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EDUCATION

- 2022 (Exp) PhD in sociology, Vanderbilt University
Dissertation Title: *Contextualizing Heterosexism: An Intersectional Approach to Examining Inequalities in Sexual Minority Health*
Committee: Dr. Lijun Song (chair), Dr. Jonathan Metz, Dr. Laura Carpenter, Dr. McCammon, Dr. Trevor Hoppe, and Dr. Hector Meyer
Examinations I: Medical Sociology; Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality
Certificates: College Teaching; Online Teaching Specialization
- 2018 MA in sociology, Vanderbilt University
- 2011 MSW, Wichita State University, 2011
Emphasis: Medical Social Work
Social Work License: State of Kansas # 8649
- 2009 BA in psychology with a minor in ethnic studies, Wichita State University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical sociology and mental health	Social networks and social capital
Gender and sexuality	Race and ethnicity
Social psychology	Stratification

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021-22 **Minority Fellowship Program Fellow**, American Sociological Association (ASA), \$18,000
- 2021 **Sociology Graduate Teaching Award**, Vanderbilt University (VU), \$500
- 2021 **Semifinalist**, Point Foundation
- 2016-21 **University Graduate Fellowship**, VU, \$26,500 (Annual)
- 2018-21 **Departmental Travel Grants**, VU, \$2,500 (Total)
- 2020 **Research Grant**, Tides Center Research, \$2,916
- 2019-20 **National Institute of Health-funded Social Networks & Health Fellow**, Duke University Network Analysis Center

- 2019 **Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award**, College of Arts and Science, VU, \$1,000
- 2019 **Martin Levine Student Paper Award**, the Sociologists' AIDS Network, ASA, \$150
- 2018 **Vanderbilt Jewish Studies Research Grant**, VU, \$1,500
- 2010-11 **Edward Tuttle Social Work Fellowship**, Wichita State University (WSU), \$600
- 2010-11 **Phi Alpha Honor Society**, WSU
- 2006-11 **Hispanic American Leadership Organization Scholarship for Community Service**, WSU, \$20,000
- 2010-11 **McNair Scholars Educational Opportunity Fund Fellowship**, WSU, \$3,000
- 2006-11 **Office of Multicultural Affairs Certificate of Academic Achievement**, WSU
- 2007-09 **Martin Luther King Scholarship**, WSU, \$7,940
- 2004-09 **Dean Honor's Roll**, WSU
- 2008 **First Place in the Oral Competition at the 8th Annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium**, WSU, \$500
- 2006-08 **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**
- 2007 **School of Music Service Scholarship**, WSU, \$300
- 2007 **School of Community Affairs Outstanding Ethnic Studies Student Award**, WSU, \$7,000

RESEARCH/SCHOLARSHIP

Articles and Book Chapters

Metzl, Jonathan and **Philip J. Pettis**. *Forthcoming*. "Structural Competency and the Future of Firearm Research." To appear in the *Companion to the Politics of American Health*.

Song, Lijun, **Philip J. Pettis**, Yvonne Chen, and Marva V. Goodson-Miller. 2021. "Social Cost and Health: The Downside of Social Relationships and Social Networks." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.

Song, Lijun and **Philip J. Pettis**. 2020. "Does Whom You Know in the Status Hierarchy Prevent or Trigger Health Limitation? Institutional Embeddedness of Social Capital and Social Cost Theories in Three Societies." *Social Science & Medicine* 257.

Metzl, Jonathan M., JuLeigh Petty, and **Philip J. Pettis**. 2019. "Teaching and Testing Structural Competency in Pre-health Undergraduate Classrooms." Pp. 3-14 in *Structural Competency in Mental Health and Medicine*, edited by H. Hansen and J.M. Metzl. New York: Springer, Cham.

