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Curriculum Vitae – July 1, 2019

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EDUCATION

PhD 2013 **Housing** – Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA
MPA 2006 **Public Administration** – Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
BS 2004 **Business Administration** – Shaw University, Raleigh, NC

POSITIONS

2018-present **Associated Health Fellow**, Health Services Research and Development, Veterans Health Administration, North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, Gainesville, FL

2018-present **Program Strategist and System Evaluator**, North Florida Foundation for Research and Education, North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, Gainesville, FL

2016-present **Research Associate**, Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research-Gainesville (CINDRR), North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, Gainesville, FL

2014-2016 **Post-Doctoral Fellow**, Department of Occupational Therapy, College of Public Health and Health Professions, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Program in Disability Policy funded by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, Disability Policy Research

2012-2014 **Extension Support Specialist**, Cornell University, Yang-Tan Institute on Employment and Disability, Ithaca, NY

2011-2012 **Compliance Officer**, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (DEO), Atlanta GA

2007-2011 **Americans with Disabilities Consultant**, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Services, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Semeah LM, Ahrentzen S, Cowper-Ripley DC, Santos-Roman LM, Beamish JO, Farley K. Rental housing needs and barriers from the perspective of veterans with disabilities. *Housing Policy Debate*.

2019 Feb 5;1–17. *Featured on web: In their own words: Veterans with disabilities share their housing challenges. How Housing Matters. 2019.03.13. Accessed 2019.06.21*
<https://howhousingmatters.org/articles/words-veterans-disabilities-share-housing-challenges/>

Semeah LM, Campbell C, Cowper-Ripley DC, Jia H, Uphold C, Freytes I. Occupational hazard: patients displaying disruptive behavior. *Federal Practitioner*. 2019;36(4):158–163. *Featured as the cover story article in Federal Practitioner journal for the month of April 2019:*
<https://www.mdedge.com/fedprac/issue/198412/federal-practitioner-364a>

Semeah LM, Ahrentzen S, Jia H, Cowper Ripley DC, Levy CE, Mann WC. The Home Improvements and Structural Alterations Benefits Program: Veterans with disabilities and home accessibility. *J Disabil Policy Stud*. 2017 Jun;28(1):43–51.

Semeah LM, Campbell CL, Cowper DC, Peet AC. Serving our homeless veterans: patient perpetrated violence as a barrier to health care access. *J Public Nonprofit Aff*. 2017 Jul 31;3(2):223.

Semeah LM, Beamish JO, Schember TO, Cook LH. The rental housing needs and experiences of veterans with disabilities. *Adm Soc*. 2019 Feb;51(2):299–324.

Cook LH, Foley JT, **Semeah LM**. An exploratory study of inclusive worksite wellness: Considering employees with disabilities. *Disabil Health J*. 2016 Jan;9(1):100–107.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Semeah LM, Jia H, Cowper-Ripley D, Ahonle Z, Ftouni D, Hale-Gallardo JL, Freytes IM. Understanding clinicians' familiarity and prescription patterns of home modifications programs. *Am J Occup Ther*. 2019.

Semeah LM, Jia H, Cowper-Ripley D, Wang X, Ahonle Z, Ganesh SP, Lee MJ, Hale-Gallardo JL. National level utilization patterns of a home modification program: a big data study. *Health Serv Res J*. 2019.

Ganesh SP, **Semeah LM**, Wang X, Cowper-Ripley D, Lee MJ, Ahonle ZJ, Hale-Gallardo J, Jia H. Home modification and health services utilization in rural and urban veterans with disabilities. *J Aging Health*. 2019.

Chapters

Semeah LM. Housing after military service: Views and impact as described by Veterans. In: Anacker KB, Carswell AT, Kirby SD, Tremblay KR, editors. *Introduction to housing*, 3rd ed. Routledge.

Semeah LM. Improving health through the home modification program. In: Fiedler BA, editor. *Three facets of public health and paths to improvements*. Elsevier. Publication scheduled for Spring 2020.

PRESENTATIONS— REFEREED AND INVITED

National and Regional

Santos L, **Semeah LM**. Implication of universal design of learning for students veterans with disabilities [poster]. Annual Conference. National Rehabilitation Educators, Manhattan Beach, CA, 2017 April.

Semeah LM, Beamish JO, Jia H, Ahrentzen S, Levy CE, Cowper-Ripley D, Mann WC. The home improvements and structural alterations benefits program: What do veterans with disabilities need to know [oral]. 2016 Conference. Veterans National Housing Education and Research Association, Jacksonville, FL, 2016 Oct.

Semeah LM, Turcotte D, Farley K. Community health needs assessment: Opportunity for collaboration with the healthcare industry [oral]. 2016 Conference. Veterans National Housing Education and Research Association, Jacksonville, FL, 2016 Oct.

Rudstam H, **Semeah LM**. Beyond yellow ribbons: Transition challenges for veterans with disabilities [oral]. 14th Annual Conference. National Rehabilitation Educators, Manhattan Beach, CA, 2014 March.

Semeah LM. From military life to civilian life: The transition experience of disabled veterans to a civilian workforce and community living [oral]. 15th Annual Diversity Update Conference. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2013 Nov.

Semeah LM, Beamish JO. Housing legislation: Meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities [oral]. Annual Conference Proceedings, Housing Education and Research Association, Santa Fe, NM, 2013 Nov.

