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### EDUCATION

#### **Ph.D.** (December 2005)

Department of Psychology, Clinical Program (APA accredited)  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

- Dissertation: *Conceptualizing the "Wantedness" of Women's Consensual and Nonconsensual Sexual Experiences: Implications for How Women Label Their Experiences with Rape*
- Dissertation Advisor: Charlene L. Muehlenhard, Ph.D.

#### **Women's Studies Graduate Certificate** (2003)

Women's Studies Program, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

#### **M.A.** (2000)

Department of Psychology, Clinical Program (APA-accredited)  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

- Master's Thesis: *Calling It Rape: Rape Myth Acceptance and Situational Characteristics as Related to Rape Acknowledgment*
- Thesis Advisor: Charlene L. Muehlenhard, Ph.D.

#### **B.A.** (1998)

Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

- Major: Psychology

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### CURRENT POSITION:

##### **Clinical Research Postdoctoral Fellow** (September 2005-Present)

Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

#### PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

##### **Pre-doctoral Intern** (2004-2005)

Minneapolis Veterans Administration Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN

##### **Pre-doctoral Research Fellow** (2003-2004)

Sexuality Research Fellowship Program, Social Science Research Council

##### **Clinic Systems Coordinator** (2001-2002)

University of Kansas Psychological Clinic, Lawrence, KS

##### **Graduate Teaching Assistant / Assistant Instructor** (1998-2003)

Departments of Psychology and Women's Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS:

#### Past and Current Research Funding

##### **Postdoctoral Fellow / Project Coordinator**

*A Methodological Study of Hysterectomy and Sexual Functioning*

Principal Investigator: J. R. Heiman

Agency: Athena Institute for Women's Wellness

Amount: \$20,000

Funding Period: 2006 (ongoing)

##### **Principal Investigator / Dissertation Fellow**

*Conceptualizing the "Wantedness" of Women's Consensual and Nonconsensual Sexual Experiences*

Agency: Ford Foundation / Social Science Research Council

Amount: \$28,000 (+ \$6,000 institutional and advisor funds)

Funding Period: 2003-2004

### PUBLICATIONS:

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

**Peterson, Z. D., & Janssen, E.** (in press). Ambivalent affect and sexual response: The impact of co-occurring positive and negative emotions on subjective and physiological responses to erotic stimuli. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.

**Peterson, Z. D., & Muehlenhard, C. L.** (in press). Conceptualizing the "wantedness" of women's consensual and nonconsensual sexual experiences: Implications for how women label their experiences with rape. *Journal of Sex Research*.

Muehlenhard, C. L., & **Peterson, Z. D.** (2005). Wanting and not wanting sex: The missing discourse of ambivalence. *Feminism and Psychology, 15*, 15-20.

**Peterson, Z. D., & Muehlenhard, C. L.** (2004). Was it rape? The function of women's rape myth acceptance and definitions of sex in labeling their own experiences. *Sex Roles, 51* (3/4), 129-144.

**Peterson, Z. D.** (2002). More than a mirror: The ethics of therapist self-disclosure. *Psychotherapy, 39*, 21-31.

#### Other Publications

Muehlenhard, C. L., & **Peterson, Z. D.** (2004). Conceptualizing sexual violence: Socially acceptable coercion and other controversies. In A. G. Miller (Ed.) *The Social Psychology of Good and Evil* (pp. 240-268). New York: Guilford.

**Peterson, Z. D.** (2004). Challenging evolutionary theories of sex differences and rape: An interdisciplinary response to Thornhill and Palmer (Review of the book *Evolution, rape, and gender*). *Journal of Sex Research, 41*, 118-120.

Muehlenhard, C. L., **Peterson, Z. D.**, Karwoski, L., Bryant, T. S., & Lee, R. S. (Eds.). (2003). Gender and sexuality [Special issue]. *Journal of Sex Research, 40*(1).

