Connor D, Trainor J, **Ottomanelli L**. The role of social networks for Veterans with spinal cord injury in obtaining employment [Nov 24] [panel]. Annual Meeting. American Anthropological Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2013 Nov 20-24.

**Ottomanelli L**, Holmes SA, Smith S, Valentine JD. Faces of SCI in the workplace: Getting there with team-based care [symposia]. ASCIP Educational Conference 2013 – The Changing Face of SCI. Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2013 Sept 2-4.

**Ottomanelli L**, Wilson C. Psychologists role in helping Veterans with spinal cord injury return to work: innovations in integration [Aug 3]. 121st Annual Convention. American Psychological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2013 Jul 31-Aug 4.



Goetz LL, **Ottomanelli L**, Barnett S. Multicenter trial of supported employment for Veterans with spinal cord injury. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Meeting. American Spinal Injury Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2013 May 6-8.

**Ottomanelli L**, Wilson C, Taylor B, Ahumada R. Evidence based supported employment in SCI: Work participation and quality of life (August 29) [invited]. Summit 2012: Delivering Excellence, Achieving State-of-the-Art Health Care. Paralyzed Veterans of America, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2012 Aug 28-30.

**Ottomanelli L**. Supported employment: integrated care to improve outcomes for complex physical and mental health issues [invited]. [Fourth US-Japan Goodwill "Meeting of the Minds"](#) Conference for the Reintegration of Veterans with Mild TBI and PTSD into Joint Health / Economic Opportunity / University / Jobs / National Volunteer Systems. The MindKnit Research Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2011 Nov 9.

**Ottomanelli L**. Supported employment: A novel approach to improving employment outcomes, 2-year results from the SCI-VIP study. Association of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (ASCIP). Las Vegas, Nevada, 2011 Sept 5-7.

**Ottomanelli L**. Research on IPS SE among Veterans with disabilities [invited]. Annual Meeting. Johnson & Johnson Dartmouth Community Mental Health Supported Employment, St. Louis, Missouri, 2011 May 8-9.

**Ottomanelli L**. Does supported employment work in spinal cord injury? Results of the SCI-VIP project [teleconference]. Quarterly Conference Call. Spinal Cord Injury & Disorder Services, Patient Care Services Department of Veterans Affairs, Seattle, Washington, 2010 Dec 15.

Goetz L, **Ottomanelli L**, Grauer C. Translating best practices in vocational rehabilitation to persons with disabilities. American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPMR). Seattle, Washington, 2010 Nov 4-7.

**Ottomanelli L**, Goetz L. Breaking vocational barriers after SCI with evidence-based supported employment. Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals. Las Vegas, Nevada, 2010 Sept 22-24.

Davis B, Resnick SG, **Ottomanelli L**, Twamley EW. Implementation of evidence-based supported employment in PTSD, SCI and TBI. VHA Mental Health Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, 2010 July 29.

**Ottomanelli L**. Supported employment 101 for Veterans with SCI. Workers with SCI: Talent for a winning team VA. VHA EES & SCI/D Services, Atlanta, Georgia, 2009 April.

**Ottomanelli L**. Mental health issues and spinal cord injury. Workers with SCI: talent for a winning team. VHA EES & SCI/D Services, Atlanta, GA, 2009 April.

**Ottomanelli L**. Report on employment and vocational rehabilitation implementations among spinal cord injury among Veterans [invited]. Continuing Education Program, National Paralyzed Veterans of NSO America, Austin, Texas, 2007 October.

**Ottomanelli L**. The Spinal Cord Injury Vocational Integration Program: Referrals and partnerships with DARS [invited]. MOU Meeting. Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation Services and Veterans Administration, VA Community Center, Dallas, Texas, 2007 February.

**Ottomanelli LA.** Spinal Cord Injury -Vocational Integration Program: Implementations and Outcomes Project Update [briefing]. Veterans Administration Committee on Rehabilitation (VACOR), Washington, DC, 2006 March.

**Ottomanelli LA.** Individualized approach to spinal cord injury and vocational training and placement [briefing]. Veterans Administration Committee on Rehabilitation (VACOR), Washington, DC, 2004 November.

### *Posters*

Dixon T, Barnett SD, Kolb AB, **Ottomanelli L.** Depression and functional outcomes for persons with spinal cord injury (SCI) seeking employment [poster]. RP 2014 – Translating Research into Practice. American Psychological Association, Division 22, San Antonio, Texas, 2014 Feb 28 - Mar 2.

Sutton B, **Ottomanelli L,** Njoh E, Barnett S, Goetz L. The impact of supported employment and social support among Veterans with spinal cord injury [poster 41, Nov 14]. 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Orlando, Florida, 2013 Nov 12-16. DOI: 10.1016/j.apmr.2013.08.087. [www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0003999313007387](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0003999313007387)

Davis L, Yang S, Kyriakides T, Guarino P, Toscano R, Resnick S, Mueller L, Blansett C, **Ottomanelli L,** Drake R. A recovery outcome model illustrated by the methodology of a VA Cooperative Study Program #589 [poster]. 2013 Autumn Conference. International Society for CNS Clinical Trials and Methodology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2013 Sept 30-Oct 2.

