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EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

M.S. in Social Psychology

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Ph.D. in Social Psychology

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Major Advisor: Dr. Andrea Meltzer

Other Mentors: Dr. Jon Maner, Dr. Jim McNulty

St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI

B.A. in Psychology

May 2019

Minor: Spanish

GPA: 4.00

Summa Cum Laude

Advisors: Dr. Stuart Korshavn, Dr. Raquel Cowell

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

◆ Denotes shared first authorship

Peters, S. D., Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (2024). Own and partner attachment insecurity interact to predict marital satisfaction and dissolution. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, online first.

◆ Hendrickson, J., ◆ **Peters, S. D.**, Juliana E. French, & Maner, J. K. (accepted). Distinct individual differences in motivations for pair-bonding and sexual behavior: Implications for close relationships. *Personality and Individual Differences*.

Paitel, E. R., **Peters, S. D.**, Lobermeier, M., & Lopez, R. A. (2022). Age-related no-go P300 amplitudes are moderated by exposure to early-life stress. *International Journal of Psychophysiology*, 180, 1-9.

Peters, S. D. & Meltzer, A. L. (2021). Newlywed couples' own and partner sexual disgust sensitivities interact to predict their marital satisfaction through their sexual satisfaction. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 50(6), 2563-2577.

Lobermeier, M. & **Peters, S.** (2020). Behavioral and ERP measures of response initiation and response inhibition among high and low sensation seekers. *Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research*, 25, 65-76.

Cowell, R. A., Paitel, E. R., & **Peters, S.** (2019). The context of caution: An examination of age, social context, and sex on measures of inhibitory control and risky decision-making. *The International Journal of Aging and Human Development*, 90, 84-103.

Peters, S. & Salzsieder, H. (2018). What makes you swipe right? Gender similarity in interpersonal attraction in a simulated online dating context. *Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research*, 23, 320-329.

INVITED CHAPTERS & ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Peters, S. D. & Meltzer, A. L. (2023). Sex differences: Emotional versus sexual infidelity. In T. Shackelford (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Sexual Psychology and Behavior*. Springer, Cham.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-08956-5_324-1

French, J. E., **Peters, S. D.**, Breedin, O. W., Altgelt, E. E., & Meltzer, A. L. (2022). Shifts in partner attractiveness. In T. Shackelford (Ed.), *Cambridge Handbook of Evolutionary Perspectives on Sexual Psychology, Volume 3: Female Sexual Adaptations*. New York: Springer.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Peters, S. D., Maner, J. K., & Meltzer, A. L. Sexual desire spillover: Evidence for a positive association between desire for one's romantic partner and desire for alternative partners. Invited revision under review at *Human Nature*.

Peters, S. D., Meltzer, A. L., French, J. E., Altgelt, E. E., Hicks, L. L., & McNulty, J. K. Is interpersonal wisdom individual or collective? Distinguishing the effects of ideal-partner consistency and normative desirability on relationship outcomes. Under review at *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

Peters, S. D., Maner, J. K., Meltzer, A. L. Why do people prioritize physical attractiveness in long-term relationship partners? The key mechanistic role of sexual desire. Under review at *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

*Denotes supervised undergraduate student

Peters, S. D., *Miller, H. E., Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. Staying motivated: The implications of approach and avoidance motivations for couples' relationship evaluations and behaviors. In preparation to be submitted to *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.

Peters, S. D., *Glicken, D. S., Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. Does sex today reduce stress tomorrow? Examining lagged-associations between sex and stress among newlywed couples. In preparation to be submitted to *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Peters, S. D., Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. Predicting decisions to divorce: An updated Investment Model. In preparation to be submitted to *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.

Martinez, J. L., **Peters, S. D.**, & Maner, J. K. Faster, riskier, and more impulsive: A life history perspective on the meta-analytic effect of early childhood adversity on risk-taking and impulsivity in adulthood. In preparation to be submitted to *Psychology Bulletin*.

