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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*](https://www.proquest.com/docview/2814281145?pq-origsite=gscholar&fromopenview=true)

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**

1. **Petersen, K.** (accepted).Is it all relative? Proposing the use of marginal effects for meta-analysis of binary outcomes in criminology and criminal justice. *Journal of Criminal Justice.*
2. **Petersen, K.**, Johnson, B., Galvin, M., & Redlich, A. D. (accepted). The hidden discount: Examining racial disparity in suspended sentences. *Criminology*.

1. **Petersen, K.,** Lum, C., & Koper, C. S. (2025). What motivates officers to be proactive and evidence-based? Analyzing organizational and individual correlates. *Police Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10986111251353521>
2. Joseph, H. L., Liu, W., **Petersen, K.**, Sheridan-Johnson, J., & Taylor, B. G. (2025). Subject injury and police use of force in mental health crises. *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry, 101*, 102104. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijlp.2025.102104>
3. Lum, C., Sumwalt, J., Koper, C. S., & **Petersen, K.** (2025). Institutionalizing Evidence-Based Policing through a Case of Place Approach in Suffolk County, New York. *Justice Evaluation Journal*, 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/24751979.2025.2474099>
4. **Petersen, K.**, Koper, C. S., Taylor, B. G., Liu, W., & Sheridan-Johnson, J. (2025). Less-Lethal weapons and civilian injury in Police use of force encounters: A Multi-agency analysis. *Journal of Urban Health*, *102*(2), 389-399. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11524-024-00940-1>
5. **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>
6. 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>
7. 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*, *23*(3), 721-743. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.12665>
8. **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>
9. 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>
10. **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>
11. **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>
12. 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>
13. **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>
14. **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>
15. 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>
16. **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>
17. **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>
18. **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>
19. 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>

**Books, Book Chapters, and Reviews**

1. Mazerolle, L., **Petersen, K.**, Sydes, M., & Ransley, J. (2025). *Partnerships in Policing: How Third Parties Help Police to Reduce Crime and Disorder*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
2. **George Mason Police Research Group**, & Weisburd, D. (Eds.). (2022). *Translational criminology in policing* (1st ed.). New York: Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003153009>
3. **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>
4. **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>
5. 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.
6. **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. Koper, C. S., Lum, C., Telep, C. W., & **Petersen, K.** (under review). The evidence-based policing matrix at 14 years.
2. **Petersen, K.**, Galvin, M., Johnson, B., & Redlich, A. D. (under review). The prosecutor’s cut: Body-worn camera evidence and criminal case dispositions.

**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.**, Redican, K., Reid, S. (in progress). Localized deterrent effect of police “SkyWatch” towers in a large southeastern city.
3. Johnson, B., Galvin, M., Redlich, A. R., & **Petersen, K.** (in progress). Locations of disparity: Examining racial disparity across Maryland’s plea bargaining landscape.

**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*](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11292-021-09479-6)

 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/Spring 2024

 CJUS 2370 – Research Methods in Criminal Justice Spring/Fall 2025

 CJUS 6000 – Secondary Data Management and Analysis Fall 2025

**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**

*Criminal Justice Policy Review* 2025

*Policing & Society* 2025

*Journal of Criminal Justice* 2025

*Criminology* 2025

*Police Quarterly*  2025*Police Practice and Research: An International Journal* 2025

*Crime & Delinquency* 2025

*Journal of Crime and Justice* 2025*Justice Evaluation Journal* 2024

*Journal of Criminal Justice* 2024

*Nature Communications* 2024

*UK College of Policing* 2024

 *UK Home Office* 2024*European Journal of Criminology* 2024

*Social Science and Medicine* 2024

*Criminology & Public Policy* 2024; 2025

*Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 2023

 *Journal of Family Violence* 2023

 *Journal of Crime and Justice* 2023

*Aggression and Violent Behavior*  2023

*Justice Quarterly* 2022

 *Journal of Experimental Criminology* 2022

 *Policing: An International Journal* 2021

 *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 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** 2018-2023

 Department of Criminology, Law and Society

 George Mason University

**President** 2021-2023

 George Mason Police Research Group

 George Mason University

**Victim/Witness Assistant Coordinator** 2016-2018

 Roanoke County Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office, Salem, VA