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EDUCATION

2017 Ph.D. in Sociology (expected) from Northwestern University
2009 MA in Sociology from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
2006 BA in Sociology and BA in Communication Studies from CSU Long Beach

DISSERTATION

The Verge of Science: Paradoxes of Progress in Experimental Psychology

- Committee: Jeremy Freese (Chair), Chas Camic, Steven Epstein, Gary Alan Fine, and Carol Heimer
- Research featured in *Slate*

INTERESTS

Theory	Science and Knowledge	Culture and Cognition
Health and Illness	Social Psychology	Economic Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 **Peterson, David.** "The Depth of Fields: Managing Focus in the Epistemic Subcultures of Mind and Brain Science." *Social Studies of Science*, forthcoming.
- 2016 **Peterson, David.** "The Baby Factory: The Production of Statistical Significance in Improbable Circumstances" *Socius*, 1(2), 1-10.
- Featured in the *British Psychological Society Research Digest*, *The Psych Report*, and the *Hardest Science* blog
- 2015 **Peterson, David.** "All that is Solid: Bench-Building at the Frontiers of Two Experimental Sciences." *American Sociological Review*, 80(6), 1201-1225.
- Winner of Hacker-Mullins Prize Student Paper Award from the Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section
 - Winner of Winch Award for the best paper presented or published by a Northwestern graduate student
- 2014 **Peterson, David,** & Harvey, Daina C. "Kafkaesque Bureaucracies as Natural Breaching Experiments: Interactional Failures and the Search for Institutional Agency." *Symbolic Interaction*, 38(2), 195-212.
- 2014 **Peterson, David.** "Ontology and Politics: The Problems of Emergence and Reductionism in Integrative Health Science." *Social Theory & Health*, 12, 22-44.

2013 **Peterson, David.** "The Ivy and the Trellis: Agency, Biology, and Socialization." *Advances in Group Processes*, 30, 293-315.

- Winner of ASA Student Paper Award- Evolution, Biology, and Society Section of the American Sociological Association

2012 **Peterson, David** "Where the Sidewalk Ends: The Limits of Social Constructionism." *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*, 42(4), 465-84.

UNDER REVIEW

2015 Freese, Jeremy, & **Peterson, David.** "The Emergence of Forensic Objectivity."

WORKS IN PROGRESS

2016 Freese, Jeremy, & **Peterson, David.** "Replication." (Invited submission for the *Annual Review of Sociology*)

2016 **Peterson, David.** "The Den of Skeptics: Suffering and Surviving Field Distrust."

2016 **Peterson, David,** & Freese, Jeremy. "The Panopticon of Truth: The Return of Merton's Norms as Actor's Categories"

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016 Hacker-Mullins Student Paper Award from the Science, Knowledge and Technology section of the American Sociological Association

2015 MacArthur Grant

2014 Winch Award for the best paper presented or published by a Northwestern graduate student for "All that is Solid: Bench-Building at the Frontiers of Two Experimental Sciences"

2014 MacArthur Grant

2013 Sociological Fieldwork Research Fellowship

2011 Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University

2010 Fellow for the Society, Biology, and Health cluster, Northwestern University

2010 ASA Student Paper Award- Evolution, Biology, and Society Section of the American Sociological Association

2007 Excellence Fellowship- Institute for Aging and Health Research, Rutgers University

2006 Sociology Graduate of the Year- University of California, Long Beach

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2016 "The Verge of Science: Expertise and Evaluation at the Frontiers of Behavioral Science." The University of Oklahoma Emerging Scholars Series

PRESENTATIONS

2015 "The Emergence of Forensic Objectivity: Transparency, Mechanical Replication, and the Meta-Analytic Mindset." (with Jeremy Freese) Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association- Sociology of Science, Regular Session

2015 "The Ethics, Pragmatics, and Logics of Competing Evidential Cultures in Social Psychology." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association- Science, Knowledge, and Technology, Roundtables

- 2014 "The Depth of Fields: The Optics of Scientific Disunity." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association- Sociology of Culture, Special Section
- 2014 "Beyond Hierarchy and Consensus: Bench-Building at the Frontiers of Two Experimental Sciences." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association- Theory, Roundtable Session
- 2013 "The Baby Factory: The Production of Statistical Significance in Improbable Circumstances." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association- Science, Knowledge, and Technology, Special Section
- 2011 "Ontology and Politics: Emergence and Reductionism in Integrative Health Science." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association- Sociological Theory, Special Section
- 2011 "From Culture and Cognition to Ideology: The Culture Structure of Economic Crises." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association- Culture and Cognition, Roundtable
- 2010 "Moving Beyond the Constructionist/Nativist Dichotomy: Toward a Richer Social Constructionism." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association- Sociological Theory, Roundtable
- 2009 "Evolutionary Coalition Formation Between Agent Groups Over Networks" (with Michael Wunder). Presented at the Northwestern Institute on Complex Systems (NICO) Complexity Conference, Poster Session
- 2009 "The Ivy and the Trellis: Socialization and the Aggregation of Schemata." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association- Sociological Theory, Special Section
- 2009 "A Theory of Extreme Resocialization." (with Ben Zablocki) Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Regular Session
- 2008 "Mirror Neurons, Social Theory, and Child Development." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Regular Session

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014-16 Research Assistant for Jeremy Freese
- 2008 Graduate Assistant for Benjamin Zablocki on the Templeton funded Urban Communes project
- 2006 Student Assistant for Professor William Gibson

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014 Health, Biomedicine, Culture, and Society
- 2014 The Human as Research Object
- 2009 Contemporary Sociological Theories
- 2008 Development of Sociological Theory

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2012 Global Health and Transnational Social Movements (TA to Tom Waidzunus)
- 2012 Law and Society (TA to Laura Beth Nielsen)
- 2011 Economy and Society (TA to Bruce Carruthers)
- 2009 Contemporary Sociological Theories (TA to Ann Mische)
- 2007 Introduction to Research Methods (TA Julie Phillips)
- 2006 Introduction to Sociology (TA Doug McDowell)

SERVICE

2014 Faculty Recruitment Committee- Northwestern Graduate Student Association
2011 Graduate Affairs Committee- Northwestern Graduate Student Association
2010 Social Affairs Coordinator- Northwestern Sociology Graduate Student Association
2008 Discussant- "Social Psychological Approaches"- Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
2007-09 Board Member- The Student Forum Advisory Board of the *American Sociological Association*
2007 Co-chair- Graduate Union of Sociology Students, Rutgers University
2007 Discussant- Constructing Knowledges Conference

REVIEW

American Sociological Review
American Journal of Sociology
National Science Foundation
Theory & Society
Sociological Forum
Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior

REFERENCES

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