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EDUCATION

- University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, Indiana Expected May 2030
PhD in Sociology
- Hamilton College**, Clinton, New York 2022
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, *Summa Cum Laude (top 1%), departmental honors*
Honors thesis: *Same Organization, Different Worlds: Exploring the Process of Organizational Change in DEI Initiative Implementation at a Small Liberal Arts College.*
Minors: Music, Theatre
- Young Americans College of the Performing Arts**, Corona, California 2017
Associate of Arts in Music Performance, *Valedictorian*
Vocal and Acting emphases

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of Education, Organizations, Race and Ethnicity, Ethnography, Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Under Review Amy Lawton, Wendy Cadge, and **Hannah Petersen**. "Creative and Progressive: A Case Study of an Emerging Spirituality." *Journal for the Study of Spirituality*.
- 2021 Stewart, Mahala Dyer, Ashley García, and **Hannah Petersen**. "Schools as Racialized Organizations in Policy and Practice." *Sociology Compass* 15(12):1-13.

Selected Public Writing and Working Papers

- 2025 "Spiritual and Ecological Innovation" with Amy Lawton. *Chaplaincy Innovation Lab.org*.
- 2025 "The Importance of Lineage in Spiritual Innovation." *BIPOC Spiritual Innovation.org*.
- 2024 "Mapping Spiritual Innovation Initial Findings: A Working Paper" with Wendy Cadge and Amy Lawton. *Chaplaincy Innovation Lab.org*.
- 2024 "Mapping Spiritual Innovation." *Studying Congregations.org*.
- 2021 "We're Just Trying to Get Through It: Looking at the Main Concerns of Mothers During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Hamilton Digital Commons*.

In-Progress Manuscripts

Langenkamp, Amy G. and **Hannah Petersen**. "The Distance to Opportunity: Investigating Place Disparities in Student Achievement Growth."

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 "Mapping Spiritual Innovation: Overview of Research Findings." Trinity Christian College. October 23. Palos Heights, Illinois.
- 2025 "Spiritual Innovation: A Conversation with Hannah Petersen" and "Discipling People Bit by Bit by Bit: More with Hannah Petersen." Ministry Collaborative Podcast. August 20 and September 3. Remote.
- 2025 "Spiritual Innovation and Modern Digital Engagement." Union Theological Seminary. June 12. New York, New York.
- 2025 "Mapping Spiritual Innovation: Preliminary Project Findings." The Fetzer Institute. February 23. Remote.
- 2024 "Mapping Spiritual Innovation." The Fetzer Institute. September 18. Remote.
- 2020 "Conducting Research in Law and Government." Hamilton College Career Center. September 12. Clinton, New York.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 "Same Organization, Different Worlds: Exploring the Process of Organizational Change at a Small Liberal Arts College." The annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.
- 2024 "Mapping Spiritual Innovation: Understanding the Landscape of Spiritual Care Outside Traditional Religious Institutions." The annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2023 "Teaching English in Dobrich, Bulgaria: Final Reflections." The annual meeting of the Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission. Sofia, Bulgaria.
- 2021 "Unmasking the Antimasque: Exploring Representations of the "Other" in 17th-Century English Court Performance." Hamilton College Emerson Research Committee Presentation. Clinton, New York.
- 2021 "Schools as Racialized Organizations in Policy and Practice." Hamilton College Sociology Department Presentation. Clinton, New York.
- 2020 "Understanding Critical Race Theory." Penn State University "Race 101" Presentation Series. Remote.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2026	ICPSR Summer Program Funding Award, Center for Research on Educational Opportunity (CREO), University of Notre Dame (\$2,725)
2025	Burns Fellowship, Program for Interdisciplinary Education Research (PIER), University of Notre Dame (\$8,500 annually)
2022	Fulbright English Teaching Fellowship, U.S. State Department (\$11,500)
2021	Emerson Summer Research Fellowship, Hamilton College (\$4,000)
2020	Winter Levitt Research Fellowship, Hamilton College (\$2,400)
2020	Summer Internship Funding Award, Hamilton College (\$1,350)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2022	Phi Beta Kappa, Epsilon Chapter of New York, Hamilton College.
2022	David J. Gray Senior Prize in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Hamilton College.
2020	Alfred J. and A. Barrett Seaman Writing Prize, Hamilton College. (\$2,125)
2017	Valedictorian of Young Americans College of the Performing Arts Class of 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025-present	University of Notre Dame , Department of Sociology. Research Assistant, “Educational Outcomes in New Destinations” (Amy Langenkamp, PI).
2023–2025	Brandeis University , Chaplaincy Innovation Lab. Research Specialist, “Mapping Spiritual Innovators” (Wendy Cadge, PI).
2021	Hamilton College , Department of Sociology. Research Assistant, “Schooling At-Home Before and After the Start of the COVID-19 Pandemic” (Mahala Dyer Stewart, PI).
2021	Hamilton College , Department of Theatre. Principal Investigator, “Unmasking the Antimasque: Exploring Representations of the “Other” in 17 th -Century Stuart Court Performances” (with Jeanne Willcoxon).
2021	Hamilton College , Department of Sociology. Research Assistant, “Colorized Organizations: Colorism in K-12 Schooling” (Mahala Dyer Stewart, PI).
2021	Hamilton College , Department of Sociology. Research Assistant, “Schooling Under COVID-19: How Families Navigate School and Care During a Global Pandemic” (Mahala Dyer Stewart, PI).
2020	United States Institute of Peace , Governance, Justice, and Security Team. Visiting Research Assistant (Calin Trenkov-Wermuth, supervisor).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2025-present **Appalachian Service Program**, Research Consultant, remote.
- 2024 **Hanover Research**, Qualtrics Survey Programming Assistant, remote.
- 2022-2023 **St. Kliment Ohridski High School of Arts**, Fulbright English Teaching Fellow, Dobrich, Bulgaria.
- 2022 **The King's Academy**, Long-Term Substitute Teacher – Music and Art, Mohrsville, Pennsylvania.
- 2021 **Hamilton College**, Teaching Assistant, Department of Music, Clinton, New York.
- 2020-2021 **Hamilton College**, Lead Oral Communication Tutor, Oral Communication Center, Clinton, New York.
- 2020-2021 **McGraw-Hill Publishing**, DEI Consultant, remote.

MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Section Memberships: Sociology of Education

American Education Research Association (AERA)

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI)

Departmental Service

Social Media Manager for the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity (CREO) and Program for Interdisciplinary Education Research (PIER) (paid position)