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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2012)	University of Washington, Sociology.
M.A. (2004)	McGill University, Sociology.
B.A. (2003)	McGill University, Sociology Honours & Social Studies of Medicine. First Class Honours.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN AND WRITTEN:

English, Italian, French.

CITIZENSHIP:

Italian, Canadian.

EMPLOYMENT

Current Academic Positions

Associate Professor	University of Toronto, Department of Sociology 2020–present
Assistant Professor	University of Toronto, Department of Sociology 2014–2020
Affiliated Faculty	University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy 2015–present

Associate Member University of Toronto, Trinity College
2015–2020

Associate Member University of Oxford, Department of Sociology
2014–present

Prior Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Fellow University of Oxford, Department of Sociology & Nuffield College
2012–2014

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES

Department Chair (Interim), Sociology Department, University of Toronto Mississauga
2025–2026

Associate Chair, Graduate Department, Sociology, University of Toronto, St. George
2023–2025

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Sociology, Social Policy, Culture, Inequalities, Social Change, Health, Disability, Race, Class, and Gender.

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Grants and Scholarships

2025 **Decanal Award – University of Toronto**
"The Role of AI in Screening Out Disabled Job Applicants." Budget: $3,500.

2025 **Peel Social Lab – University of Toronto**
"Five Years Later: The Long-Term Social and Economic Effects of COVID-19 on vulnerable groups." Budget: $5,800.

2025 **Office of the Vice-Principal Research, Research and Scholarly Activity Fund**
"Work and Care: The Effects of Disability on Household Economic Security." Budget: $14,480.

2023 **Office of the Vice-Principal Research Bridge Funding Grant,** $15,000.

2020 **Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).**
Insight Development Grant. "Inclusion and Diversity in Cultural Production: Pushing the Boundaries of Aesthetic Citizenship." Budget: $78,000 (PI: David Pettinicchio, Graduate Collaborator: Jordan Foster)

2019 **Peel Social Lab – University of Toronto.**
"Reasonable Accommodations in Improving Educational Outcomes Among Students with Disabilities." Budget: $7,000 (PI: David Pettinicchio).

2017–2021 **Early Research Award (ERA) – Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation**. "Employment Discrimination in Hiring People with Disabilities: An Audit Study." Budget: $150,000 (PI: David Pettinicchio).

2015–2021 **Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).** Insight Grant. "Employment Discrimination in Hiring People with Disabilities: An Audit Study." Budget: $177,253.00 (PI: David Pettinicchio, Co-PI Michelle Maroto).

2015 **Connaught Grant.** "Pilot Project for a Résumé-Based Audit Study of Disability Employment Discrimination in Canada." Budget: $10,000.

2013–2014 Oxford University Press ***John Fell Fund*** Small Research Grant. £6,000

2011 **Young Scholars in Social Movements** *Travel Grant* University of Notre Dame, Center for the Study of Social Movements. $700.00

2009–2012 **National Science Foundation** Dissertation Improvement Grant (#61-9116). $6,500.00

2005 **Nancy Bell Evans Center** on Nonprofits and Philanthropy Grant, University of Washington. $2,500.00

2004 **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada** (SSHRC) Doctoral Canada Graduate Scholarship. $120,000.00

2003 **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada** (SSHRC) Master's Canada Graduate Scholarship. $17,000.00

Selected Awards and Honors

2020 ***American Sociological Association Disability and Society*** Section Best Book Award for *Politics of Empowerment* (Stanford).

2019 ***American Sociological Association Disability and Society*** Section Best Paper Award for "Hierarchies of Disadvantage" published in *Gender and Society*.

2017 Outstanding Author Contribution ("Elites, Policy and Social Movements") in the 2017 ***Emerald Literati Network Awards*** for Excellence.

2013 Honorable mention from the ***Minnesota Population Center's*** IPUMS International Research Award.

2012 ***Nations and Nationalism Prize*** *in the Memory of Dominique Jacquin-Berdal* for best paper.

2011 ***Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*** Best Graduate Student Paper Award.

