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Work:

The University of South Carolina Aiken
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Education:

- 2004 University of Georgia-Athens
Ph.D. Sociology
- 1999 University of South Florida-Tampa
M.A. Sociology
- 1996 University of Missouri-Columbia
B.A. Sociology and B.A. Psychology

2025 (March expected) Certificate in Human Resource Management, College of Professional Studies, Villanova University, Villanova, PA.

Faculty Appointments:

2016-2021: Director of the Honors Program at the University of South Carolina Aiken
2008- Present: Assistant to Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of South Carolina Aiken
2005-2008: Assistant Professor of Sociology Spring Hill College, Mobile AL

Forthcoming Publication (February 27, 2025):

Petrie, Michelle. "A Crisis of the Soul: Achieving Sobriety through Spiritual Practices" (Chapter 8, pp. 201-222) in *Mind Over Matter: How Spirituality Changes Lives*. Edited by Heather Salazar and Rod Nichols. Brill Publishing.

Journal Articles:

2021. Mason, Philip B and Michelle Petrie. "Exploring Officer Arrest Discretion Following State Policy Changes in Intimate Partner Violence." *Violence Against Women*, 1-15. Online early publication 1/04/2021 <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1077801220975486>
2011. Coverdill, James, Carlos López, and Michelle Petrie. "Race, Ethnicity, and the Quality of Life in America, 1972 - 2008." *Social Forces*, 89(3):783-805.
2010. Petrie, Michelle and James C. Coverdill "Who Lives and Dies on Death Row? Race, Ethnicity, and Post-Sentence Outcomes in Texas." *Social Problems*, 54(4):630-652.
2006. Petrie, Michelle. "Environmental Justice in the South: Exploring the Determinants and Consequences of Community Involvement in Superfund." *Sociological*

Spectrum, 26(5): 471-489.

2004. Petrie, Michelle and Paul M. Roman. "Race and Gender Differences in Workplace Autonomy: A Research Note." *Sociological Inquiry*, 74(4): 590-603.
2004. Petrie, Michelle. "A Research Note on the Determinants of Protest Participation: Examining Socialization and Biographical Availability." *Sociological Spectrum*, 24(5): 553-574.

Encyclopedia Articles:

2018. Petrie, Michelle. "Harm Reduction." Pp. 290-292 in *Addictions and Substance Abuse, Second Edition, Vol. 1*, edited by P. Moglia. Salem Press. *Revised and reprinted from first edition in 2012.
2018. Petrie, Michelle. "Phoenix House." Pp. 466-468 in *Addictions and Substance Abuse, Second Edition, Vol. 2*, edited by P. Moglia. Salem Press. *Revised and reprinted from first edition in 2012.
2016. Petrie, Michelle. "The Criminal Justice System and Discrimination that Still Exists." Pp. 81-87 in *People of Color in the United States: Volume II, Employment, Housing, Family, and Community*. Edited by P. Braboy Jackson, M. Adem, and P. X. Ruf. Greenwood Publishers/ABC-CLIO).
2014. Petrie, Michelle. "Some Other Race." Pp. 1168-1169 in *Race and Racism in the United States: An Encyclopedia of the American Mosaic, Vol 3*. Edited by C. Gallagher and C. Lippard. Colorado: Greenwood Press.
2014. Petrie, Michelle. "History of U.S. Census Racial Classifications." Pp. 539-540 in *Race and Racism in the United States: An Encyclopedia of the American Mosaic, Vol 3*, Edited by C. Gallagher and C. Lippard. Colorado: Greenwood Press.
2012. Petrie, Michelle. "Minnesota Model." *Addictions and Substance Abuse* edited by R. Kamienny Montvilo, Vol 2, New Jersey: Salem Press.

Teaching Publications:

2018. Petrie, Michelle. "Critical Thinking in Social Inequality Classes: Teaching about Points of View, Observations, Inferences, and Assumptions." *The Southern Sociologist*, 49(4): 7-8.
2007. Petrie, Michelle. "SOC250: Social Problems with Service Learning". *Instructor's Resource Manual on Social Problems*, 4th Edition. Edited by Walter Carroll and Lutz Kaelber. American Sociological Association.