Breedin, O. W., **Peters, S. D.** & Meltzer, A. L. Ambivalent sexism and relationship satisfaction: A meta-analytic review. In preparation to be submitted to *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Altgelt, E. E., **Peters, S. D.**, Breedin, O. W., & Meltzer, A. L. Benevolent sexism and relationship satisfaction in the context of long-term relationships. In preparation to be submitted to *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Breedin, O. W., **Peters, S. D.**, Altgelt, E. E., & Meltzer, A. L. Examining the association between husbands' and wives' benevolent sexism and their mate retention behaviors. In preparation to be submitted to *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Meltzer, A. L., French, J. E., & **Peters, S. D.** Partner enhancement and sexual infidelity. In preparation to be submitted to *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Meltzer, A. L., French, J. E., Altgelt, E. E., **Peters, S. D.**, & Li, N. P. When forced to choose, do women prioritize investment potential or commitment in a long-term partner? In preparation to be submitted to *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

Maner, J. K., Hendrickson, J., Martinez, J. L., Hasty, C. R., **Peters, S. D.**, & Wolf, S. A. Intergroup competition and the prominence of dominant leadership: An experimental analysis of real groups. In preparation to be submitted to *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

ACTIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

(studies in which data collection is underway or completed)

Peters, S. D., French J. E., Hendrickson, J., Meltzer, A. L., & Maner, J. K. An empirical investigation of the dual systems theory of mating.

Peters, S. D. & Meltzer, A. L. Stability or change in ideal partner preferences as people transition into romantic relationships.

Breedin, O. W., **Peters, S. D.**, & Meltzer, A. L. An investigation of how warmth and competence influence men's and women's long-term relationship satisfaction and behaviors.

Bansal, V. R., French, J. E., **Peters, S. D.**, & Maner, J. K. Teasing apart ideal partner preferences from minimum partner standards.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

CHAired SYMPOSIA

Peters, S. D. (2024, February). Considering factors that may threaten the validity of social psychology research. Chaired symposium at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, CA.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

**Denotes supervised undergraduate student*

Peters, S. D., Maner, J. K., & Meltzer, A. L. (April, 2024). Acutely activated and chronic levels of sexual desire underlie the prioritization of attractiveness in long-term partners. Invited Talk presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Graduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

Peters, S. D., Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (February, 2024). Examining various operationalizations of marital satisfaction to predict dissolution. Talk to be presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, CA.

Peters, S. D., Maner, J. K., & Meltzer, A. L. (April, 2023). The evolved psychology of mate preferences: Sexual desire underlies the prioritization of attractiveness in long-term partners. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society*, Online.

Meltzer, A. L., **Peters, S. D.**, & McNulty, J. K. (March, 2023). Operationalizing the longitudinal trajectory of relationship (dis)satisfaction to predict dissolution. Talk presented at the *International Convention of Psychological Science*, Brussels, Belgium.

Peters, S. D., Meltzer, A. L., McNulty, J. K., French, J. E., Altgelt, E. E., & Hicks, L. L. (February, 2023). Testing the predictive validity of ideal-partner consistency: Implications for people's long-term relationship evaluations and behaviors. Data blitz presented at the Evolutionary Psychology Preconference for the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Atlanta, GA.

Peters, S. D., & Meltzer, A. L. (July, 2022). Do people with romantic partners who match their ideals have better relationships? Testing the ideal standards model with multiple metrics. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *International Association for Relationships Research*, Online.

*Miller, H. E., **Peters, S. D.**, Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (April, 2022). Staying motivated: The implications of approach and avoidance motives for couples' sexual and relationship satisfaction? Talk presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Undergraduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

Peters, S. D., & Meltzer, A. L. (April, 2022). Does having a partner who uniquely matches one's ideals offer relationship benefits? Invited Talk presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Graduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

Peters, S. D., & Meltzer, A. L. (July, 2021). A test of the matching phenomenon: Implications of own and partner sexual disgust sensitivity for marital outcomes. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *International Association for Relationships Research*, Online.

