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**EMPLOYMENT**

2019- Professor of Sociology, Ball State University

2013-2019 Associate Professor of Sociology, Ball State University

2008-2013 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Ball State University

**EDUCATION**

2008 Ph.D. Sociology, The Ohio State University

2005 M.A. Sociology, The Ohio State University

2002 B.A. Social Relations (with Honors), Michigan State University

# EXTERNAL GRANTS

2023-2024 “Attitudes About Parental Leave-Taking for Single and Same-Gender Parents.” Trenton D. Mize, **Richard J. Petts**, and Gayle Kaufman, Co-Principal Investigators. Russell Sage Foundation, Grant Award Number 2205-38532. $114,806.

2022-2025 “Collaborative Research – Parenting, Housework, Well-Being, and the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Daniel L. Carlson and **Richard J. Petts**, Co-Principal Investigators. National Science Foundation, Grant Award Numbers 2148610 and 2148501. $330,000.

2020 “The Long-Term Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Household Gender Equality.” Daniel L. Carlson, **Richard J. Petts**, and Joanna R. Pepin, Co-Principal Investigators. Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, American Sociological Association. $8,000.

2020-2021 “My Faith in God has Strengthened: Examining Religious and Spiritual Changes among Women with Metastatic Breast Cancer.” Rachel Kraus, Principal Investigator. **Richard J. Petts**, Consultant. The Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (Louisville Institute). $29,867.

2017-2019 “Paternity Leave and Family Health and Well-Being.” **Richard J. Petts**, Principal Investigator. Chris Knoester, Co-Investigator. Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD), Award R03HD087875. $162,032.

2010 “Family Religiosity and Trajectories of Mathematics Achievement.” AERA Institute on Statistical Analysis for Education Policy Participant Grant. $1,500.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

Member, International Network on Leave Policies & Research ([www.leavenetwork.org](http://www.leavenetwork.org)) (2018-)

* This network is comprised of individuals who demonstrate expertise in leave policy (across 47 countries). The network collaborates on an international leave policy review that is updated annually (and used widely as a resource), and meet annually to discuss international developments in leave policies. Membership is restricted to individuals with a demonstrated expertise in leave policy, with a maximum of four network members per country. I am currently a full member of the network as a representative from the United States.

Co-Editor, *Community, Work & Family* (2020-2023)

Organizational Board Memberships

* Board of Directors, Council on Contemporary Families (2022-)
* Executive Board Member, Work and Family Researchers Network (2022-)

Editorial Board Member:

* *Society and Mental Health* (2023-)
* *Journal of Marriage and Family* (2019-)
* *Sociology of Religion* (2019-2021)

Guest Editorships:

* *Gender, Work & Organization* (Guest Co-Editor)*:* Gender and Employment: Recalibrating Women’s Position in Work, Organizations and Society in Times of COVID-19 (2020-2022)
* *Religions*: Religion and Family Life (2018-2019) <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/familylife>

**BOOKS**

**Petts, Richard J.** 2022. *Father Involvement and Gender Equality in the United States: Contemporary Norms and Barriers.* London: Routledge.

* + Reviewed in: *Choice, Journal of Family Studies*

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

*Graduate student co-authors are underlined*

Carlson, Daniel L., Skye McPherson, and **Richard J. Petts**. 2024. “Remote Work, Gender Ideologies, and Fathers’ Participation in Childcare During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Social Sciences* 13:166. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci13030166>.

**Petts, Richard J.**, Trenton D. Mize, and Gayle Kaufman. 2024. “Does Taking Parental Leave Make You a More Likeable Worker? Evidence from a Survey Experiment.” *Community, Work & Family.* <https://doi.org/10.1080/13668803.2024.2321124>.

Kaufman, Gayle, **Richard J. Petts**, Trenton D. Mize, and Taryn Wield. 2024. “Gender Egalitarianism and Attitudes Toward Parental Leave.” *Social Currents* 11:181-199. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23294965231175824>.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Daniel L. Carlson. 2023. “Managing a Household During a Pandemic: Cognitive Labor and Parents’ Psychological Well-Being.” *Society and Mental Health* 3:187-207. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21568693231169521>.

**Petts, Richard J.**, Gayle Kaufman, and Trenton D. Mize. 2023. “Parental Leave-Taking and Perceptions of Workers as Good Parents.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 85:261-279.<https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12875>.

Kurowska, Anna, Ilyar Heydari Barardehi, Sylvia Fuller, **Richard J. Petts**, Gayle Kaufman, Andrea Doucet, Cassandra Engeman, Thordis Reimer, Raffaele Guetto, Anna Matysiak, Tsegachew Degu Kasegn, Daniele Vignoli, Ann-Zofie Duvander, and Shirley Gatenio Gabel. 2023. “Familydemic Cross Country and Gender Dataset on Work and Family Outcomes during COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Scientific Data* 10:2. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-022-01880-8>.

Petts, Richard J., Stéfanie André, Daniel L. Carlson, Heejung Chung, Melissa A. Milkie, Chantal Remery, Casey Scheibling, Kevin Shafer, and Mara A. Yerkes. 2023. “Fathers Stepping Up? A Cross-National Comparison of Fathers’ Domestic Labor and Parents’ Satisfaction with the Division of Domestic Labor During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Journal of Family Studies* 6:2650-2679. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13229400.2023.2181849>.