Book Reviews:

2014. Petrie, Michelle. Book Review of Sandra D. Westervelt and Kimberly Cook. *Life After Death Row: Exonerees Search for Meaning, Community and Identity*. Rutgers University Press. In *Contemporary Sociology*.
2012. Petrie, Michelle. Book review of Melissa Thompson's *Mad or Bad? Race, Class, Gender, and*

Mental Disorder in the Criminal Justice System. LFB Scholarly Publishing. *Social Forces*, June.

2008. Petrie, Michelle. Book review of Melissa Checker's (2005) *Polluted Promises: Environmental Racism and the Search for Justice in a Southern Town*. New York University Press. In *Spaces for Difference*, 1(1): Article 7 <http://repositories.cdlib.org/ucsb/d/spaces/vol1/iss1/art7>

Research Report:

2022. Petrie, Michelle and Philip B Mason. "Summary Report of Campus Climate Survey". Submitted to Mark Hollingsworth, Dean of the College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Visual and Performing Arts, USC Aiken.

Research in Progress:

Petrie, Michelle, Philp B Mason, and Timothy McClure. "Pathways to Belonging among College Students: A Mediation Analysis."

Mason, Philip B, and Michelle Petrie. "Determinants of Difference: Understanding Racial Differences in College Student Satisfaction."

Conference Presentations:

2025. Petrie, Michelle, Philp B Mason, and Timothy McClure. "Pathways to Belonging among College Students: A Mediation Analysis." Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC.
2024. Mason, Philip B, and Michelle Petrie. "Determinants of Difference: Understanding Racial Differences in College Student Satisfaction". Presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Society, Nashville, TN/Virtual.
2023. Petrie, Michelle and Philip B Mason. "Determinants of Belonging among USCA Students: Results of a Campus Wide Survey". Presented at the Spark Unity Conference, USC Aiken.
2023. Petrie, Michelle and Philip B Mason. "Determinants of Undergraduate Mental Health". Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach, SC.
2022. Mason, Philip B and Michelle Petrie. "The Relationship of Race and Perceived Importance of University and Social Support for Academic Success at a PWI". Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Birmingham, AL.
2021. Petrie, Michelle and Philip B Mason. "The Exploration of Race and Sense of Belonging at a PWI". Presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC/Virtual.
2019. Petrie, Michelle and Philip B Mason. "Gender and Intimate Partner Violence Victimization in a Southern Town." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

2018. Petrie, Michelle. "The Impact of the First Year on Program Completion in a Small Honors Program". Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council, Boston, MA.
2018. Weaver, Kari and Michelle Petrie. "Sociology in Action: A Comparative Study for Embedded Interventions for Improved Research and Writing in the Introduction of Sociological Research Methods" Presented at the Meeting for Information Literacy, Liverpool, England.
2018. Mason, Philip B, Timothy McClure, and Michelle Petrie. "Factors Affecting Police Discretion in Intimate Partner Violence Arrest Decisions in a Small Southern Town." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
2017. Petrie, Michelle "Millennials and College Writing: Linking Student Attitudes and Pedagogy." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
2016. Petrie, Michelle and Christine Wernet. "Applications of Critical Sociological Thinking: From Movies to Memoirs." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA
2015. Petrie, Michelle. "Commentary and Coverage of NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships 2012-2013." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
2014. Petrie, Michelle. "Racial and Ethnic Group Attachment: A Look at Latinos." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC.
2013. Petrie, Michelle. "Critical Thinking in Social Inequality Classes." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
2012. Petrie, Michelle. "Gender Differences among Latinos in Perceptions of Environmental Threat and Environmental Justice." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
2011. Petrie, Michelle and James Coverdill. "Last Statements on Texas's Death Row: A Study of Offender, Victim, and Crime Attributes." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, FL.
2010. Petrie, Michelle and James E. Coverdill. "Racial Differences in Perceived Environmental Threat." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
2009. Coverdill, James E., Carlos A. López, and Michelle A. Petrie. "Race, Ethnicity, and the Quality of Life in America, 1972 - 2006." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