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL WORK

Books

Pettinicchio, David 2024. *Visible Protest in the Disability Rights Struggle.* Elements Series. Edited by David S. Meyer and Suzanne Staggenborg. Cambridge University Press.

Pettinicchio, David. 2019. Politics of Empowerment: Disability Rights and the Cycle of American Policy Reform. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

Reviewed in: *American Journal of Sociology, Law and Society Review, Mobilization, Disability Studies Quarterly, Political Science Quarterly*, and *Social Forces*.

Edited Volumes (Editor):

Brown, Lewis Robyn, Michelle Maroto and David Pettinicchio eds. 2023. The Oxford Handbook of the Sociology of Disability. New York: Oxford University Press. Hard-copy release: Spring 2023.

Pettinicchio, David, Editor. 2021. "Politics of Inequality" Volume 28 in Research in Political Sociology. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing.

Peer Reviewed Articles

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2026. "Exploitative or Productivity-Based Social Policy? Decomposing the Components of Disability Subminimum Wages," forthcoming, Journal of Disability Policy Studies https://doi.org/10.1177/10442073261468706

Pettinicchio, David, and Michelle Maroto. 2026. "The Effects of Disability and Caregiving on Work and Perceptions of Economic Insecurity in Sweden, Italy, Germany, and the UK." European Societies, 1–28. https://doi.org/10.1162/EUSO.a.101.

Bouchet, Célia, Michelle Maroto, and David Pettinicchio. 2026. "Working Part-Time: Earnings Penalties Among People with Disabilities Across Occupational Groups in France." The Sociological Quarterly 67 (1): 157–180. https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2025.2538171.

Foster, Jordan, and David Pettinicchio. 2025. "'This Is Real Beauty': Pushing the Boundaries of Aesthetic Citizenship Online." Critical Studies in Media Communication 42 (1): 15–33. https://doi.org/10.1080/15295036.2025.2463409.

Pettinicchio, David, and Michelle Maroto. 2024. "Economic Precarity and Changing Levels of Anxiety and Stress among Canadians with Disabilities and Chronic Health Conditions throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic." Canadian Review of Sociology/Revue canadienne de sociologie 61 (1): 25–45. https://doi.org/10.1111/cars.12461.

Maroto, Michelle, and David Pettinicchio. 2024. "From Recession to Pandemic: Displacement among Workers with Disabilities from 2007 through 2021." Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation 61 (1): 25–37. https://doi.org/10.3233/JVR-230064.

Foster, Jordan, David Pettinicchio, Michelle Maroto, Andy Holmes, and Martin Lukk. 2023. "Trading Blame: Drawing Boundaries around the Righteous, Deserving and Vulnerable in Times of Crisis." Sociology 57 (5): 1040–1059. https://doi.org/10.1177/00380385221137181.

Maroto, Michelle, and David Pettinicchio. 2022. “Living on the Edge: Disability, Health, and Experiences of Economic Insecurity during COVID-19.” Sociological Inquiry 93 (3): 538–570. https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12504.

Pettinicchio, David, Michelle Maroto, and Jennifer L. Brooks. 2022. “The Sociology of Disability- Based Economic Inequality.” Contemporary Sociology 51 (4): 249–270. https://doi.org/10.1177/00943061221103313.

Maroto, Michelle, and David Pettinicchio. 2023. “Worth Less? Exploring the Effects of Subminimum Wages on Poverty among U.S. Hourly Workers.” Sociological Perspectives 66 (3): 455–475. https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214221124630.

Foster, Jordan, and David Pettinicchio. 2022. “A Model Who Looks Like Me: Communicating and Consuming Representations of Disability.” Journal of Consumer Culture 22 (3): 579–597. https://doi.org/10.1177/14695405211022074.

Maroto, Michelle, David Pettinicchio, and Martin Lukk. 2021. “Working Differently or Not at All: COVID-19’s Effects on Employment among People with Disabilities and Chronic Health Conditions.” Sociological Perspectives 64(5):876–897.