Song, Lijun, Cleothia Frazier, and **Philip J. Pettis**. 2018. "Do Network Members' Resources Generate Health Inequality? Social Capital Theory and Beyond." Pp. 233-53 in *Elgar Companion to Social Capital and Health*, edited by S. Folland and E. Nauenberg. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Ltd.

Song, Lijun, **Philip J. Pettis**, and Bhumika Piya. 2017. "Does Your Body Know Who You Know?"

Multiple Role of Network Members' Socioeconomic Status for Body Weight Ratings.” *Sociological Perspectives* 66(6):907-1018. Editor’s pick.

Pettis, Philip J. 2009. “Examining the Role of Self-Esteem on Body Image Dissatisfaction and Eating Disorder Behaviors Among Gay and Bisexual Men.” *McNair Scholars Program Journal of Research Reports* 14:32-43.

Pettis, Philip J. 2008. “Examining Two Causes of Risky Sexual Behaviors Among Men Who Have Sex with Men: Self-Esteem and Perception of Advancements in HIV/AIDS Treatment.” *McNair Scholars Program Journal of Research Reports* 13:25-32.

Pettis, Philip J. 2007. “Assessing the Behaviors, Attitudes, and Perceptions of Men Who Have Sex with Men Regarding HIV/AIDS.” *McNair Scholars Program Journal of Research Reports* 12:53-56.

Manuscripts Under Review

Philip J. Pettis, Lijun Song, and Luther J. Young. “Inequalities In Sexual Minority Health: The Diverse Roles of Sexual Minority Stressors within Racial/Ethnic Communities.”

Works In Progress *Drafts Available Upon Request

Pettis, Philip J. and Lijun Song. “Contextualizing Structural Heterosexism: Implications for State-Level HIV Infection Rates.” *

Philip J. Pettis and Jodie Hertzog. “‘I’m Not Going to Always Be Everyone’s Cup of Tea’: The Role of Situational Negotiations in Informing Gay Men’s Body Image Self-Appraisal.” *

Pettis, Philip J., and Lijun Song. “Does Racial Homophily Increase Body Weight? Evidence from Sexual Minorities.” *

Pettis, Philip J. “Becoming and Negotiating Sexual Identities: Gay Men’s Racialized and Gendered Sexual Positionality Development.” *

Pettis, Philip J. “Mobilizing Sexual Deviance: An Ethnographic Study of The Bareback Brotherhood Movement.” *

Pettis, Philip J. “‘I feel like I have to be a Super Jew to Prove Myself’: The Role of Reflected Appraisals on Identity Work Among Jews of Color.” *

Song, Lijun, Yvonne Chen, and **Philip J. Pettis**. “Public Knowledge and Attitudes about Genetic Testing: Social Networks Work.” *

Pettis, Philip J. “Reconsidering the Impact of HIV-Criminalization Laws on State-level HIV-Infection Rates.”

Pettis, Philip J. “Does Social Capital and Social Integration Reduce the Adverse Health Effects of Structural Stigma? A Between and Within Group Analysis of Sexual Minorities and Heterosexuals.”

Pettis, Philip J. “The Effect of Racial-Ethnic Homophily on Multiple Health Outcomes and Health Behaviors: The Case of Sexual Minorities by Race, Gender, Age, and Socioeconomic Status.”

Pettis, Philip J. and Lijun Song. “Social Capital and LGBT Inequalities.” To Appear in the *Handbook for Inequality and Social Capital*.

Research Presentations

“Does Racial Homophily Increase Body Weight? Evidence from Sexual Minorities.” The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) 2021 Annual Meeting. Virtual conference. August 2021.

“I Feel like I Have to be A Super Jew to Prove Myself”: The Role of Reflected Appraisals on Identity Work Among Jews of Color.” The 116th Annual Meeting of the ASA. Virtual conference. August 2021.

“Does Racial Homophily Increase Body Weight? Evidence from Sexual Minorities.” A Joint Conference of Sunbelt—International Network for Social Network Analysis and the Network Science Society. Virtual conference. July 2021.