2008. Petrie, Michelle. "Regal Dancers and Powerhouses: Race and NCAA Gymnastics Commentary." Presented at the annual meeting for the Mid-South Sociological Association meetings in Huntsville, AL.
2008. Petrie, Michelle and James Coverdill. "Executions and Commutations for Capital Crimes: How Race, Ethnicity and Victim Gender Pattern Post-Sentence Outcomes". Presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting in Boston, MA.
2007. Petrie, Michelle, J. Aaron Johnson and Paul Roman. "The Impact of Tokenism on Likelihood of Promotion, Perceived Coworker Support and Job Satisfaction." Presented at the Southern Sociological Association annual meeting in Atlanta, GA.
2005. Petrie, Michelle. "Environmental Racism or Environmental Justice? A Theoretical Study of Framing in the Environmental Justice Movement." Presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
2005. Petrie, Michelle. "Exploring the Determinants and Consequences of Community Involvement in Superfund." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC.
2004. Neal, Michelle; Michelle Petrie and Paul Roman. "Substance Abuse Treatment: A Marxist Analysis of Racial Differences in Forms of Treatment." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA. (Roundtable).
2003. Petrie, Michelle. "Who Gets Cleaned Up the Quickest? An Analysis of Procedural Equity at Superfund Sites in the South." Presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Baton Rouge, LA.
2003. Petrie, Michelle; Paul M. Roman and Jack K. Martin. "Double Bonus Status or Double Jeopardy? Gender Differences in Job Earnings and Rewards among African Americans." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
2002. Petrie, Michelle and Paul M. Roman. "Race and Gender Differences in Labor Process Equity: Examining the Influence of Human Capital Attributes and the Status Composition of Jobs." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD.
2002. Petrie, Michelle and Jill Heiser. "Trends in Adolescent Church Attendance: An Analysis of the Secularization Thesis." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL.
2001. Petrie, Michelle. "Demographic Variation in Determinants of African American Church Attendance." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

1999. Petrie, Michelle and James C. Cavendish. "The Effect of Church Involvement on Two Dimensions of Political Participation among African Americans." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL.

Presentations for USC Aiken:

- 2023 (November). Sacred Land, Environmental Inequality, and Indigenous Americans (ACE)
2023 (January). An Overview of the USCA Student Climate Survey (Student Success Symposium)
2020 (February). Race: The Power of Illusion Documentary and Discussion Part 2. (ACE)
2019 (November). Environmental Justice and Native Americans (ACE)
2019 (April). Race: The Power of Illusion Documentary pt. 2 and Discussion ("Definitions of Race: How the Government Defines Race (ACE)
2019 (September). Closing the Class Divide: Racial Differences in Wealth and the Importance of Home Ownership (ACE)
2018 Immigration and Discrimination: A Brief Overview of History and Policies (ACE)
2018 (November). Generation Found: Youth Drug Use and Treatment (ACE)
2017 (September). Racial Inequality Among Native Americans Past and Present (ACE)

Workshop Series Certificates:

- 2024 (April). *Master Teacher's Series* (USC Aiken, Center for Teaching Excellence).
2023 (April). *Master Teacher's Series* (USC Aiken, Center for Teaching Excellence).
2022 (December). *Fostering a Proactive Learning Environment* (USC Columbia, Center for Teaching Excellence).
2021 (May). *Quality Course Design* (USC Aiken, Center for Distance Learning)
2021 (December). *Mental Health and Well-Being Competency* (USC Columbia, Center for Teaching Excellence).
2020 (August). *Distance Learning* (USC Aiken, Center for Distance Learning)
2020 (December). *Teaching Towards Inclusive Excellence* (USC Columbia, Center for Teaching Excellence).

