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EDUCATION

2004 B.A., Public Policy Studies, *summa cum laude*
 Duke University
2010 M.S.P.H., Health Policy & Management
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
2016 Ph.D., Health Policy (Evaluative Science and Statistics)
 Harvard University
2016 – 2017 Postdoctoral training, Veterans Health Administration Advanced Fellow
 Providence VA Medical Center

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2017 – 2020 Investigator
 Department of Health Services, Policy and Practice
 Brown University, Providence RI

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

2017 – present Health Science Specialist
 Center of Innovation for Long Term Services and Supports (COIN-LTSS)
 Providence VA Medical Center, Providence RI

HONNORS AND AWARDS

2010 Jean Yates Award for Outstanding Master's Student in Health Services Research,
 UNC Chapel Hill School of Public Health
2016 Veterans' Administration OAA Fellow
2020 Resource Centers for Minority Aging (RCMAR) Scientist, University of Southern
 California Schaeffer Center

MEMBERSHIP IN SOCIETIES

2010 – present Academy Health
2019 – present American Society of Health Economists
2017 – 2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

2017 – present Gerontological Society of America

DEPARTMENT, CENTER, AFFILIATED HOSPITAL, OR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

HSPP Departmental Committees

2019 – present Ad-hoc committee to review grant mentoring

Providence VA Medical Center Committees

2017 – present Data user group

NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Health Economics

Health Services Research Journal

Inquiry

Journal of Aging and Social Policy

Journal of the American Medical Directors Association

Journal of Health Economics

Medical Care Research and Review

Research on Aging

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

1. Hansen RA, **Cornell PY**, Ryan PB, Williams CE, Pierson S, Greene SB. Patterns in nursing home medication errors: disproportionality analysis as a novel method to identify quality improvement opportunities. *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety* 2010 Aug;19(10):1087-1094.
2. Grabowski DC, Stevenson DG, **Cornell PY**. Assisted living expansion and the market for nursing home care. *Health Services Research* 2012 May;47(6):2296-2315.
3. **Cornell PY**, Grabowski DC, Cohen M, Shi X, Stevenson DG. Medical underwriting in long-term care insurance: market conditions limit options for higher-risk consumers. *Health Affairs* 2016 Aug;35(8):1494-1503.
4. **Cornell PY**, Grabowski DC. The impact of policy incentives on long-term care insurance and Medicaid costs: does underwriting matter? *Health Services Research* 2018 Oct;53(5):3728-2749.
5. **Cornell PY**, Grabowski DC, Norton E, Rahman M. Do report cards predict future quality? The case of skilled nursing facilities. *Journal of Health Economics* 2019 Jul;66:208-221
6. **Cornell PY**, Zhang W, Thomas KS. Changes in Long-Term Care Markets: Assisted Living Supply and the Prevalence of Low-Care Residents in Nursing Homes. *Journal of the American Medical Directors' Association*. 2020 Aug;21(8): 1161-1165.e4.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jamda.2020.01.006>
7. **Cornell PY**, Halladay CW, Ader J, Halaszynski J, Hogue M, McClain M, Silva J, Taylor L, Rudolph J. Embedding Social Workers in Veterans Health Administration Primary Care Teams Reduces Visits to the Emergency Room. *Health Affairs* 2020 April;39(4).
<https://doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2019.01589>

8. Thomas KS, Zhang W, **Cornell PY**, Smith L, Kaskie B, Carder P. State Variability in the Prevalence and Healthcare Utilization of Assisted Living and Residents with Dementia. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. 2020 May;9(11). <https://doi.org/10.1111/jgs.16410> PMID: 32175594
9. Diop M,* Brown G, Lan J, Wu WC, **Cornell PY**, Gozalo P, Rudolph J. Palliative Care Consultation Reduces Heart Failure Transitions: A Matched Analysis. *J Amer Heart Assoc*. 2020;9. <https://doi.org/10.1161/JAHA.119.013989> PMID: 32456514
10. **Cornell PY**, Zhang W, Smith L, Fashaw S, Thomas KS. Developments in the Market for Assisted Living: Residential Care Availability in 2017. *J Amer Med Dir Assoc*. In press, available online 2020 Sep 29. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jamda.2020.08.011> NIHMS 1633672
11. Fabius CD, **Cornell PY**, Zang W, Thomas KS. State Medicaid Financing and Access to Large Assisted Living Settings for Medicare–Medicaid Dual-Eligibles. *Medical Care Research and Review*. Published online 19 January 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077558720987666>
12. Hua C, Zang W, **Cornell PY**, Dosa DS, Rahman M, Thomas KS. Characterizing Emergency Department Use Among Assisted Living Residents. *Journal of the American Medical Directors' Association*. In press. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jamda.2020.05.019>
13. Hua C,* Zimmerman S, Winfree J, **Cornell PY**, Thomas KS. Trends in serious mental illness in US assisted living communities: 2007-2017. *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. In press.
14. Thomas KS, Corneau E, **Cornell PY**, Allen SM, Van Houtven C, Dosa D, Aron DC. Inequities in Access to VA's Aid and Attendance Enhanced Pension Benefit to Help Veterans Pay for Long-Term Care. *Health Services Research Journal*. In press, accepted for publication 12/31/2020.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Cornell PY, Celardo C, Chmelka G, Giles AJ, Halladay CW, Halaszynski J, Montano A, Rudolph JL, Silva J. Social work and telehealth: How Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) social workers in the Veterans Health Administration responded to COVID-19. Submitted 10/15/2020; re-submitted 01/19/2021.