“Racial-Ethnic Community Homophobia, Identity Salience and Self-Reported Health: An Application of Minority Stress and Social Identity Theories.” The 115th Annual Meeting of the ASA, Virtual conference. August 2020.

“An Examination of State-Level Factors on HIV Infection Rate: The Case of MSM.” The 114th Annual Meeting of the ASA, New York. August 2019.

“Strategies of Embodiment and Resistance: An Intersectional Approach to Gay Men’s Body Image Development.” The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS), Chicago, IL. April 2019.

“An Examination of the Role of Social and Structural State-Level Factors on HIV Infection Rates: The Case of Men Who Have Sex with Men.” The 82nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (SSS), Atlanta, GA. March 2019.

“I Am (More than) My Body: Reflexively Embodying and Resisting the Gay Male Adonis Complex.” The 82nd Annual Meeting of the SSS, Atlanta, GA. March 2019.

“Gay Men’s Sexual Position Identity Development: The Role of Reflected Appraisals.” Roundtable presentation presented at the 113th Annual Meeting of the ASA, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

“Gay Men’s Sexual Position Identity Development: The Role of Reflected Appraisals.” The 81st Annual Meeting of the SSS, Greenville, SC. March 2018.

“Scripting Sociosexual Identities: The Role of Culture, Interactions and Embodiment on Practice.” The 80th Annual Meeting of the SSS, Greenville, SC. March 2017.

“Towards the Pursuit of Adonis: Achieving Perfection in the Gay Male Body.” The Pacific University's Center for Gender Equity and Gender & Sexuality Studies 3rd Biennial Conference, Pacific University, Forrest Grove, OR. October 2015.

Other Research Experience

2018-21 Project manager, Explorations in Diversifying Engineering Faculty Initiative, VU

2013-15 Research assistant, Community Engagement Institute, WSU

Policy papers and Community-based research reports:

2013-15 Kansas Children’s Cabinet Early Childhood Block Grant

2013-15 Kansas Head Start Association: Early Learning Communities Evaluation

2013-14 Russell Child Development Center Building Blocks Project Evaluation

2013-14 Wichita Health and Wellness Coalition “Community Transformation Grant” Physical Activity/Healthy Eating/ Tobacco Cessation Project Evaluation

2013 Youth Leadership in Kansas (YLink) Youth Program Quality Assessment

2013 Department for Children and Families, “Strong Dads Early Head Start Fatherhood Initiative Evaluation”

2013 Kansas Department for Aging & Disability Services—KanCare Pilot Project for Persons with Intellectual/Development Disabilities

2013 Reno County Crime Reduction Initiative Evaluation

2009-10 Graduate research assistant, School of Social Work, WSU

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Instructor

2020 Gender, Sexuality, and the Body, VU (fall)

2020 Medicine, Health, and Society, VU (summer)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2021 Contemporary Social Issues, VU (spring)
 2020 Social Capital and Health, Dr. Lijun Song, VU (spring)
 2019 Men's Health and the Politics of Masculinity, Dr. Jonathan Metz, VU (fall)
 2019 Contemporary Social Issues, Dr. Lijun Song, VU (spring)
 2018 Men's Health and the Politics of Masculinity, Dr. Jonathan Metz, VU (fall)
 2018 Contemporary Social Issues, Dr. Lijun Song, VU (spring)
 2017 American Jewish Life, Dr. Shaul Kelner, VU (spring)
 2017 Cultural Production and Institution, Dr. Richard Lloyd VU (spring)
 2016 Chinese Society and Medicine, Dr. Lijun Song, VU (fall)
 2016 Society and Medicine, Dr. Latonya Trotter, VU (spring)
 2015 Chinese Society and Medicine, Dr. Lijun Song, VU (fall)