Peters, S. D., & Meltzer, A. L. (April, 2021). Own and partner sexual disgust interact to predict newlywed couples' sexual satisfaction. Data Blitz presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Graduate Research Day*, Online.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

**Denotes supervised undergraduate student*

*Gerges, J., **Peters, S. D.**, French, J. E., & Meltzer, A. L., & Maner, J. K. (April, 2024). Hormonal contraceptive status and women's relationship dynamics: A study of satisfaction, commitment, investment, and interest in alternatives. Poster presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Undergraduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

*Yam, S., *Gardiner, E., **Peters, S. D.**, & Meltzer, A. L. (April, 2024). Stability and change in ideal partner preferences and perceptions of partner traits. Poster presented at the Florida State University's annual *Undergraduate Research Symposium* and *Psychology Undergraduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

*Roldan, M., **Peters, S. D.**, Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (February, 2024). I'm happy to make you happy: The bidirectional association between approach and avoidance motivations and marital satisfaction. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, CA.

Peters, S. D., Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (April, 2023). Dyadic effects of attachment insecurity for marital satisfaction and dissolution. Poster presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Graduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

*Alzado, S. B., **Peters, S. D.**, & Meltzer, A. L. (April, 2023). The association between life history strategy and risky long-term relationship cognitions and behaviors. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society*, Online.

*Glicken, D. S., *Roldan, M., **Peters, S. D.**, & Meltzer, A. L. Examining the associations among women's objective physical attractiveness, self-reported self-esteem, and self-perceived mate value. Poster presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Undergraduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

Peters, S. D., Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (February, 2023). Dyadic effects of attachment insecurity for marital satisfaction and dissolution. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Atlanta, GA.

Peters, S. D., & Meltzer, A. L. (February, 2022). Ideal-partner consistency predicts more favorable relationship evaluations and behaviors. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Online.

Peters, S. D., & Meltzer, A. L. (February, 2021). Newlywed couples' own and partner sexual disgust sensitivities interact to predict their marital satisfaction through their sexual satisfaction. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Online.

Peters, S. (February, 2020). Hookup culture: An examination of the gender, personality, attachment, Belief, and attitudinal predictors of casual sexual behavior. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, New Orleans, LA.

Lobermeier, M., & **Peters, S.** (April, 2018). Behavioral and ERP measures of response initiation and response inhibition among high and low sensation seekers. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwestern Psychological Association*, Chicago, IL.

Peters, S. & Salzsieder, H. (April, 2017). Simulated online dating and interpersonal attraction. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference*, Northfield, MN.

Elliot, M., Pizzo, T., **Peters, S.**, & Halfmann, K. (April, 2017). The cognitive reflection test: Judgment in collision and non-collision athletes. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference*, Northfield, MN.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Florida State University, Department of Psychology, Tallahassee, FL

Intimate Relationships	2024-present
Fall 2024: 1 section (114 students)	
Social Psychology	2022-2024
Fall 2022: 1 section (220 students)	
Spring 2023: 1 section (278 students)	
Fall 2023: 1 section (220 students)	
Spring 2024: 1 section (242 students)	
Research Methods Lab	2021-2022
Fall 2021: 2 sections (20 students; 19 students)	
Spring 2022: 2 sections (27 students; 27 students)	
Summer 2022: 1 section (15 students)	

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Florida State University, Department of Psychology, Tallahassee, FL

Graduate-Level Meta-Analysis	2023-2024
Fall 2023: 1 section (17 students)	
Fall 2024: 1 section (tbd students)	
Graduate-Level Teaching Practicum	2024
Spring 2024: 1 section (12 students)	
History of Evolutionary Psychology, <i>Psychology in London International Program</i>	2023
Summer 2023: 1 section (38 students)	
Everyday Neuroscience, <i>Psychology in London International Program</i>	2023
Summer 2023: 1 section (38 students)	
Careers in Psychology	2020-2021
Summer 2021: 1 section (158 students)	
Spring, 2021: 1 section (419 students)	
Fall, 2020: 1 section (392 students)	
Biopsychology of Sexual Behavior	2020
Spring, 2020: 1 section (220 students)	
Applied Behavioral Analysis	2020
Spring, 2020: 1 section (72 students)	
Social Psychology	2019-2020
Summer, 2020: 2 sections (87 students; 84 students)	
Spring, 2020: 2 sections (72 students; 59 students)	
Fall, 2019: 2 sections (236 students; 177 students)	
Psychological Perspectives on Criminal Behavior	2019
Fall, 2019: 1 section (49 students)	