Semeah LM, Beamish JO. Housing satisfaction and the rental housing search process of veterans with disabilities [oral]. Annual Conference Proceedings. Housing Education and Research Association, Tulsa, OK, 2013 Oct.

Semeah LM. Rental housing search and occupancy experiences of veterans with disabilities [oral]. Fair Housing Conference. United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Richmond VA, 2010 April.

Local

Hale-Gallardo J, Jia H, Levy CE, Delisle AT, Freytes IM, **Semeah LM**, Ahonle ZJ, Dirk L, Ni Yuxin Ly Lina1, Cowper-Ripley D. Health and independent living (HAIL) for veterans with disabilities [poster]. Department of Veterans Affairs Research Day. Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, Gainesville, FL, 2018 Oct.

Semeah LM, Campbell CL, Cowper-Ripley D, Uphold C, Freytes IM, Jia H, Orozco T. Impact of underreporting patient disruptive behavior on health care delivery and quality of care [oral]. Medical Practitioner Meeting. Department of Veterans Affairs Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers, Gainesville, FL, 2017 Oct.

Miller K, Winter SM, **Semeah LM**, Classen S, Yarney A, Monahan M, Lutz A, Platek K, Levy C. Community integration among combat veterans enrolled in a driving intervention [poster]. Research

Day, College of Public Health and Health Professions, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, 2016 April.

Semeah LM, Jia H. Home accessibility through home modification for veterans with disabilities [oral]. Investigators Meeting. Veterans Health Administration, Gainesville, FL, 2016 March.

Semeah LM, Jia H, Ahrentzen S, Levy CE, Cowper-Ripley D, Mann WC. Conceptualization of pilot: structure, process, and utilization of Home Improvement Structural Alteration (HISA) [oral]. Investigators Meeting. Veterans Health Administration, Gainesville, FL, 2015 Feb.

Semeah LM. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Applications for public entities serving people with disabilities [webinar]. Ithaca, NY, 2013 Sept.

Semeah LM, Beamish JO. There's no place like home: Housing and disability issues [oral]. Investigators Meeting. Employment and Disability Institute, Ithaca, NY, 2013 April.

GRANT FUNDING

Active

Funding Source: William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust
Project Title: Computing and Society Engagement
Role: Program Evaluator, University of Florida
Amount: \$1.5 MM **10/2017 – 12/2019**

Funding Source: CINDRR
Project Title: Analyzing the Home Improvements and Structural Alterations Benefits Program: A Retrospective Study
Role: Principal Investigator
Amount: \$50,000.00 **8/2018 – 2/2020**

Funding Source: North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, Malcom Randall Medical Center
Project Title: Impact of Reporting Patient Disruptive Behavior on Health Care Delivery and Quality of Care: A Pilot Study
Role: Principal Investigator
Amount: \$10,100 **3/2019 – 9/2019**

Submitted and in Preparation

Funding Source: Office of Rural Health
Project Title: Home Modifications for Rural Veterans with Disabilities
Role: Principal Investigator
Amount: \$165,928 **Submitted**

Funding Source: Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development
Project Title: Improving Home Accessibility for Veterans with Disabilities
Role: Co-Investigator
Amount: \$833,623.00 **In Preparation**

Completed

Funding Source: CINDRR Pilot Project
Project Title: Home Improvements and Structural Alterations Benefits Program (HISA): An Exploratory Study
Role: Principal Investigator
Amount: \$45,628.00

Funding Source: Office of Rural Health
Project Title: Identify Promising Practices in Collaboration between the VA and Center of Independent Living
Role: Co-Investigator
Amount: \$176,664.00

Funding Source: New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
Project Title: Inclusive Fitness Initiative
Role: Co-Investigator
Amount: \$150,000.00

CERTIFICATIONS

Evaluation and Applied Research Methods Certificate, Claremont Evaluation Center

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

American Society for Public Administration, member
 Housing Education and Research Association, member
 University of Florida, Postdoc Affairs Advisory Committee
 Young Leaders in Affordable Housing, member

JOURNAL REVIEWER

- *Housing and Society*, 2019-present
- *Administration & Society*, 2018-present
- *Rehabilitation Research and Practice*, 2015-present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Semeah LM. (2015). Implementation of Disability Laws for the Clinician. College of Public Health and Health Professions. **University of Florida.** (Graduate Lecture - **Guest Lecturer**).

Semeah LM. (2014). Housing Issues for Elders, Housing Policy and the Importance of Advocacy. College of Public Health and Health Professions. **University of Florida.** (Graduate Lecture - **Guest Lecturer**).

Semeah LM. (2014). Implementation of Americans with Disabilities Act for the Clinician. College of Public Health and Health Professions. **University of Florida.**

(Graduate Lecture - **Guest Lecturer**).

Semeah LM. (2013). Disability Considerations in Human Resource Policy and Practice. School of Industrial and Labor Relations. **Cornell University.** (Undergraduate Lecture - **Guest Lecturer**).

Semeah LM. (2010). Americans with Disabilities Act. Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.
(Undergraduate Lecture - **Guest Lecturer**)

Semeah LM. (2010). Housing on the Fair Housing Act. Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.
(Undergraduate Lecture - **Guest Lecturer**).