Montano A, **Cornell PY**, Gravenstein, S. Barriers and Facilitators to Interprofessional Collaborative Practice for Community-Dwelling Older Adults: An Integrative Review. Submitted 11/20/2020.

Jutkowitz E, Halladay CW, Tsai J, Hooshyar D, **Cornell PY**, Rudolph JL. Association of Statewide Stay-at-Home Orders with Utilization of Case Management and Supportive Services for Veterans Experiencing Housing Insecurity. Submitted 01/27/2021.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Does the Veterans Administration purchase high-quality nursing home care? Selection of community nursing homes for rural vs. urban Veterans.

Primary-care social workers and access to palliative and hospice care.

Does memory care matter? Dementia-care assisted living and patient outcomes.

The Social Work PACT Staffing Program: A RE-AIM evaluation of the social-work practice model for rural Veterans.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS**National**

1. What is the effect of social work staffing on Veterans' health care access and outcomes? Evidence from the Rural PACT Social Work Initiative. Harvard Medical School Department of Health Care Policy, February 11, 2019
2. Use of Assessment Tools in Social Work Case Management. Veterans Administration, Rural PACT Social Work National Points of Contact Meeting, March 1 2019.
3. Evaluation of the Rural PACT Social Work Initiative. Rural PACT Social Work National Points of Contact Meeting, September 9, 2019.
4. Effect of a Veterans Administration social work intervention on health care utilization and costs. Congressional Budget Office, Annual Panel of Health Advisors, September 18, 2020.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

1. **Cornell PY**, Stearns SC. "The Effect of home- and community-based service funding on nursing home care at the end of life." Poster presented at Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, June 2010, Boston, MA
2. **Cornell PY**, Price M, Fireman B, Landrum MB, Hsu J, Fung V. "Effect of second-generation antipsychotic on metabolic syndrome: an instrumental-variables analysis." Poster presented at Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, June 2012, Orlando, FL
3. **Cornell PY**, Stevenson DG, Grabowski DC, Cohen M, Shi X. Underwriting in the market for long-term care. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, November 9, 2013, New Orleans, LA
4. **Cornell PY**, M Price, B Fireman, MB Landrum, J Hsu, V Fung. Instrumental variable methods for the comparative safety of second-generation antipsychotic medications. International Conference in Health Policy Statistics, October 11, 2013, Chicago, IL
5. **Cornell PY**, Grabowski DC, Norton EC, Rahman M. What is the effect of publicly reported quality measures on patient outcomes? An instrumental-variables approach. Midwest Health Economics Conference, May 18 – 20, 2017, Minneapolis, MN
6. **Cornell PY**, Thomas KS. Specialized dementia care in assisted living. APPAM Research Meeting, November 2 – 4, 2017, Chicago IL
7. **Cornell PY**, Thomas KS. Does specialized dementia care in assisted living affect resident outcomes? Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Long-term care interest group, June 25 – 27, 2017, New Orleans, LA
8. **Cornell PY**, Grabowski DC. Underwriting and long-term care insurance policy. Poster presented at Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, June 25 – 27, 2017, New Orleans, LA
9. **Cornell PY**, Halladay CM, Shelton S, Rudolph J. Predictors of receiving social Work Among Rural, High-Risk Veterans. Poster presented at Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, June 2018, Seattle, WA
10. **Cornell PY**, Makineni R, Mor V. Trends in hospital Admissions from Veterans' Community Living Centers. Poster presented at Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, June 2018, Seattle, WA
11. **Cornell PY**, Grabowski DC, Norton EC, Rahman M. Do report cards predict future quality? The case of skilled nursing facilities. International Long-term-Care Policy Network, September 10 – 12, 2018, Vienna, Austria.