Guest Lectures

2020 Social Capital and Sexual Minority Health, Social Capital, and Health, VU
 2019 Gay Men and Body Image, Men's Health, and the Politics of Masculinity, VU
 2018 Gay Men and Body Image, Men's Health, and the Politics of Masculinity, VU
 2017 Jews of Color and Identity Work, American Jewish Life, VU
 2017 Body Capital and Fashion, Cultural Production, and Institution, VU

Honor Thesis Committee

2021 Reader, Maya Taylor (VU)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICE

Service to the Discipline

2021-22 Graduate Student Paper Award Committee for the Sexualities Section of ASA
 2021-22 Graduate student coeditor, *Medical Sociology Newsletter*
 2021 Cohost, Teaching Gender. The American Sociological Association, Section on Sex and Gender
 2021 Session presider, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section of the ASA. Virtual conference, August 2021
 2021 Best Book Award Committee for the Sexualities Section of the ASA
 2020 Distinguished Article Award Committee for the Sexualities Section of the ASA
 2019 Session presider, Social Inequalities and Bodies. The 82nd Annual Meeting of the SSS, Atlanta, GA. April 2019
 2019 Session presider, Embodiment and Identity. The 2019 Annual Meeting of the MSS, Chicago, IL. April 2019
 2018 Roundtable organizer for the Sexualities Section. The 113th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018
 2010-11 President of social work, Phi Alpha Honor Society, WSU
 2010-11 President of the Graduate School Organization of Social Work, WSU
 Reviewer *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

Community and University Service

2021	Panel of Experienced Graduate Teaching Assistants, VU
2018	Volunteer, My House via Nashville Cares, Nashville, TN
2014-15	Study Buddy, WSU, UBMS, Wichita, KS
2010-11	Volunteer, WSU, UBMS, Wichita, KS
2008-10	Volunteer, Positive Directions, Wichita, KS
2007-09	Hero for the Real Men Real Heroes Project, Wichita Children's Fund, Wichita, KS
2008	Volunteer, Hospice Care of Kansas, Wichita, KS

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sections: Medical Sociology; Mental Health; Sexualities; Sex and Gender; Race, Gender, Class; Social Psychology; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Latino/a Sociology; Body and Embodiment

The Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)

The Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

The Southern Sociological Society (SSS)

Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society (AKD)

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Additional Statistical Training

2021	Propensity Score Matching, Statistical Horizons, LLC Instructor: Shenyang Guo, PhD Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis
2020	Longitudinal Data Analysis Using Structural Equation Modeling, Statistical Horizons, LLC Instructor: Paul Allison, PhD, Professor Emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania
2020	Survival Analysis, Statistical Horizons, LLC Instructor: Paul Allison, PhD, Professor Emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania
2020	Structural Equation Modeling, Part II Statistical Horizons, LLC Instructor: Paul Allison, PhD, Professor Emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania
2020	Structural Equation Modeling, Statistical Horizons, LLC Instructor: Paul Allison, PhD, Professor Emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania
2019-20	Social Networks and Health Workshop, Duke University Network Analysis Center
2019	Linear Regression, Statistical Horizons, LLC Instructor: Paul Allison, PhD, Professor Emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania

Workshops

2021 Certificate of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, University of South Florida
2018 Teaching Workshop, VU
2018 Qualitative Methods Workshop, VU
2017 Workshop in Sociological Criticism, VU

APPLIED SOCIAL WORK

2012-13 Mental health specialist/Community outreach specialist, Rainbows United, Inc.
2011 Precollege advisor, WSU, Upward Bound Math-Science Program
2010 HIV/AIDS medical case manager, University of Kansas Medical Center
2009-10 Practicum student, Center for Community Health and Wellness

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTING SKILLS

Language competency: English (reading, writing, and speaking—first language); Spanish (reading, writing, and speaking—second language)

Data analysis: Stata (advanced); NVivo (intermediate); SAS (intermediate); MAXQDA (intermediate); SPSS (intermediate); ATLAS.ti (intermediate); R (novice); Mplus (novice)

REFERENCES

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