Courses Taught (at the University of South Carolina Aiken):

- AFCI A101 Critical Inquiry
SOCY A101 Introductory Sociology
SOCY A240 Social Problems
SOCY A248 Sociological Inquiry and Measurement
SOCY A301 Sociology of Gender Roles
SOCY A355 Minority Group Relations
SOCY A405 Drugs and Society
SOCY A496 Sociological Theory
SOCY A523 Deviance

Awards:

- Recipient of the USC Aiken Two Thumbs-Up Award (2020)
Recipient of the University of South Carolina Distinguished Research Service Award (2022)

Nominations:

- Nominated for the Excellence in Advising Award 2011, 2024

Finalist for the Excellence in Teaching Award 2024

Service:

2024-2025 RISE grant reviewer
2024 Promotion and Tenure Committee (Member)
2023 SPARC Grant Reviewer (USC Columbia)
2023 Reviewer *Social Forces*
2023 Judge for Graduate Student Paper Competition, Midsouth Sociological Society
2022-Present Online Learning Committee (Member)
2022-Present Writing Intensive Ad Hoc Committee
2021 Racial Justice and Equity Fund Grant Reviewer (USC Columbia)
2021 Chair, Selection Committee, Honors Program Director
2022 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Faculty Task Force (Member)
2022-2023 HAS Scholarship Award Committee
2021 Magellan Scholar Reviewer
2019-2022 Member of the Committee on Professions, Southern Sociological Society (Chair, 2020-2022)
2020 Search Committee Member for the Administrative Associate Special Programs
2020 Reviewer for *Social Forces*
2020 Chair, Selection Committee, Department of Sociology USC Aiken Department Chair
2019 Search Committee Member for the Administrative Associate Special Programs
2019 Reviewer for *Social Science Research*
2019 Reviewer for *Sociological Spectrum*
2018 Review for *Journal of Happiness Studies*
2017 Reviewer for *Social Forces*
2017-2019 Magellan Scholar Reviewer
2016-2019 General Education Committee (Co-Chair 2016, 2019)
2016-2019 Magellan Scholars Reviewer
2016 Chancellor's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion (Member)
2016 Search Committee Member for Administrative Associate Special Programs
2014 Magellan Scholar Reviewer
2013-2016 University Planning Committee (Member)
2013-2014 Search Committee Member for Political Science
2013-2014 Search Committee Member Music, Director of Bands
2013-2014 Program Committee Member for the Southern Sociological Society
2011-2014 University Library Committee (Chair, 2014)
2013 Reviewer for *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression*.
2009-Present Judicial Advisory Board Faculty Member
2008-2013 Freshman Reading Discussion Leader, University of South Carolina Aiken
2012-2013 Search Committee Member, Sociology
2011-2012 Search Committee Member, Library Science position
2011-2012 Search Committee Member, three Sociology positions (Anthropology, Sociology-Human Services, Sociology-Criminology)
2011-2012 Sociology Department representative for Family Fund fundraiser
2010 Reviewer *American Journal of Sociology*
2009-2011 SACs Quality Enhancement Plan Committee, University of South Carolina Aiken
2008-2011 Part-Time Teaching Award Committee, University of South Carolina Aiken

2009 Reviewer for *Social Problems*

2007-2008: Reviewer for McGraw Hill (Introduction to Sociology text proposal; and new edition of Introduction to Sociology reader)

2006-2007: Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*; Reviewer for McGraw Hill Introduction to Sociology (reader proposal)

2007-2008: Heartland Delta Planning Committee-Faculty Conversations, Spring Hill College

2006-2007: Search Committee Member for Political Science, Spring Hill College

2006-2007: Faculty Mentor for Minority Student Leadership Program Spring Hill College

2006-2007: Committee on Academic Standards (Member) Spring Hill College

2006-2007: New Freshman Advisor and Sociology Advisor Spring Hill College

2005-2008: Faculty Sponsor for Spring Hill College Habitat for Humanity Club

2005-2008: Women's Studies Advisory Council (Member-2005; Chair 2006-2008), Spring Hill College

2005-2008: Volunteer at the Carmel Health Network Saturday Tutoring Program, Mobile, AL