Muehlenhard, C. L., **Peterson, Z. D.**, Karwoski, L., Bryant, T. S., & Lee, R. S. (2003). Gender and sexuality: An introduction to the special issue. *Journal of Sex Research, 40*, 1-3.

**Peterson, Z. D., & Muehlenhard, C. L. (2003).** Rape. In *The International Encyclopedia of Marriage and Family* (pp. 1293-1297). New York: Macmillan.

Muehlenhard, C. L., & **Peterson, Z. D.** (2001). Inviting dissent: Formulating theories about men's violence against women (Review of the book *What causes men's violence against women?*). *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 25, 83-84.

#### Manuscripts Under Review and In Preparation

**Peterson, Z. D., & Muehlenhard, C. L. (2006).** *What is sex and why does it matter? A motivational approach to exploring individuals' definitions of sex.* Manuscript under review.

**Peterson, Z. D., Janssen, E., Laan, E., & Sonderman, J. (2006).** *Straight and lesbian women's sexual responses to straight and lesbian erotica: The role of stimulus intensity, affective reaction, and sexual history.* Manuscript in preparation.

#### REFEREED PRESENTATIONS:

**Peterson, Z. D., & Muehlenhard, C. L. (2006, November).** "That's a word for something that happens to other people": A qualitative study of rape victims' conceptualization of the label "rape." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Las Vegas, NV.

**Peterson, Z. D., & Muehlenhard, C. L. (2006, November).** *Sex, virgin, and other ambiguous terms: Factors influencing college students' sexual labels.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Las Vegas, NV.

**Peterson, Z. D., & Janssen, E. (2006, July).** *The role of mixed emotional states in predicting men's and women's subjective and physiological sexual responses to erotic stimuli.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Academy of Sex Research, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Muehlenhard, C. L., McCune, A., Thorp, J., **Peterson, Z. D., & Sampat, B. (2005, July).** *Sex, alcohol, and ambivalence: Women's and men's guilt about sexual behavior as a function of ambivalence about sex and alcohol consumption.* Paper presented at the biannual meeting of the World Association of Sexology, Montreal.

Muehlenhard, C. L., **Peterson, Z. D., & McCune, A. (2004, November).** *What did you do last weekend? Women's alcohol consumption, sexual attitudes, and sexual behavior.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Orlando, FL.

**Peterson, Z. D., & Muehlenhard, C. L. (2004, June).** *Unwanted but consensual? Wanted but nonconsensual? Conceptualizing the "wantedness" of women's sexual experiences.* Paper presented at the midcontinent and eastern region joint conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Madison, WI.

**Peterson, Z. D., & Muehlenhard, C. L. (2004, June).** *What is sex and why does it matter? College students' motivations for labeling or not labeling an act "sex."* Paper presented at the midcontinent and eastern region joint conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Madison, WI.

Muehlenhard, C. L., **Peterson, Z. D., & McCune, A. (2004, June).** *What did you do last weekend? Women's alcohol consumption, sexual attitudes, and sexual behavior.* Paper presented at the midcontinent and eastern region joint conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Madison, WI.

Muehlenhard, C. L., & **Peterson, Z. D. (2003, November).** "Was the sex [ ] wanted [ ] unwanted? (check one)": Applications of a multidimensional model to women's sexuality. Paper presented at the Kinsey Institute Women's Sexuality Conference, Bloomington, IN.

Muehlenhard, C. L., **Peterson, Z. D.**, MacPherson, L. A., & Blair, R. L. (2002, June). *First experiences with sexual intercourse: Wanted, unwanted, or both? Application of a multidimensional model*. Paper presented at the midcontinent and eastern region joint conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Big Rapids, MI.

**Peterson, Z. D.**, & Muehlenhard, C. L. (2001, October). *Was it rape? Women's rape myth acceptance and definitions of sex as predictors of how they labeled their experiences with nonconsensual sex*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, San Diego, CA.

**Peterson, Z. D.**, & Muehlenhard, C. L. (2001, March). *The function of rape myths in preventing women from acknowledging nonconsensual sex as rape*. Paper presented at the eastern region meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Portsmouth, VA.

## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

### **CLINICAL LICENSURE**

**Licensed Psychologist** (Indiana License #20042078A; March 2006-Present)

### **CLINICAL TRAINING EXPERIENCES:**

**Postdoctoral Fellow / Sex Therapist** (October 2006-Present)

Kinsey Institute Sex Therapy Clinic, Bloomington, IN

Provide individual and couples therapy to treat sexual and gender-related problems.

**Predoctoral Intern** (2004-2005)

Minneapolis Veterans Administration Medical Center (APA-accredited), Minneapolis, MN

Completed rotations in the Women's Clinic, PTSD Clinic, Addiction Disorders Services, Partial Hospitalization Program, and Family Therapy Clinic. Conducted individual, couples, and group therapy sessions. Conducted assessment batteries, and wrote reports using various combinations of psychological tests, including the MMPI-2, WAIS-III, and CAPS (Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale).

**Student Therapist** (1999-2004)

University of Kansas Psychological Clinic, Lawrence, KS

Conducted individual, couples, and family therapy with outpatient community residents, university staff, and university students representing a wide range of ages and socioeconomic and educational backgrounds. Conducted intake interviews and assessment batteries.

**Student Therapist** (1999-2001)

Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, Lawrence, KS

Provided individual and group therapy to battered women and to women with physical and cognitive disabilities.

### **OTHER CLINICAL POSITIONS:**

**Clinic Systems Coordinator** (2001-2002)

University of Kansas Psychological Clinic, Lawrence, KS

Provided back up and supervision for on-call intake therapists. Assigned clients to therapists and made referrals to other agencies. Communicated with supervisors about therapist progress and problems. Kept records of clinic clientele. Supervised graduate student therapists with crisis call management, client referrals, and clinic procedures. Presented information and answered questions about the University of Kansas Psychological Clinic to other community agencies.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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#### **Assistant Instructor** (2000-2003)

Departments of Psychology and Women's Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Maintained sole responsibility for all aspects of teaching, including textbook selection, class syllabi and lecture development, lecture delivery, construction of examinations, grading of examinations and papers, and assignment of course grades.

##### Graduate Courses Taught:

Specialized Clinical Practicum: Introduction to Psychotherapy

##### Undergraduate Courses Taught:

Psychology of Women

Women's Studies: An Interdisciplinary Introduction

Personality

General Psychology

Independent Study in Psychology: Research Assistantship

#### **Teaching Assistant** (1998-2000)

Department of Psychology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Assisted instructors of undergraduate psychology courses by guest lecturing, conducting study sessions, attending lectures, advising students, creating examination questions, administering and grading examinations, maintaining grade databases, and providing detailed critiques of writing assignments.

##### Courses Taught:

Psychology of Women

Intimate Relationships

Psychology of Families

Theories of Personality

Mental Health of Children

General Psychology

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

**American Psychological Association** (APA; Student Affiliate, 1998-2005; Member, 2005-Present)

**APA Division 35: Society for the Psychology of Women** (2000-Present)

**American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists** (AASECT; 2006-Present)

**Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality** (SSSS; Student Member, 2002-2005; Member, 2005-Present)

- Invited Conference Session Moderator (1999, 2004)
- Conference Program Committee Member (1999, 2000)

##### SSSS Midcontinent Region

- Treasurer (2007)
- Membership Committee Member (2006)
- Invited Conference Session Moderator (2004)
- Conference Program Committee Member (2002)

### EDITORIAL SERVICE:

**Reviewer**, *Sex Roles* (2006-Present)

**Reviewer**, *Journal of Sex Research* (2003-Present)

**Reviewer**, *Basic and Applied Social Psychology* (2005)

**Special Issue Co-Editor**, *Journal of Sex Research* (2003)

**Editor**, "Graduate Student Forum" column in *The Clinical Psychologist* (2002-2004)