St. Norbert College, Sociology Department, De Pere, WI

Social Statistics	2016-2019
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GUEST LECTURES

Florida State University, Department of Psychology, Tallahassee, FL

Research Methods in Psychology, <i>Experimental Design and Causality</i>	2024
Summer 2024; 1 section (49 students)	

History of Evolutionary Psychology, <i>Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Mating</i> Summer 2023; 1 section (38 students)	2023
Psychology of Women, <i>Gendered Division of Labor and the Wage Gap</i> Spring, 2023; 1 section (76 students)	2023
Personality Psychology, <i>Applying Personality Theories to Close Relationships</i> Spring, 2023; 1 section (70 students)	2023
Social Psychology, <i>Romantic Attraction and Long-term Relationships</i> Fall, 2021; 1 section (120 students)	2021
St. Norbert College , Department of Psychology, De Pere, WI Internship & Professional Issues, <i>Social Psychology</i> Spring 2024; 1 section (20 students)	2024

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MENTORSHIP

Graduate Student Advisor to the Psychology Club, Florida State University 30-90 students per semester	August 2022-present
Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Mentor, Florida State University Skylar Yam Elijah Gardiner	August 2023-present
Research Assistant Supervisor, Meltzer Lab, Florida State University 3-10 students per semester	2019-present
Research Assistant Supervisor, Maner Lab, Florida State University 6-12 students per semester	2019-present
Honors Thesis Co-Supervisor, Meltzer Lab, Florida State University Hailey Miller	August 2021-May 2022

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN TEACHING

Psychology Teaching Brown Bag Series, Florida State University	2022-present
Society for the Teaching of Psychology's Annual Teaching Conference (virtual)	2024
"Appreciating Student Diversity & Facilitating an Inclusive Classroom" Workshop,	2023

Florida State University

Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Conference, Florida State University	2023
“Applying for Jobs at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions” Workshop, SPSP Conference	2023
“Work-Life Balance at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions” Workshop, SPSP Conference	2023
Supervised Teaching, Psychology Club, Florida State University	2022-2023
“Using Student Evaluations to Improve Teaching” Workshop, Florida State University	2022
Society for the Teaching of Psychology’s Annual Teaching Conference (virtual)	2022
Teaching Assistant Orientation Leader, Florida State University	2020
Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Conference, Florida State University	2019

HOSTED WORKSHOPS & INVITED TALKS

Peters, S. D. (2024, April). So, you want to go to graduate school? Panelist, Undergraduate Research Day, Florida State University.

Peters, S. D. (2024, April). How to draft a strong personal statement. Hosted workshop for Florida State University’s Psychology Department.

Peters, S. D. (2024, February). Let’s talk about love. Invited Talk at Psychology Club meeting, Florida State University.

Peters, S. D. (2023, October). So, you want to go to graduate school? Invited Talk for the Psychology Freshman Interest Group, Florida State University.

Peters, S. D. (2023, September). How to make the most out of your undergraduate career in psychology. Hosted workshop for Florida State University’s Psychology Department.

Peters, S. D. (2023, April). So, you want to go to graduate school? Panelist, Undergraduate Research Day, Florida State University.

Peters, S. D. (2023, March). The ins and outs of applying to graduate school in psychology. Hosted workshop for Florida State University’s Psychology Department.

Peters, S. D. (2023, January). How to get involved in research as an undergraduate student. Hosted workshop for Florida State University’s Psychology Department.