12. **Cornell PY**, Makineni R, Mor V. Trends in hospital admissions from Veterans' community living centers. Poster presented at Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Nov. 2018, Boston, MA
15. **Cornell PY**, Grabowski DC, Norton EC, Rahman M. Do report cards predict future quality? The case of skilled nursing facilities. Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Research Meeting, November 8 – 10, 2018, Washington, DC.
13. **Cornell PY**, Grabowski DC, Norton EC, Rahman M. Do report cards predict future quality? The case of skilled nursing facilities. Poster presented at Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Nov. 2018, Boston, MA
15. **Cornell PY**, Halladay CM, McClain C, Rudolph JM. The impact of social workers on Veterans outcomes. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, June 2019, Washington, DC
14. **Cornell PY**, Halladay CM, McClain C, Rudolph JM. Do social workers improve Veterans' outcomes? Evidence from the Rural PACT Social Work Initiative. Poster presented at the American Society for Health Economics (ASHEcon), June 23 – 26, 2019, Washington, DC
16. **Cornell PY**, Zhang W, Rahman M, Thomas KS. Does memory care matter? Examining characteristics and outcomes between dementia-licensed and standard assisted living communities. Panel presentation at Gerontological Society of America, November 13, 2019, Austin TX.
17. **Cornell PY**, Zhang W, Rahman M, Thomas KS. Does memory care matter? Examining characteristics and outcomes between dementia-licensed and standard assisted living communities. Podium presentation at AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, June 2020, Boston, MA. [in-person meeting cancelled due to COVID-19]

GRANTS

Current grants

1. **Cornell PY (PI)**. Veterans Administration, "Social-Work Effectiveness for Rural Veterans Evaluation (SERVE)," QUERI (PEC 18-012), 10/01/2019 – 09/30/2022, \$444,793
2. **Cornell PY (Pilot PI)**. National Institute on Aging, "Racial Segregation and Disparities in Assisted Living for Older Adults with Dementia."
3. Levy C and Mor V (Co-PIs), **Cornell PY** (Co-investigator), VA HSR&D Merit: "Are Veterans' outcomes better when VHA purchases High-Quality Nursing Home Care?" 10/01/2018 – 09/30/2021, \$1,099,999
4. Rudolph J (PI), **Cornell PY** (Co-investigator), VA Office of Social Work, "Evaluation of the Rural Patient Aligned Care Team Social Work Initiative" (Memorandum of understanding), 10/01/18 – 09/30/2019 (renewed 2019, 2020, 2021), \$200,000 / year
5. Mills W (PI), **Cornell PY** (Co-investigator), VA HSR&D Merit: "Implementing the Behavioral Activities Intervention (BE-ACTIV) to Reduce Depression among Veterans in Community Living Centers." 02/15/2020 – 02/14/2023, \$1,194,473

Grants pending award

Grants under review

1. 1. Jones C and Thomas K (co-PIs), **Cornell PY** (Co-Investigator), VAHSR&D Merit. "Post-Acute Home Health Care for Veterans: Examining Payer Source, Quality, and Outcomes."

Completed Grants

1. Cornell PY (Postdoctoral fellow), VA HSR&D: “OAA Advanced Fellowship,” 08/01/2016 – 09/30/2017
2. Cornell PY (Predoctoral fellow), Harvard University GSAS: Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 08/01/2015-07/31/2016
3. Cornell PY (Predoctoral trainee), NIMH: Pre-Doctoral Traineeship, 08/01/2014 – 08/01/2015
4. Cornell PY (PI), Social Security Administration via Boston College Center for Retirement Research, Dissertation Grant, “Long-term care insurance partnership programs,” 09/01/2013 – 05/01/2014, \$28,000
5. Cornell PY (Predoctoral Trainee), AHRQ T-32, 08/01/2010 – 08/31/2013
6. Thomas KS (PI), **Cornell PY** (Co-investigator). Co-investigator. NIA: “Do state regulations affect the outcomes of assisted living residents with dementia?” R01 AG057746-011), 1/15/2018 – 12/31/2020, \$658,227

TEACHING AND MENTORING ROLES

Brown University School of Public Health

2018 - 2021 Intro to Biostatistics and Data Analysis (small-group discussion leader)

Providence VA Medical Center

Anna-Rae Montano, Ph.D. (post-doctoral mentor)

Harvard Medical School

2015 Introduction to Health Policy (teaching fellow)

Harvard Chan School of Public Health

2013, 2014, 2015 Methods and Applications in Health Services Research (teaching fellow)

2012, 2013, 2014 Quantitative Methods in Program Evaluation (teaching fellow)

Harvard College

2011 The Business and Politics of Health (teaching fellow)

FACULTY REFERENCES

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