Carlson, Daniel L., Priya Fielding-Singh, **Richard J. Petts**, and Kristi Williams. 2022. “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: COVID Concerns and Partnered US Mothers’ Employment During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 8:1-22. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231221138721>.

Carlson, Daniel L. and **Richard J. Petts**. 2022. “US Parents’ Divisions of Domestic Labor Over the First Year of the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Population Research and Policy Review* 41:2393-2418.<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11113-022-09735-1>.

Li, Qi, Chris Knoester, and **Richard J. Petts**. 2022. “Attitudes about Paid Parental Leave in the U.S.” *Sociological Focus* 55:48-67.

* + Research featured in *BBC*

**Petts, Richard J.**, Trenton D. Mize, and Gayle Kaufman. 2022. “Organizational Policies, Workplace Culture, and Perceived Job Commitment of Mothers and Fathers Who Take Parental Leave.” *Social Science Research* 103:102651.<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102651>.

Carlson, Daniel L., Richard J. Petts, and Joanna R. Pepin. 2022. “Changes in US Parents’ Domestic Labor During the Early Days of the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Sociological Inquiry* 92:1217-1244. https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12459.

* + Research featured in *ABC News, Deseret News, The Atlantic, The Financial Post, The Guardian, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal*

Kaufman, Gayle and **Richard J. Petts**. 2022. “Gendered Parental Leave Policies among Fortune 500 Companies.” *Community, Work & Family* 25:603-623.https://doi.org/10.1080/13668803.2020.1804324.

* + Research featured in *BBC, CBS News, CNBC, Fast Company, Newsweek, Psychology Today, USA Today, WFYI (NPR Indianapolis)*

Knoester, Chris, Qi Li, and **Richard J. Petts**. 2021. “Attitudes about Paid Parental Leave: Cross-National Comparisons and the Significance of Gendered Expectations, Family Strains, and Extant Leave Offerings.” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 62:181-202.<https://doi.org/10.1177/00207152211026705>.

* + Research featured in *Consumer Affairs*

Mize, Trenton D., Gayle Kaufman, and Richard J. Petts. 2021. “Visualizing Shifts in Gendered Parenting Attitudes During COVID-19.” *Socius* 7*.* <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231211013128>.

* + Research featured in *Forbes, Vox, MSN News*

Carlson, Daniel L., **Richard J. Petts**, and Joanna R. Pepin. 2021. “Flexplace Work and Partnered Fathers’ Time in Housework and Childcare.” *Men and Masculinities.* 24:547-570.

Li, Qi, Chris Knoester, and **Richard J. Petts**. 2021. “Cross-National Attitudes about Paid Parental Leave Offerings for Fathers.” *Social Science Research* 96:102540. https://doi.org/[10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102540](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102540).

**Petts, Richard J.,\*** Daniel L. Carlson,\* and Joanna R. Pepin. 2021. “A Gendered Pandemic: Childcare, Homeschooling, and Parents’ Employment During COVID-19.” *Gender, Work & Organization* 28(S2):515-534. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gwao.12614>.

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* + Research featured in *Brookings Institute, the 19th, The Washington Post, Yahoo News*

Shafer, Kevin, **Richard J. Petts**, and Casey Scheibling. 2021. “Variation in Masculinities and Father Behaviors: A Cross-National Comparison of the United States and Canada.” *Sex Roles* 84:439-453.

**Petts, Richard J.**, Daniel L. Carlson, and Chris Knoester. 2021. “Fathers’ Time Off Work After the Birth of a Child and Relationship Dissolution among Socioeconomically Disadvantaged U.S. Families.” *Sociological Focus* 54:201-222.

* + Research featured in *MSN, Newsbreak, The Atlantic*

Holmes, Erin Kramer, **Richard J. Petts**, Clare Thomas, Nathan L. Robbins, and Tom Henry. 2020. “Do Workplace Characteristics Moderate the Effects of Attitudes on Father Warmth and Engagement?” *Journal of Family Psychology* 34:867-878.

**Petts, Richard J.**, Daniel L. Carlson, and Chris Knoester. 2020. “If I [Take] Leave, Will You Stay? Paternity Leave and Relationship Stability.” *Journal of Social Policy* 49:829-849.

* + Research featured in *CNN, Fatherly, Global News (Canada), Harvard Business Review, Huffington Post, Microsoft (MSN) News, Parents Magazine, The Globe and Mail (Canada), The New York Times, Yahoo*

**Petts, Richard J.**, Chris Knoester, and Jane Waldfogel. 2020. “Fathers’ Paternity Leave-Taking and Children’s Perceptions of Father-Child Relationships in the United States.” *Sex Roles* 82:173-188.

* + Research featured in *BBC News, CBS, CNN, Daily News, Forbes, Ladders, MSN News, Positively Dad (podcast), The Atlantic, The Guardian, The New York Times, Time Magazine, Vogue, Yahoo Finance*

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**Petts, Richard J.**, Chris Knoester, and Qi Li. 2020. “Paid Paternity Leave-Taking in the United States.” *Community, Work & Family* 23:162-183.

* + Research featured in *Bloomberg, Fast Company, Fatherly, Forbes, Human Resource Executive, Industry Week, Romper, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, WTOP (Washington, D.C.)*

Knoester, Chris, **Richard J. Petts**, and Brianne Pragg. 2019. “Paternity Leave-Taking and Father Involvement among Socioeconomically Disadvantaged U.S. Fathers.” *Sex Roles* 81:257-271*.*

**Petts, Richard J.** and Chris Knoester. 2019. “Paternity Leave and Parental Relationships: Variations by Gender and Mothers’ Work Statuses.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 81:468-486*.*

* + Research featured in *ABC News, Positively Dad (podcast), The Wall Street Journal, WDRV (Chicago)*

Petts, Amy L. and **Richard J. Petts**. 2019. “Gender Matters: Racial Variation and Marital Stability among Intraracial Couples.” *Journal of Family Issues* 40:1808-1831.

Shafer, Kevin M., **Richard J. Petts**, and Andrew J. Renick. 2019. “Religious Variability in the Relationship between Masculinity and Father Involvement.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 58:378-397*.*

**Petts, Richard J.** and Chris Knoester. 2018. “Paternity Leave-Taking and Father Engagement.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 80:1144-1162.

* + Research featured in *BBC, MSN News, Newsbreak, Positively Dad (podcast), Salon, The Atlantic, Today Show, WDRV (Chicago), Yahoo News*

**Petts, Richard J.**, Kevin M. Shafer, and Lee W. Essig. 2018. “Does Adherence to Masculine Norms Shape Fathers’ Behaviors?” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 80:704-720.

* + Research featured in *Cincinnati Enquirer, Deseret News, Muncie Business Journal, News & Tribune, Salt Lake Tribune*

**Petts, Richard J.** 2018. “Time Off after Childbirth and Mothers’ Risk of Depression, Parenting Stress, and Parenting Practices.” *Journal of Family Issues* 39:1827-1854.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2018. “Miscarriage, Religious Participation, and Mental Health.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 57:109-122.

* + Research featured in *Christianity Today*

**Petts, Richard J.** 2018. “Paternity Leave, Father Involvement, and Parental Conflict: The Moderating Role of Religious Participation.” *Religions* 9:289*.* DOI: 10.3390/rel9100289.

Knoester, Chris and **Richard J. Petts**. 2017. “Father’s Parenting Stress after the Arrival of a New Child.” *Family Relations* 66:367-382.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2016. “Religious Homogamy, Race/Ethnicity, and Parents’ Relationship Stability.” *Sociological Focus* 49:163-179*.*

**Petts, Richard J.** 2015. “Parental Religiosity and Youth Religiosity: Variations by Family Structure.” *Sociology of Religion* 76:95-120.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2014.“Family, Religious Attendance, and Trajectories of Psychological Well-Being among Youth.” *Journal of Family Psychology* 28:759-768.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2012. “Single Mothers’ Religious Participation and Early Childhood Behavior.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 74:251-268*.*

* + Research featured in *Huffington Post*

**Petts, Richard J.** and Ashleigh E. Kysar-Moon. 2012. “Child Discipline and Conservative Protestantism: Why the Relationship between Corporal Punishment and Child Behavior Problems may vary by Religious Context.” *Review of Religious Research* 54:445-468.

Petts, Richard J. 2011. “Parental Religiosity, Religious Homogamy, and Young Children’s Well-Being.” *Sociology of Religion* 72:389-414*.*

**Petts, Richard J.** 2011. “Is Urban Fathers’ Religion Important for their Children’s Behavior?” *Review of Religious Research* 53:183-206.

Haynie, Dana L., **Richard J. Petts**, David Maimon, and Alex R. Piquero. 2009. “Exposure to Violence in Adolescence and Precocious Role Exits.” *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 38:269-286.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2009. “Family and Religious Characteristics’ Influence on Delinquency Trajectories from Adolescence to Young Adulthood.” *American Sociological Review* 74:465-483.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2009. “Trajectories of Religious Participation from Adolescence to Young Adulthood.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 48:552-571*.*

Knoester, Chris, **Richard J. Petts**, and David J. Eggebeen. 2007. “Commitments to Fathering and the Well-Being and Social Participation of New, Disadvantaged Fathers.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 69:991-1004.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Anne Jolliff. 2008. “Religion and Adolescent Depression: The Impact of Race and Gender.” *Review of Religious Research* 49:395-414.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2007. “Religious Participation, Religious Affiliation, and Engagement with Children Among Fathers Experiencing the Birth of a New Child.” *Journal of Family Issues* 28:1139-1161.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Chris Knoester. 2007. “Parents’ Religious Heterogamy and Children’s Well-Being.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 46:373-389.

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

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Holmes, Erin K., Clare R. Thomas, **Richard J. Petts,** and E. Jeffrey Hill. 2020. “The Work-Family Interface.” Pp. 323-354 in *Cross-Cultural Family Research and Practice,* edited by K. Halford and A.J.R. van de Vijver*.*New York: Elsevier. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-815493-9.00010-7>.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Scott A. Desmond. 2016. “Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood.” Pp. 241-262 in *Handbook of Religion and Society,* edited by D. Yamane. New York: Springer.

**REPORTS**

Engeman, Cassandra **Richard J. Petts,** Shirley Gatenio Gabel and Gayle Kaufman. 2023. “United States Country Note.” In *19th International Review of Leave Policies and Related Research 2023,* edited by S. Blum, G. Kaufman, I. Dobrotić, A. Koslowski,, and P. Moss. <https://doi.org/10.25365/phaidra.431>25365/phaidra.431.