**Ottomanelli L,** Barnett S. The impact of employment on health related quality of life and disability among veterans with spinal cord injury [poster]. 121st Annual Convention. American Psychological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2013 Jul 31-Aug 4.

Dixon TM, Budd MA, Barnett SD, Njoh E, **Ottomanelli L.** Lifetime history of TBI: Associated factors relating to vocational outcomes for individuals with SCI [poster], Feb 23. 15th Annual Rehabilitation Conference. American Psychological Association Division 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology) and American Board of Professional Psychologists, Jacksonville, Florida, 2013 Feb 21-24.

Barnett SD, **Ottomanelli L,** Goetz L. A prospective examination of the impact of employment on health related quality of life, disability, and handicap among Veterans with SCI [poster]. Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2012 September 3-5.

Cotner B, Trainor J, O'Connor DR, **Ottomanelli L.** Exploring the influence of social networks of Veterans with a spinal cord injury on employment [poster], March 29. Bays, Boundaries, and Borders. 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting. Society for Applied Anthropology, Baltimore, Maryland, 2012 Mar 27-31.

Dixon-Lawson K, **Ottomanelli L,** Goetz L, Smith-Morris C. Illustrations of successful vocational outcomes following SCI through team interventions [poster]. Annual Meeting. Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals. Las Vegas, Nevada, 2010 September 22-24.

Ames H, McGeough C, **Ottomanelli L,** Holmes S, Kerrigan A. implementing evidenced based supported employment at VA mentor site: approaching a systems change on SCI team [poster]. Annual Meeting. Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2010 September 22-24.

Dixon T, **Ottomanelli L,** Frick C, Cipher D. Spinal cord injury and co-morbid traumatic brain injury: psychosocial and functional status among individuals seeking vocational rehabilitation [poster]. Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals. Las Vegas, Nevada, 2010 September 22-24.

**Ottomanelli L**, Goetz L, McGeough C, Suris A, Sippel J. The use of supported employment among Veterans with spinal cord injuries [poster]. 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Society of Federal Health Agencies. San Antonio, Texas, 2008 November 9-14.

**Ottomanelli LA**. Vocational rehabilitation needs assessment with Veterans' with SCI [poster]. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2006 September 4-8.

Mayhugh M, **Ottomanelli LA**. Development and use of a program evaluation system with a spinal cord injury peer mentoring program [poster]. 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2005 September 6-9.

### **REGIONAL AND LOCAL** (*selected*)

Cotner B, Njoh E, Trainor J, O'Connor D, Barnett SD, **Ottomanelli L**. Facilitators and barriers to employment for Veterans with SCI within first 12 months of SE services [poster]. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Day. James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, Florida, 2014 June 19.

Njoh E, Dixon TM, Barnett SD, Kolb A, **Ottomanelli L**. Depression and functional outcomes for persons with spinal cord injury (SCI) seeking employment [poster]. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Day. James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, Florida, 2014 June 19.

Sutton B, **Ottomanelli L**, Barnett SD, Njoh EN, Goetz LL. The impact of supported employment and social support among Veterans with spinal cord injury [poster]. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Day. James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, Florida, 2014 June 19.

White K, Fisher K, Wilson C, Jones V, Ahumada R, McFarland C, **Ottomanelli L**. PrOMOTE helps veterans with SCI re-enter the workforce [poster]. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Day. James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, Florida, 2014 June 19.

Dixon T, Barnett SD, Kolb AB, **Ottomanelli L**. Depression and functional outcomes for persons with spinal cord injury (SCI) seeking employment [poster], May 21. Research Week. Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio, 2014 May 19-24.

**Ottomanelli L**. (Moderator). Disability Awareness in the Workplace. James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, Florida, 2014 March 21.

**Ottomanelli L**, White KT, Wilson CS, Fisher KV, Jones V, Ahumada R, McFarland C. SCI-VIP: Predictive Outcome Model Over Time for Employment (PrOMOTE) [poster]. 5th Annual Patient Centered Care Fair. James A Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, Florida, 2013 Sept 6.

Barnett SD, **Ottomanelli L**, Goetz L. A prospective examination of the impact of employment on health-related quality of life, disability, and handicap among Veterans with SCI. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Day. James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, Florida, 2013 Apr 25.

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**Ottomanelli L.** Spinal cord injury and vocational rehabilitation. Grand Rounds. Spinal Cord Injury Center, Saint Louis VAMC, St. Louis, Missouri, 2009 February.

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**Ottomanelli L.** addressing sexuality issues among persons with chronic illness and disability. Psychology Intern Seminar. VA North Texas Healthcare System, Dallas, Texas, 2006 May.

**Ottomanelli LA.** On a roll: disability in America. Spinal Cord Injury Education Seminar. Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System, Dallas, Texas, 2005 April.

**Ottomanelli LA.** Interpersonal effectiveness. High Performance Development Model Career Training, Black History Month, Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System, Dallas, Texas, 2005 February.

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**Ottomanelli LA.** Disaster mental health: common stress responses and professional roles. Mental Health Grand Rounds at VA North Texas Health Care System. Department of Psychiatry, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas, 2001 September.

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## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

2013 – present School Advisory Committee, elected community member, Oakstead Elementary, Land O' Lakes, FL

1995 – 2010 **Volunteer**, Chisholm Trail Chapter, American Red Cross, Disaster Mental Health Specialist