

# SARAH PETRY

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## APPOINTMENTS

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2023            **Postdoctoral Trainee (Population Science)**  
Carolina Population Center, UNC Chapel Hill

## EDUCATION

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2023            **PhD, Public Policy (Sociology Concentration)**  
Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University  
Certificate in College Teaching  
Affiliate Student at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR)

2018            **BS, Sociology, magna cum laude**  
Western Washington University  
**BA, Political Science, magna cum laude**  
Western Washington University

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Aging; Health Policy; Medicaid; Demography; Health Inequities; Life Course

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Petry, S.** (2023). Policy, Inequity, and the Life Course in the US. In Hoffman R. (Ed.), *Handbook of Health Inequalities Across the Life Course*. Edward Elgar Publishing Limited.  
<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800888166>

**Petry, S., Lara, L., Boucher, N.A.** 2022. Older Caregivers: Who They Are and How to Support Them. *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08959420.2022.2051683>

Barnes, C., **Petry, S.** 2021. “It was actually pretty easy”: COVID-19 Compliance Cost Reductions in WIC. *Public Administration Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/puar.13423>

Boucher, N.A., **Petry, S.** 2020. White Paper: Recalibrating for Caregivers. In partnership with Roslyn Carter Institute. [https://www.rosalyncarter.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/RCI\\_Recalibrating-for-Caregivers\\_2020.pdf](https://www.rosalyncarter.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/RCI_Recalibrating-for-Caregivers_2020.pdf)

**Petry, S., Hughes, D., Galanos, G.** 2020. Grief: The Epidemic Within an Epidemic. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1049909120978796>

Kaufman, B.G., Van Houtven, C.H., Greiner, M.A., Hammill, B.G., Harker, M., Anderson, D., **Petry, S., Bull, J., Taylor, D.H. Jr.** 2020. Compared to What? Comparing Counterfactuals in an Observational Study of Palliative Care. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2020.04.096>

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Petry, S.** 2023. Health Insurance and Health Disparities: Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibility and Variation in Life Expectancy. Under Review.

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**Petry, S., Hauser, E.R., Thompson, A.D., Lynch, S.M., Boyle, S.H., Upchurch, J., Press, A., Sims, K.J., Williams, C.D., Gifford, E.J.** 2023. Characterizing Aging Among Gulf War Era Veterans. Under Review.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2022-2023      **Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Elizabeth Gifford**  
*Project: Characterizing Accelerated Aging in Veterans of the Gulf War*
- 2020-2021      **Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Carolyn Barnes**  
*Project: Social Service Program Participation*
- 2017-2018      **Undergraduate Research Assistant**  
*Western Washington University Office of Survey Research*

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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- 2022              “Policy Context, Intersectionality, and Medicaid Enrollment in Late Life.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management. Washington, D.C.
- 2022              “Characterizing Aging of Gulf War Era Veterans.” Durham VA HSR&D Research Seminar.
- 2022              “‘You’ve got a lot to prove’ or ‘It’s not a hard process’: Experiences Gaining Access to Medicaid in Older Adulthood.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA.
- 2022              “Transitions in Older Adulthood and Life Expectancy: A Life Course Approach.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management. Austin, TX.
- 2021              “Dually Eligible Life Expectancy by Nursing Home Residency.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Online due to COVID-19.
- 2020              “Barriers to Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibility: A North Carolina Case Study.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management. Online due to COVID-19.
- 2020              “Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibility and Variations in Life Expectancy.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Washington, DC. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2017              “Planned Parenthood Social Movement Activities and Outcomes: 100 Years of Progressive Organizational Activism.” Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, OR.

## CAMPUS TALKS

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- 2022              “Intersectional Medicaid Risk Factors in Late Life.” Demography of Health and Aging Training Seminar.
- 2022              “Policy and the Life Course.” Sanford School of Public Policy Graduate Research Workshop.
- 2021              “Experiences Gaining Access to Medicaid in Older Adulthood.” Sanford School of Public Policy Graduate Research Workshop.

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- 2021 “Policy and the Life Course: An Introduction.” Demography of Health and Aging Training Seminar.
- 2020 “Barriers to Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibility: A North Carolina Case Study.” Sanford School of Public Policy Graduate Research Workshop.
- 2020 “Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibility and Variations in Life Expectancy.” Sanford School of Public Policy Graduate Research Workshop.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2023 **Instructor of Record**, Health Inequities: Policies and Pathways.  
*Duke University Department of Public Policy & Duke University of Sociology*
- 2022 **Guest Lecturer**, Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System: “Medicaid’s Role for Americans who Need Long-Term Services and Supports.”  
*Duke University Department of Public Policy*
- 2022 **Guest Lecturer**, Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System: “Long-Term Services and Supports”, “Synergy: Social Care and Health Care”  
*Duke University Department of Public Policy*
- 2021 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System  
*Duke University Department of Public Policy*
- 2021 **Guest Lecturer**, Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System: “Health Care Reform”, “Health Care Financing”, “Health Care Quality”  
*Duke University Department of Public Policy*
- 2021 **Lead Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Political Analysis of Public Policy  
*Duke University Department of Public Policy*
- 2020 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Qualitative Methods  
*Duke University Department of Public Policy*
- 2020 **Guest Lecturer**, Qualitative Methods: “Using Theory in Qualitative Research”, “In-Depth Interviews: Coding and Analysis”, “Gaining Access and Recruitment”  
*Duke University Department of Public Policy*
- 2019 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Health Policy  
*Duke University Department of Public Policy*
- 2016 **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**, Statistics for Sociology  
*Western Washington University Sociology Department*

## AFFILIATIONS

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Association of Public Policy and Management

Population Association of America

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## SERVICE

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2021-2023 Sanford PhD Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member  
2021-2023 Sanford PhD Peer Mentor  
2019-2020 Graduate and Professional Student Council Representative, Public Policy  
2019-2020 Sanford PhD Program Social Chair

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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2022 Bass Instructional Fellowship (Instructor of Record)  
2019-2021 Sanford School of Public Policy PhD Small Grant Award  
2019-2020 Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University  
2018 Western Washington University Commencement Speaker  
2018 Outstanding Graduating Senior in Sociology, Runner Up  
2018 Outstanding Graduating Senior in Political Science, Runner Up  
2018 Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society Member  
2018 Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society Member  
2017 Political Science Department Scholarship  
2016-2017 Demography Scholarship  
2014-2018 Western Undergraduate Exchange Program Scholarship

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Proficient with R, Stata, and Tableau

Proficient with Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint