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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor	2024-present
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC	
Postdoctoral Research Fellow	2023-2024
Center for Evidence Based Crime Policy George Mason University, Fairfax, VA	

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Criminology, Law and Society	2023
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA Dissertation: To where the river flows, examining the downstream effects of police body-worn cameras Committee: David Weisburd (chair), Cynthia Lum, David B. Wilson, Barak Ariel	
M.S., Criminal Justice	2015
Radford University, Radford, VA	
B.S., Sociology, Crime/Deviance Concentration	2012
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA	

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Petersen, K.**, Koper, C. S., Taylor, B. G., Liu, W., & Sheridan-Johnson, J. (2024). Less-Lethal Weapons and Civilian Injury in Police Use of Force Encounters: A Multi-agency Analysis. *Journal of Urban Health*, 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11524-024-00940-1>
- Petersen, K.**, Weisburd, D., Hinkle, J. C., Telep, C. W., & Fay, S. (2024). Does level of geography influence proactive policing's impact on crime? A synthesis of systematic reviews of three evidence-based policing strategies. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 101988. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avb.2024.101988>

3. Hinkle, J. C., Weisburd, D., Telep, C. W., & **Petersen, K.** (2024). When is problem-oriented policing most effective? A systematic examination of heterogeneity in effect sizes for reducing crime and disorder. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, 18, paae053. <https://doi.org/10.1093/police/paae053>
4. Weisburd, D., **Petersen, K.**, Telep, C. W., & Fay, S. A. (2024). Can increasing preventive patrol in large geographic areas reduce crime? A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Criminology & Public Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.12665>
5. **Petersen, K.**, Redlich, A. D., & Wilson, D. B. (2023). Where is the evidence? Comparing the effects of evidence strength and demographic characteristics on plea discounts. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 39(4), 919-949. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10940-022-09555-8>
6. Lu, Y. F., & **Petersen, K.** (2023). Effectiveness of psychological skills training for police personnel: a meta-analysis. *Occupational and Environmental Medicine*. <http://doi.org/10.1136/oemed-2023-109117>
7. **Petersen, K.**, Papy, D., Mouro, A., & Ariel, B. (2023). The usage and utility of body-worn camera footage in courts: A survey analysis of state prosecutors. *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 20(3), 534-569. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jels.12358>
8. **Petersen, K.**, & Lu, Y.-F. (2023). The downstream effects of body-worn cameras: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Justice Quarterly*, 40(6), 765-790. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07418825.2023.2181855>
9. Weisburd, D., Wilson, D. B., **Petersen, K.**, & Telep, C. W. (2023). Does police patrol in large areas prevent crime? Revisiting the Kansas City preventive patrol experiment. *Criminology & Public Policy*, 22(3), 543-560. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.12623>
10. **Petersen, K.**, Mouro, A., Papy, D., Casillo, N., & Ariel, B. (2023). Seeing is believing: The impact of body-worn cameras on court outcomes, a cluster-randomized controlled trial in Miami Beach. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 19(1), 191-211. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11292-021-09479-6>
11. **Petersen, K.**, Weisburd, D., Fay, S., Eggins, E., & Mazerolle, L. (2023). Police stops to reduce crime: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Campbell Systematic Reviews*, 19(1), e1302. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cl2.1302>
12. Weisburd, D., **Petersen, K.**, & Fay, S. (2023). Does scientific evidence support the widespread use of SQFs as a proactive policing strategy? *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/police/paac098>
13. **Petersen, K.**, Davis, R. C., Weisburd, D., & Taylor, B. (2022). Effects of second responder programs on repeat incidents of family abuse: An updated systematic review and meta-analysis. *Campbell Systematic Reviews*, 18(1), e1217.