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Carlson, Daniel L., **Richard J. Petts**, and Joanna R. Pepin. 2020. “Men and Women Agree: During the COVID-19 Pandemic Men Are Doing More at Home.” Council on Contemporary Families Brief Report. <https://contemporaryfamilies.org/covid-couples-division-of-labor/>.

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND BLOGS**

Carlson, Daniel L. and **Richard J. Petts**. 2023. “The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Future of Gender Equality.” Online symposium for the *Council on Contemporary Families.* <https://sites.utexas.edu/contemporaryfamilies/2023/11/14/covid-19-and-gender-equality-symposium/>.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2023. “Paid Family and Medical Leave Needed for all Hoosiers.” Editorial in *Indiana Capital Chronicle*, November 16. <https://indianacapitalchronicle.com/2023/11/16/paid-family-and-medical-leave-needed-for-all-hoosiers/>.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Daniel L. Carlson. 2023. “Managing the Household is a Stressor for Mothers But Not Fathers.” *Council on Contemporary Families* briefing paper. <https://sites.utexas.edu/contemporaryfamilies/2023/05/03/cognitive-labor-and-parents-well-being-brief-report/>.

Carlson, Daniel L., Priya Fielding-Singh, **Richard J. Petts**, and Kristi Williams. 2023. “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic about Health Concerns and US Mothers’ Employment.” *Council on Contemporary Families* briefing paper. <https://sites.utexas.edu/contemporaryfamilies/2023/04/18/lessons-from-the-covid-19-pandemic-about-health-concerns-and-us-mothers-employment/>.

Carlson, Daniel L. and **Richard J. Petts**. 2023. “Has the Pandemic Increased Gender Equality in Domestic Labor? It’s Complicated.” *Council on Contemporary Families.* <https://thesocietypages.org/ccf/2023/01/17/has-the-pandemic-increased-gender-inequality-in-domestic-labor-its-complicated/>

**Petts, Richard J.** 2023. “To Achieve Greater Gender Equality, We Need to View Fathers as Fully Engaged Dads.” *Council on Contemporary Families.* <https://thesocietypages.org/ccf/2023/01/10/to-achieve-greater-gender-equality-we-need-to-view-fathers-as-fully-engaged-dads/>

**Petts, Richard J.**, Gayle Kaufman, and Trenton D. Mize. 2022. “Americans Think the Best Parents Take 11-12 Weeks of Paid Parental Leave.” *Council on Contemporary Families.* <https://thesocietypages.org/ccf/2022/12/13/americans-think-the-best-parents-take-11-12-weeks-of-paid-parental-leave/>.

Remery, Chantal, **Richard J. Petts**, Joop Schippers, and Mara A. Yerkes. 2022. “Gender and Employment: Recalibrating Women’s Position in Work, Organizations, and Society in Times of COVID-19.” *Gender, Work & Organization.* <https://doi.org/10.1111/gwao.12872>.

**Petts, Richard J.**, Trenton D. Mize, and Gayle Kaufman. 2021. “Paid Leave Policy Design Matters for Workplace Equality.” *The Gender Policy Report.* <https://genderpolicyreport.umn.edu/paid-leave-policy-design-matters-for-workplace-equality/>.

**Petts, Richard J.**, Trenton D. Mize, and Gayle Kaufman. 2021. “Designing Parental Leave Policies that Reduce Stigmas Associated with Leave-Taking.” *Council on Contemporary Families.* <https://thesocietypages.org/ccf/2021/10/19/designing-parental-leave-policies-that-reduce-stigmas-associated-with-leave-taking/>

Carlson, Daniel L., **Richard J. Petts**, and Joanna Pepin. 2021. “To Keep Women in the Workforce, Men Need to Do More at Home.” *Harvard Business Review.* <https://hbr.org/2021/04/to-keep-women-in-the-workforce-men-need-to-do-more-at-home.>

Knoester, Chris and **Richard J. Petts**. 2021. “82% of Americans Want Paid Maternity Leave – Making it as Popular as Chocolate.” *The Conversation.* <https://theconversation.com/82-of-americans-want-paid-maternity-leave-making-it-as-popular-as-chocolate-159897>.

Fisher, Jenny, Jean-Charles Languilaire, Rebecca Lawthom, Rense Nieuwenhuis, **Richard J. Petts**, Katherine Runswick-Cole, and Mara A. Yerkes. 2020. “Community, Work, and Family in Times of COVID-19.” *Community, Work & Family* 23:247-252.

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**WORK IN PROGRESS**

**Petts, Richard J.** and Daniel L. Carlson. “Trajectories of US Parents’ Divisions of Domestic Labor Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Under Review.*

**Petts, Richard J.**, Daniel L. Carlson, and Chris Knoester. “Paternity Leave-Taking and U.S. Fathers’ Participation in Housework.” *Under Review.*

Engeman, Cassandra, **Richard J. Petts**, Shirley Gatenio Gabel, and Gayle Kaufman. “Risk-Sharing in Times of Crisis: Union Representation and Changes to Employment and Work During COVID.” *Under Review.*

**Petts, Richard J.** and Daniel L. Carlson. “Trajectories of Parents’ Remote Work During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

**INVITED AND KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS**

**Petts, Richard J.** and Daniel L. Carlson. 2023. “Gender Disparities in Paid and Unpaid Work During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Symposium presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 20, Philadelphia.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2023. “Father Involvement and Gender Equality in the United States: Workplace Barriers and Policy Solutions.” Keynote presentation at the International Conference on Policies and Parental Support, July 21.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2023. “Changes in Parents’ Divisions of Labor During the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Implications for Gender Equality at Home and Work.” Boston College Center for Work & Family Spring Roundtable Meeting, April 13.