Peters, S. D. (2022, November). How do attachment and ideal partner preferences influence people's relationships? Invited Talk at Psychology Club meeting, Florida State University.

Peters, S. D. (2022, October). Applying to graduate school in psychology. Panelist, Psi Chi Honor Society, Florida State University.

Peters, S. D. (2022, April). Applying to graduate school in psychology. Panelist, Psi Chi Honor Society, Florida State University.

Peters, S. D. (2021, November). Everything you need to know about applying to graduate school. Panelist, Psychology Club, St. Norbert College.

Peters, S. D. (2020, April). Everything you need to know about applying to graduate school. Panelist, Psychology Club, St. Norbert College.

Peters, S. D. (2020, March). Social Psychology information session. Panelist, Psychology Club, St. Norbert College.

GRANTS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Recipient, <i>Social Psychology</i> (\$750)	2024
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Nominee (×7), <i>Social Psychology</i>	2024
Best Graduate Research Day Talk - Honorable Mention, Florida State University	2024
Materials Grant for Research with Undergraduate Students, Florida State University (\$500)	2024
Wasik Graduate Student Travel Award, Florida State University (\$225)	2024
Morcom Family Graduate Fellowship, Florida State University (\$100)	2024
Gordon Bear Best Student Talk Award, NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society	2023
Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University (\$250)	2023
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Nominee (×7), <i>Social Psychology</i>	2023
Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University (\$250)	2022
Graduate Travel Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (\$500)	2021
Best Graduate Student Publication Award, Florida State University (\$150)	2021
Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University (\$200)	2021
Joseph H. Grosslight Scholarship for Teaching (\$25)	2021
Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University (\$200)	2020
West Scholarship, Florida State University (\$1,000)	2020
Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University (\$200)	2019
West Scholarship, Florida State University (\$2,000)	2019
Wilson Graduate Fellowship, Florida State University (\$1,000)	2019
Dean's List, St. Norbert College	2015-2019
Distinguished Trustee Scholar, St. Norbert College	2015-2019
Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award, St. Norbert College (\$100)	2018

Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Grant, St. Norbert College (\$1,000)	2018
Psychology Department Travel Grant, St. Norbert College (\$300)	2018
Psychology Department Travel Grant, St. Norbert College (\$300)	2017
Psychology Department Travel Grant, St. Norbert College (\$300)	2016

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AD HOC PEER REVIEWS

Evolutionary Psychological Science	2023
Personal Relationships	2022
Archives of Sexual Behavior	2021
Australian Psychologist	2021

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Florida State University, Department of Psychology, Tallahassee, FL

<i>Diversity in Psychology Organization of Graduate Students</i> , member	2019-present
<i>Undergraduate Research Day Committee</i> , member, judge	2023, 2024
<i>Diversifying Research in Psychology (DRiP) Event</i> , lab representative	2022, 2023
<i>Social Psychology Area Meeting Coordinator</i>	2021-2022
<i>Graduate Student Recruitment Committee</i> , member	2021, 2022
<i>Psychology Advising Office Assistant</i>	2019-2020

St. Norbert College, Leadership and Student Engagement Office, De Pere, WI

<i>Statistical Analyst</i>	2018-2019
<i>Lead Office Assistant</i>	2016-2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & HONOR SOCIETIES

Society for the Teaching of Psychology	Active
Society for Personality and Social Psychology	Active
Association for Psychological Science	Active
International Association for Relationship Researchers	Active
American Psychological Association	2017-2018
Phi Sigma Iota: International Foreign Language Honor Society, <i>member since 2017</i>	
Phi Kappa Phi: Academic Honor Society, <i>member since 2018</i>	
Psi Chi: International Honor Society in Psychology, <i>member since 2018</i>	

SOFTWARE & TECHNOLOGY

IBM Statistics for the Social Sciences (SPSS), PROCESS, Hierarchical Linear Modeling (HLM), MPlus, R, Sona Systems, Qualtrics, Inquisit, OpenSesame, Tobii Pro Eye Tracking Software, Microsoft Office

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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