<https://doi.org/10.1002/cl2.1217>

14. **Petersen, K.** (2022). Looking at the big picture: Using systems theory to understand the impact of body-worn cameras on police accountability. *Critical Criminology*, 30(4), 861-878. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10612-022-09613-4>
15. **Petersen, K.**, Redlich, A. D., & Norris, R. J. (2022). Diverging from the shadows: Explaining individual deviation from plea bargaining in the “shadow of the trial”. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 18(2), 321-342. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11292-020-09449-4>
16. Hinkle, J. C., Weisburd, D., Telep, C. W., & **Petersen, K.** (2020). Problem-oriented policing for reducing crime and disorder: An updated systematic review and meta-analysis. *Campbell Systematic Reviews*, 16(2), e1089. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cl2.1089>

Edited Books

1. **George Mason Police Research Group**, & Weisburd, D. (Eds.). (2022). *Translational criminology in policing* (1st ed.). New York: Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003153009>

Book Chapters and Reviews

1. **Petersen, K.**, & Rudes, D. (2022). Crime, control, community relations, and barriers to community-based reforms in policing. In H. Pontell (Ed.), *Oxford research encyclopedia of criminology and criminal justice*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.740>
2. **Petersen, K.**, & Redlich, A. R. (2022). The psychology of plea bargaining. In R. Roesch (Ed.), *Psychology and law*, a volume of *Routledge encyclopedia of psychology in the real world*. New York: Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780367198459-REPRW187-1>
3. Kenyon, J., Wire, S., **Petersen, K.**, Kuen, K., & Azam, M. (2022). Translational criminology in policing. In George Mason Police Research Group & D. Weisburd (Eds.), *Translational criminology in policing* (pp. 3-12). New York: Routledge.
4. **Petersen, K.** (2019). [Review of the book *Confronting underground justice: Reinventing plea bargaining for effective criminal justice reform*, by R. Pitman & W. Kelly]. *Criminal Justice Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0734016819853335>

Commentaries

1. Weisburd, D., **Petersen, K.**, & Fay, S. A. (2023). It is time for ‘big science’ in SQF research: The questions are important enough and the potential harms of ‘small science’ great enough. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, 17. <https://doi.org/10.1093/police/paad006>

Technical Reports

1. **Petersen, K.**, Redlich, A. R., Johnson, B. D., Galvin, M., & Houlihan, S. (2023, August). *Preliminary report on racial justice in prosecution in Frederick County*. Report prepared for the Frederick County State Attorney's Office.

Manuscripts Under Review

1. Mazerolle, L., **Petersen, K.**, Sydes, M., & Ransley, J. (under review). Partnerships in policing: How third parties help police to reduce crime and disorder.
2. Joseph, H. L., Lu, W., **Petersen, K.**, Sheridan-Johnson, J., Taylor, B. (under review). Subject injury and police use of force in mental health crises.
3. Lum, C., Sumwalt, J., Koper, C. S., & **Petersen, K.** (under review). Institutionalizing Evidence-Based Policing through a Case of Place Approach in Suffolk County, New York

Manuscripts in Progress

1. **Petersen, K.**, Weisburd, D., Telep, C. W., & Fay, S. (in progress). Increased police patrol presence effects on crime and disorder: A systematic review.
2. **Petersen, K.**, Johnson, B., Galvin, M., & Redlich, A. D. (in progress). The hidden discount: Examining racial disparity in active sentence discounts.
3. **Petersen, K.**, Lum, C., & Koper, C. S. (in progress). Assessing proactive police tendencies in an agency seeking to become more evidence-based.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Best Student Paper Award

2022

[*Seeing is believing: The impact of body-worn cameras on court outcomes, a cluster-randomized controlled trial in Miami Beach*](#)
 American Society of Criminology
 Division of Experimental Criminology

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate Research Fellowship

2018-2023

Department of Criminology, Law and Society
 George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Graduate Assistantship

2014-2015

Department of Criminal Justice
Radford University, Radford, VA

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

1. **Petersen, K.**, Weisburd, D., Hinkle, J. C., Telep, C. W., & Fay, S. (2024, February). *Does level of geography influence proactive policing's impact on crime? A synthesis of systematic reviews of three evidence-based policing strategies*. Invited presentation at the University of Utah Policing Research Workshop, Salt Lake City, UT.
2. **Petersen, K.**, & Weisburd, D. (2023, March). *Police stops to reduce crime: A systematic review and meta-analysis*. Invited web presentation to the Youth Endowment Fund's Advisory Group on Stop and Search.