Carlson, Daniel L. and **Richard J. Petts**. 2023. “The Future of Gender Equality: What’s Happened and What Are We Learning from the COVID-19 Pandemic, Evidence from the SPDLC.” The Future of Gender Equality Three Years into the Global Pandemic Symposium hosted by New America. Washington, DC, March 8. <https://www.newamerica.org/better-life-lab/events/the-future-of-gender-equality-in-a-post-pandemic-society/>.

Reeves, Richard V. and **Richard J. Petts**. 2022. “Why Gender Equity Matters for Men” [moderated discussion]. Women’s Leadership Board Biannual Meeting, Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University. November 10.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2022. “Father Involvement and Gender Equality in the United States: Contemporary Norms and Barriers.” Center for Family and Demographic Research Speaker Series, Bowling Green State University. September 14.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Dominie Moss. 2021. “Women at Work: The Great Return.” Dive In: The Festival for Diversity and Inclusion in Insurance. September 21.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Daniel L. Carlson. 2021. “Workplace Supports, Domestic Labor, and Labor Force Participation during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Boston College Center for Work & Family Distinguished Speaker Series, February 24.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2019. “Perceptions of Paternity Leave-Taking in the U.S.: The Influence of Paid Leave Policies and Workplace Support on Americans’ Attitudes.” Presented at an international symposium on Involved Fatherhood and the Work-Family Interface: Attitudes, Barriers, and Incentives for Promoting Gender Equality, May 27, Ramat Gan, Israel.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2019. “Paternity Leave, Father Involvement, and Parental Conflict: The Moderating Role of Religious Participation.” Presented at the annual mid-year conference of the Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality, April 6, Bowling Green, OH.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2018. “Predictors and Consequences of Leave-Taking Among American Fathers.” SPA Colloquium Series, Ball State University, November 7, Muncie, IN.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2018. “Predictors and Consequences of Leave-Taking Among Fathers in the U.S.” Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University, May 15, Provo, UT.

Knoester, Chris, **Richard J. Petts**, Brianne Pragg, and Qi Li. 2017. “Paternity Leave-taking in the U.S.: Patterns and Implications.” Human Development and Family Science Brown Bag series, The Ohio State University, April 24, Columbus, OH.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2011. “Single Mothers’ Religious Involvement and Early Childhood Behavior.” Presented at the Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, April 15, San Antonio, TX.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2009. “Fathers’ Religious Involvement and Early Childhood Behavior.” Presented at the *Religious Practice in America: What the Research Says* Conference, October 29, Washington, D.C.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2006. “Religious Participation, Religious Affiliation, and Engagement with Children Among New Fathers.” Presented at King Avenue United Methodist Church, April 9, Columbus, OH.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Petts, Richard J.** and Daniel L. Carlson. 2023. “Trajectories of US Parents’ Divisions of Domestic Labor Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 20, Philadelphia.

**Petts, Richard J.**, Gayle Kaufman, and Trenton D. Mize. 2022. “Parental Leave-Taking and Perceptions of Workers as Good Parents.” Presented at the biennial meeting of the Work and Family Researchers Network, June 23, New York City.

Carlson, Daniel L., Priya Fielding-Singh, **Richard J. Petts**, and Kristi Williams. 2022. “Fear and Lack of Options: The Effects of School/care Availability, Remote Work Access, and Worry about Virus Transmission on Mothers’ Employment during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Presented at the biennial meeting of the Work and Family Researchers Network, June 23, New York City.

Gatenio Gabel, Shirley, Cassandra Engeman, Gayle Kaufman, and **Richard J. Petts.** 2022. “A Safeguard in Times of Crisis? Union Membership and Changes to Employment and Working Conditions during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Presented at the biennial meeting of the Work and Family Researchers Network, June 24, New York City.

Kurowska, Anna, Anna Matysiak, Sylvia Fuller, Andrea Doucet, Gayle Kaufman, and **Richard J. Petts**. 2022. “Rearrangements to Childcare and School Functioning due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and their Impact on Employment Outcomes and Division of Labor between Mothers and Fathers in Different Cultural and Institutional Contexts.” Presented at the biennial meeting of the Work and Family Researchers Network, June 24, New York City.

Carlson, Daniel L. and **Richard J. Petts**. 2022. “A Return to Normal? Shifts in U.S. Parents’ Divisions of Domestic Labor Over the Course of the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, April 8, New Orleans.

Carlson, Daniel L., **Richard J. Petts,** and Joanna R. Pepin. 2021. “Flexplace Work and Partnered Fathers’ Time in Housework and Childcare.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 10. Virtual presentation.

