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EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

M.S. in Social Psychology Ph.D. in Social Psychology Major Advisor: Dr. Andrea Meltzer Other Mentors: Dr. Jon Maner, Dr. Jim McNulty

St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI B.A. in Psychology Minor: Spanish GPA: 4.00 Summa Cum Laude *Advisors: Dr. Stuart Korshavn, Dr. Raquel Cowell* December 2021 anticipated May 2025

May 2019

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

♦ Denotes shared first authorship

Peters, S. D., Maner, J. K., & Meltzer, A. L. (2024). Sexual desire is not partner specific: Evidence for a positive association between desire for one's romantic partner and desire for alternative partners. *Human Nature*, online first.

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., French, J. E., & Maner, J. K. (2024). Distinct individual differences in motivations for pair-bonding and sexual behavior: Implications for close relationships. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 230, 1-7.

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/REVISION_____

*Denotes supervised undergraduate student

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. Invited revision at *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.

Peters, S. D., Maner, J. K., & Meltzer, A. L. Why do people prioritize physical attractiveness in longterm relationship partners? The key mechanistic role of sexual desire. Invited revision at *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.

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 Experimental Psychology: General*.

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., 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 RESARCH 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. The association between life history strategy and risky long-term relationship cognitions and behaviors.

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. (February, 2025). Sexual desire is not partner-specific: Evidence for a positive association between desire for one's romantic partner and desire for alternative partners. Data blitz to be presented at the Evolutionary Psychology Preconference during the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Denver, CO.

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 during the annual meeting of 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

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*Glicken, D. S., **Peters, S. D.**, & Meltzer, A. L. (February, 2024). Does sex today relieve stress tomorrow? Examining lagged associations between sex and stress among newlywed couples. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Denver, CO.

*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.

*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. (April, 2023). 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

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| Social Psychology Summer, 2020: 2 sections (87 students; 84 students) Spring, 2020: 2 sections (72 students; 59 students) Fall, 2019: 2 sections (236 students; 177 students) | 2019-2020 |
| Psychological Perspectives on Criminal Behavior Fall, 2019: 1 section (49 students) | 2019 |
| St. Norbert College, Sociology Department, De Pere, WI Social Statistics | 2016-2019 |
| GUEST LECTURES | |
| Florida State University, Department of Psychology, Tallahassee, FL Research Methods in Psychology, <i>Experimental Design and Causality</i> Summer 2024; 1 section (49 students) | 2024 |
| History of Evolutionary Psychology, <i>Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Mating</i> Summer 2023; 1 section (38 students) | g 2023 |
| Psychology of Women, <i>Gendered Division of Labor and the Wage Gap</i> Spring, 2023; 1 section (76 students) | 2023 |
| Personality Psychology, Applying Personality Theories to Close Relationships 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 | |
| Co-Founder and Graduate Student Advisor to the Psychology Club, August Florida State University 30-90 students per semester | t 2022-present |
| Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Mentor, August | t 2023-present |

| Florida State University | |
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| Skylar Yam | |
| Elijah Gardiner | |
| Honors Thesis Supervisor, Meltzer Lab, Florida State University Au Hailey Miller | ugust 2021-May 2022 |
| 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 |
| 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" Worksho Florida State University | p, 2023 |
| Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Conference, Florida State U | niversity 2023 |
| "Applying for Jobs at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions" Workshop, SPSP Con | nference 2023 |
| "Work-Life Balance at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions" Workshop, SPSP Co | onference 2023 |
| Supervised Teaching, Psychology Club, Florida State University | 2022-2023 |
| "Using Student Evaluations to Improve Teaching" Workshop, Florida State Unive | ersity 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 U | niversity 2019 |

HOSTED WORKSHOPS & INVITED TALKS FOR UNDERGRADUATES

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

| Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University (\$250) | 2025 |
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| Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Recipient, Social Psychology (\$750) | 2024 |
| Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Nominee (×7), Social Psychology | 2024 |
| Materials Grant for Research with Undergraduate Students, Florida State University (\$500 | |
| Best Graduate Research Day Talk - Honorable Mention, Florida State University | 2024 |
| Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University (\$250) | 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), Social Psychology | 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 |
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SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AD HOC PEER REVIEWS_____

| Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin | 2024 |
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| Personality and Individual Differences | 2024 |
| Archives of Sexual Behavior | 2021, 2024 |
| Evolutionary Psychological Science | 2023 |
| Personal Relationships | 2022 |
| Australian Psychologist | 2021 |

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

| Florida State University, Department of Psychology, Tallahassee, FL | |
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| Diversity in Psychology Organization of Graduate Students, member | 2019-present |
| Undergraduate Research Day Committee, member, judge | 2023, 2024 |
| Diversifying Research in Psychology (DRiP) Event, lab representative | 2022, 2023 |
| Social Psychology Area Meeting Coordinator | 2021-2022 |
| Graduate Student Recruitment Committee, member | 2021, 2022 |
| Psychology Advising Office Assistant | 2019-2020 |
| St. Norbert College, Leadership and Student Engagement Office, De Pere, WI | |
| Statistical Analyst | 2018-2019 |
| Lead Office Assistant | 2016-2019 |
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & HONOR SOCIETIES

| Society for the Teaching of Psychology Society for Personality and Social Psychology International Association for Relationship Researchers Association for Psychological Science American Psychological Association Phi Sigma Iota: International Foreign Language Honor Society, <i>member since 2017</i> | Active Active 2019-2020 2017-2018 |
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| 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> | |

POPULAR MEDIA COVERAGE

PsyPost, (2024). *New study shows how partners' attachment styles interact to shape marital success or failure.*

International Sexual Health and Wellness Research Institute, (2024). *Rethinking casual sex and commitment*.

PsyPost, (2024). New sociosexuality research could revolutionize how we think about casual sex.

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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Dr. Jon Maner Professor of Social Psychology Director of Graduate Studies maner@psy.fsu.edu (850) 644-1615