Conference Presentations

1. **Petersen, K.**, Lum, C., & Koper, C. S. (2024, November). *Assessing Receptivity and Proactive Tendencies in an Agency Seeking to be More Evidence-Based*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
2. Galvin, M., Johnson, B. D., **Petersen, K.**, & Redlich, A. D. (2024, November). *Liberated Prosecution? A Comparison of Outcomes in Circuit and District Courts*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
3. **Petersen, K.**, Johnson, B. D., Redlich, A. D., & Galvin, M. (2024, June). *The hidden discount: Examining racial disparity in active sentence discounts following guilty pleas*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Denver, CO.
4. **Petersen, K.**, Weisburd, D., Fay, S., Eggins, E., & Mazerolle, L. (2023, November). *Police stops to reduce crime. A systematic review and meta-analysis*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
5. Weisburd, D., **Petersen, K.**, Telep, C. W., & Fay, S. (2023, November). *Increased police patrol presence effects on crime and disorder*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
6. Wilson, D. B., Weisburd, D., **Petersen, K.**, & Telep, C. W. (2023, November). *Does Police Patrol in Large Areas Prevent Crime? Revisiting the Kansas City Preventive Patrol Experiment*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

7. Johnson, B., Galvin, M., Redlich, A. D., Houlihan, S., **Petersen, K.**, & Chen, C. (2023, November). *Locations of Disparity: Examining Racial Inequality in Guilty Plea Processes across Maryland District and Circuit Courts*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
8. Hinkle, J. C., Weisburd, D., Telep, C. W., & **Petersen, K.** (2023, November). *What Makes it Pop? A Systematic Examination of Heterogeneity in Effect Sizes for Problem-Oriented Policing*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
9. **Petersen, K.**, Papy, D., & Ariel, B. (2022, November). *Worth the trouble? Exploring the usage, utility, and costs of body-worn camera footage for state prosecutors*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
10. **Petersen, K.**, Redlich, A. D., & Bushway, S. (2021, November). *Where's the evidence? The relationship between evidence strength and probability of conviction under the shadow of the trial model*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
11. **Petersen, K.**, Redlich, A. D., & Norris, R. (2020, November). *Bargaining in the "shadow of the trial": What factors explain individual-level deviation?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C. [Conference cancelled due to COVID-19].
12. **Petersen K.**, Redlich, A. D., & Norris, R. (2019, November). *Explaining deviation from bargaining in the "Shadow of the trial"*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
13. Hinkle, J., Weisburd, D., Telep, C. W., & **Petersen, K.** (2019, November). *The effects of problem-oriented policing on crime and disorder: An updated systematic review*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, California.
14. Luna, S., Redlich, A. D., West, J., & **Petersen, K.** (2019, November). *The influence of discovery and guilt on defendant plea decisions*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, California.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNC Charlotte

CJUS 2320 – Introduction to Courts

Fall 2024

George Mason University

CRIM 408 – Criminal Courts

Summer 2021; 2023

CRIM 315 – Research Methods and Analysis in Criminology

Summer 2022

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad-hoc Peer Reviewer

<i>Justice Evaluation Journal</i>	2024
<i>Journal of Criminal Justice</i>	2024
<i>Nature Communications</i>	2024
<i>UK College of Policing</i>	2024
<i>UK Home Office</i>	2024
<i>European Journal of Criminology</i>	2024
<i>Social Science and Medicine</i>	2024
<i>Criminology & Public Policy</i>	2024
<i>Journal of Empirical Legal Studies</i>	2023
<i>Journal of Family Violence</i>	2023
<i>Journal of Crime and Justice</i>	2023
<i>Aggression and Violent Behavior</i>	2023
<i>Justice Quarterly</i>	2022
<i>Journal of Experimental Criminology</i>	2022
<i>Policing: An International Journal</i>	2021
<i>Journal of Quantitative Criminology</i>	2020; 2024

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Society (ASA)	2023-present
American Society of Criminology (ASC)	2022-present
Academy of Criminology Justice Sciences (ACJS)	2022-present

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant Department of Criminology, Law and Society George Mason University	2018-2023
President George Mason Police Research Group George Mason University	2021-2023
Victim/Witness Assistant Coordinator Roanoke County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Salem, VA	2016-2018