**Petts, Richard J.,** Daniel L. Carlson, and Joanna R. Pepin. 2021. “A Gendered Pandemic: Childcare, Homeschooling, and Parents’ Employment During COVID-19.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, May 6. Virtual presentation.

Carlson, Daniel L., **Richard J. Petts,** and Joanna R. Pepin. 2021. “Changes in Parents’ Domestic Labor During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, May 7. Virtual presentation.

Carlson, Daniel L., Joanna R. Pepin, and **Richard J. Petts.** 2021. “If You’ve Got Time to Leave, You’ve Got Time to Clean: Time Availability and Domestic Labor During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, May 6. Virtual presentation.

**Petts, Richard J.,** Daniel L. Carlson, and Joanna R. Pepin. 2020. “How has COVID19 Changed Parents’ Division of Domestic Labor in the U.S.?” Presented at the International Network on Leave Policies & Research annual seminar, September 17. Virtual presentation.

Li, Qi, Chris Knoester, and **Richard J. Petts**. 2020. “Attitudes About Paid Parental Leave in the U.S.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August, San Francisco, CA. Virtual presentation.

**Petts, Richard J.**, Trenton D. Mize, and Gayle Kaufman. 2020. “Effects of Policies and Workplace Culture on Attenuating the Commitment Penalty Associated with Parental Leave-Taking.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August, San Francisco, CA. Virtual presentation.

Li, Qi, Chris Knoester, and **Richard J. Petts**. 2020. “A Multinational Examination of Public Attitudes about Paid Paternity Leave.” Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC. Conference canceled.

**Petts, Richard J.**, Cassandra Engeman, Gayle Kaufman, and Shirley Gatenio Gabel. 2019. “Country Short Cuts Posters – United States.” Poster presented at the International Network on Leave Policies & Research annual seminar, August 30, Hamburg, Germany.

Kaufman, Gayle and **Richard J. Petts**. 2019. “Gendered Employer Policies in the United States.” Presented at the International Network on Leave Policies & Research annual seminar, August 29, Hamburg, Germany.

Knoester, Chris, Qi Li, and **Richard J. Petts**. 2019. “Attitudes about Paid Parental Leave: A Cross-National Analysis.” Presented at a roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 11, New York City, NY.

Shafer, Kevin, Andrew J. Renick, and **Richard J. Petts**. 2019. “Masculinity, Fathering, & Social Context: An Analysis from Canada and the United States.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Sociological Association, June 4, Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Petts, Richard J**., Chris Knoester, and Jane Waldfogel. 2019. “Length of Paternity Leave and Children’s Reports of Father-Child Relationships and Delinquency.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, April 12, Austin, TX.

**Petts, Richard J.**, Daniel L. Carlson, and Chris Knoester. 2019. “If I [Take] Leave, Will You Stay? Paternity Leave and Relationship Stability.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, April 11, Austin, TX.

* + \**PAA 2019 Poster Award Winner\**

**Petts, Richard J.** and Chris Knoester. 2018. “Paternity Leave and Relationship Quality and Conflict: Variations by Gender and Mothers’ Work Status.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 11, Philadelphia, PA.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Chris Knoester. 2018. “Predictors and Consequences of Leave-Taking among American Fathers.” Presented at the International Network on Leave Policies & Research annual seminar, July 14, Toronto, Canada.

Knoester, Chris, **Richard J. Petts**, and Brianne Pragg. 2018. “Paternity Leave-Taking and Father Involvement among Disadvantaged Fathers in the U.S.” Presented at the Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies International Conference, July 9, Milan, Italy.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Chris Knoester. 2018. “Paternity Leave and Relationship Quality and Conflict: Variations by Gender and Mothers’ Work Status.” Presented at the Work and Family Researchers Network conference, June 22, Washington, D.C.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Chris Knoester. 2018. “Does Taking Paternity Leave Help to Improve Parental Relationships?” Presented at a poster session at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, April 26, Denver, CO.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Kevin Shafer. 2017. “Does Adherence to Masculine Norms Shape Fathers’ Attitudes and Behaviors?” Presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, November 15, Orlando, FL.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Chris Knoester. 2017. “Attitudes, Patterns, and Predictors of Paternity Leave-Taking among U.S. Fathers.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 14, Montreal, Canada.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Chris Knoester. 2017. “Paternity Leave-Taking and Father Involvement.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, April 27, Chicago, IL.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2017. “Miscarriage, Religious Participation, and Mental Health.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, April 27, Chicago, IL.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Chris Knoester. 2016. “Paternity Leave-Taking in the United States.” Presented at a roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 22, Seattle, WA.

Johns-Wolfe, Elaina and **Richard J. Petts**. 2016. “Defining Neighborhood Boundaries: The Relationship between Historical Designation and Residents’ Perceptions of Social Cohesion.” Presented at a roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 21, Seattle, WA.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2016. “Length of Maternity Leave, Mothers’ Well-Being, and Parenting Practices.” Presented at a poster session at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, March 31, Washington, D.C.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2015. “Paternity Leave, Religion, and Father Involvement with Children.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 22, Chicago, IL.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2014. “Religion, Paternity Leave, and Father Involvement.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 31, Indianapolis, IN.

Knoester, Chris and **Richard J. Petts**. 2014. “Parenting Aggravation among Disadvantaged Fathers.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 18, San Francisco, CA.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2013. “Religion and Adolescent Well-Being: Variations by Family Structure.” Roundtable presentation at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, November 6, San Antonio, TX.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Christopher G. Ellison. 2012. “Trajectories of Corporal Punishment within Fragile Families: Variations by Family Structure, Race/Ethnicity, and Religious Participation.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 10, Phoenix, AZ.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2012. “Religious Homogamy and Relationship Stability: Does the Relationship Vary by Race/Ethnicity and Union Type?” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 20, Denver, CO.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Ashleigh E. Kysar-Moon. 2011. “Corporal Punishment and Early Childhood Behavior: Is the Relationship Unique for Conservative Protestants?” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 29, Milwaukee, WI.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2010. “Family, Religion, and Psychological Well-Being Among Male and Female Youth.” Presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, November 4, Minneapolis, MN.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2010. “Parental Consistency in Family and Religious Practices and Young Children’s Well-Being.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 30, Baltimore, MD.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2010. “Low-Income Mothers’ Religious Involvement and Early Childhood Behavior.” Roundtable presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 14, Atlanta, GA.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2009. “Religious Heterogamy and Relationship Stability: A Comparison of Married and Cohabiting Unions.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 23, Denver, CO.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2008. “A Gender Comparison of the Relationships between Family, Religion, and Depressive Symptoms from Adolescence to Young Adulthood.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 19, Louisville, KY.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2007. “The Influence of Family and Religion on Trajectories of Delinquent Behavior.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 11, New York City, NY.

**Petts, Richard J.** and Anne Jolliff. 2006. “Religion and Depression among Adolescents: The Impact of Race and Gender.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 11, Montreal, Canada.

Knoester, Chris, **Richard J. Petts**, and David J. Eggebeen. 2005. “When Does Fatherhood Matter Most for Men’s Lives?” Presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, November 18, Phoenix, AZ.

**Petts, Richard J.** 2004. "The Effect of Interfaith Marriage on Children’s Well-Being." Presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, November 17, Orlando, FL.

# AWARDS AND HONORS

2020 Outstanding Research Award, Ball State University

* This award is given annually to one faculty member at the university in recognition of outstanding research achievement

2019 Top Peer Reviewer in Social Sciences, Publons

2018 Faculty Fellow Lead, Skills Infusion Program, Ball State University

2018 Faculty Fellow Participant, Skills Infusion Program, Ball State University

2012 Sponsored Programs Office Summer Fellow, Ball State University

2007 Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

2005 Outstanding Master’s Student Award, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

2005 Summer Publishing Fellowship, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

2001 Phi Beta Kappa

**INTERNAL GRANTS**

2024 ASPiRE International Travel Award, Ball State University. $700.

2024 ASPiRE Domestic Travel Award, Ball State University. $500.

2019 ASPiRE International Travel Award, Ball State University. $400.

2019 Summer Assessment Grant, Ball State University. $1000.

2018 ASPiRE International Travel Award, Ball State University. $400.

2010 “Religious Family Environment and Young Children’s Well-Being.” ASPiRE Junior Faculty Research Grant, Ball State University. $10,000.

2008 “Religious Heterogamy and Relationship Stability: A Comparison of Marital and Cohabiting Unions.” ASPiRE Faculty Start-Up Grant, Ball State University. $1,250.

2006 Summer Methods Training Grant, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University.

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Sociological Research Methods, Sociology of the Family, Men and Fatherhood, Population Dynamics and Demographic Methods, Urban Dynamics and Problems

**ADVISING ROLES**

Master’s Thesis Committees:

2023-present Esther Nsiah (Committee Member)

2020 Leilani Pearce (Committee Member)

2017 Gulzar Jalal (Chairperson)

2017 Jordan Reinoehl (Committee Member)

2015 Christina (Sorenson) Roberts (Committee Member)

2014 Elaina Johns-Wolfe (Chairperson)

2014 Zachary Palmer (Committee Member)

2011 Ashleigh Kysar-Moon (Committee Member)

Doctoral Dissertation Committees:

2020 Stephen Matteson, Educational Psychology (member-at-large)

2016 Bader N. Alkahtani, Special Education (member-at-large)

2014 Ola M. Abusukkar, Special Education (member-at-large)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor:

2020 Grace Brenner

2019 Dorthe Kolkinn

2018 Olivia Power

2011 Alexandra Garman

Internship Advisor:

2011 LaBriya Johnson

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Professional Committees:

2022-2024 Member, Rosabeth Moss Kanter Award Committee

2021- Social Media Team Member, Work and Family Researchers Network

2020 Member, William J. Goode Book Award Committee, American Sociological Association Family Section

2016-2017 Reviewer for National Council on Family Relations Men in Families Focus Group paper awards

2015-2017 Member, Scholarly Achievement Award Committee, North Central

Sociological Association

Ad-Hoc Reviewer, Journals:

*American Journal of Men’s Health, American Journal of Public Health, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy, Archive for the Psychology of Religion, Archives of Women’s Mental Health, Community, Work, & Family, Criminology, Czech Sociological Review, Demographic Research, European Sociological Review, Family Process, Gender & Society, Gender, Place, and Culture, Infant Mental Health Journal, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, International Journal of Sociology, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology, Journal of Child and Family Studies, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Family Psychology, Journal of Family Theory and Review, Journal of Gender Studies, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journal of Higher Education, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, Law & Social Inquiry, Mental Health, Religion & Culture, PNAS, Population Research and Policy Review, Psychology of Men and Masculinities, Psychology of Religion and Spirituality, Religions, Review of Religious Research, Sex Roles, Social Currents, Social Forces, Social Inclusion, Social Problems, Social Science Research, Society and Mental Health, Sociological Forum, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Science, Sociology Compass, Sociology of Education, Sociology of Religion, Socius, The Journal of Men’s Studies, The Milbank Quarterly, The Social Science Journal, The Sociological Quarterly, Women’s Studies International Forum*

Ad-Hoc Reviewer, Other:

2022 External grant reviewer for National Science Foundation

2018 *Religion*, thematic issue on religious socialization

2008-2015: Conference proposal reviewer: National Council on Family Relations (Religion and Family Life Section and Family Policy Section)

Discussant:

2021 Family and Work, Regular session at the annual conference of the American

Sociological Association, August 7 (online)

2018 Gender Ideology Across the Life Course, Paper Session at the annual conference

of the Population Association of America, Denver, CO, April 28.

Article Editor:

2014 SAGE Open (peer-reviewed, open access online journal)

Panelist:

2022 What is the Role of Fathers and Leaders in Work-Life Justice? Panel discussion at the biennial meeting of the Work and Family Researchers Network. (invited)

2021 Workshop: The Role of Parental Leave in Achieving Gender Equity. Work and Family Researchers Network Virtual Session, January 8. (invited)

2014 Conference titled “Strange Bedfellows?: Relationships, Sex and Religion among College Students.” Indiana State University, November 3. (invited)

Organizer:

2022-2023 Co-Chair, WFRN Virtual Conference Series

2022 Annual Meeting of the International Network on Leave Policies & Research, June 2022 in New York City (Co-Organizer)

2022 Who Benefits from Parental Leave and Who Doesn’t? Cross-National Comparisons of Leave Policies, Discussion Roundtable at the biennial meeting of the Work and Family Researchers Network (Co-Organizer)

2021 Families and COVID-19, Paper Session at the annual conference of the American Sociological Association (Co-Organizer)

2021 Fathers and Families, Paper Session at the annual conference of the Population Association of America

2010 Religion and Social Stratification: Undergraduate Paper Session, annual conference for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

2010 Religion as a Reflection of Culture: Undergraduate Paper Session, annual conference for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

2007 1st Annual BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference on Population

Presider:

2022 Parental Leave and Childcare Policies: Consequences for Gender (In)Equality, Paper session at the biennial meeting of the Work and Family Researchers Network

2021 Families and COVID-19, Paper session at the annual conference of the American Sociological Association

2021 Fathers and Families, Paper Session at the annual conference of the Population Association of America

2017 Religion and Health Roundtable, Section on Medical Sociology, annual conference of the American Sociological Association

2011 Connections Between Morality and Religious Expectations, annual conference for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

2010 Religion, Social Stratification, and Culture: Undergraduate Paper Session, annual conference for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Participant:

2013 Standard Setting Panel for the Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure

(Social Studies – Sociology Content Area)

Professional Organization Memberships:

American Sociological Association National Council on Family Relations

Population Association of America Work and Family Researchers Network

Council on Contemporary Families

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE (BSU)**

2020- Assessment Coordinator

2020-2021 Salary Committee Member

2018-2019 Search Committee Member

2018- Alumni Relations Committee (Ad-Hoc) Member

2017-2020 Director of Undergraduate Studies

2017-2020 Faculty Undergraduate Advisor

2017 Recruitment Committee Member

2016- Promotion and Tenure Committee Member

2016 Salary Committee Member

2015-2016 Research Committee Member

2014- Undergraduate Committee Member

2013-2015 Salary Committee Member

2013-2014 Chairperson, Promotion and Tenure Committee

2013-2014 Promotion and Tenure Committee Member

2012-2013 Chairperson, Sociology Department Independent Learning Program Ad-Hoc Committee

2010-2020 Sociology Content Area Advisor for Social Studies Teaching Majors

2009-2012 Co-Faculty Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta

2009-2011 Salary Committee Member

2009 Co-Author of Sociology Department Spring Newsletter

2008-2014 Graduate Committee Member

2008-2010 Social Activities Committee Member

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE (BSU)**

2024- Member, MIDAS Survey Committee

2024- Vice Chair, Institutional Review Board

2022-2023 Member, College of Sciences and Humanities Restructuring Task Force

2021-2023 Member, Advisory Council on Scholarship

2019 Banner Carrier, College of Sciences and Humanities Commencement Ceremony

2018 Member, Institutional Trends and Vital Statistics Working Group

2018 Faculty Fellow Leader, Skills Infusion Program

2017- Member, Institutional Review Board

2015 Reader, Writing Proficiency Exams

2013-2014 Member, College of Sciences and Humanities Promotion and Tenure Committee

2013 Reader, College of Sciences and Humanities Commencement Ceremony

2012-2017 Alternate Member, Institutional Review Board

2012-2018 Member, Student Rights, Ethics and Standards Committee (appointed by the BSU Faculty Council)

2010-2014 College of Sciences and Humanities Representative, University Athletics Committee

2009-2010 Discussion Leader, Freshman Connections Common Reader Program