Pettinicchio, David, Michelle Maroto and Martin Lukk. 2021. “Perceptions of Canadian Federal Policy Responses to COVID-19 among People with Disabilities and Chronic Health Conditions,” Canadian Public Policy 47: 231–251.

Pettinicchio, David, Michelle Maroto, Lei Chai, and Martin Lukk. 2021. “Findings from an online survey on the mental health effects of COVID-19 on Canadians with disabilities and chronic health conditions.” *Disability and Health Journal* 14(3): 101085.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2021. “Who Counts? Measuring Disability Cross-Nationally in Census Data,” Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology 9(2): 257–284.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2020. “Combating Inequality: The Between- and Within Group Effects of Unionization on Earnings for People with Different Disabilities,” *The Sociological Quarterly, 62(4): 763–787.*

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. 2020. “Barriers to Economic Security: Disability, Employment, and Asset Disparities in Canada,” Canadian Review of Sociology, 57(1): 53–79.

Maroto, Michelle, David Pettinicchio and Andrew C. Patterson. 2019. Hierarchies of Categorical Disadvantage: Economic Insecurity at the Intersection of Disability, Gender and Race. *Gender and Society 33(1):64–93.*

Pettinicchio, David. 2018. “Retrenchment and (Re)Mobilization.” In Resist or What? *Contexts* 17(2): 10–21. Sage Publications https://doi.org/10.1177/1536504218776954

Pettinicchio, David and Robert de Vries. 2017. “Immigrant Political Participation in Europe: Comparing Different Forms of Action Across Groups.” Comparative Sociology 16:523–554.

Corcoran, Katie, David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. 2017. “A Double-Edged Sword: The Countervailing Effects of Religion on Cross-National Violent Crime.” *Social Science Quarterly,* DOI:10.1111/ssqu.12408.

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. 2015. “Twenty-Five Years After the ADA: Situating Disability in America’s System of Stratification,” Disability Studies Quarterly, 35(3):1–34

Corcoran, Katie, David Pettinicchio and Jacob Young. 2015. “Perceptions of Structural Injustice and Efficacy: Participation in Low/High-Cost Forms of Collective Action,” Sociological Inquiry 85(3) 429–461.

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. 2014. "Disability, structural inequality, and work: The influence of occupational segregation on earnings for people with different disabilities," Research in Social Stratification and Mobility 38:76–92.

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. 2014. "The Limitations of Disability Antidiscrimination Legislation: Policymaking and the Economic Well-being of People with Disabilities." *Law and Policy 36(4):370–407.*

Pettinicchio, David. 2013. "Strategic Action Fields and the Context of Political Entrepreneurship: How Disability Rights became part of the Policy Agenda." *Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change* 36: 79–106.

Pettinicchio, David. 2012. "Current Explanations for the Adoption of Same-Sex Marriage Policies in Western Countries," Comparative Sociology 11:526–557.

Pettinicchio, David. 2012. "Institutional Activism: Reconsidering the Insider/Outsider Dichotomy in Social Movements," Sociology Compass 6:499–510.

Corcoran, Katie, David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. 2012. "Belief and Ritual: A Cross-National Analysis of the Effects of Religion on Tolerance of Crime," Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, 51: 542–567.

Pettinicchio, David. 2012. "Migration and ethnic nationalism: Anglophone exit and the 'Decolonization' of Québec," Nations and Nationalism 18:719–743.

Corcoran, Katie, David Pettinicchio and Jacob Young. 2011. "The Context of Control: A Cross-National Investigation of the Link between Social Structure, Fatalism, and Collective Action," British Journal of Social Psychology 50:576–605.

Robbins, Blaine and David Pettinicchio. 2011. "Social Capital, Economic Development, and Homicide: A Cross-National Investigation," Social Indicators Research 105: 519–540.

Pettinicchio, David. 2010. "Public and Elite Policy Preferences: Gay Marriage in Canada," *International Journal of Canadian Studies 42(2):125–153.*

Crutchfield, Robert and David Pettinicchio. 2009. "'Cultures of Inequality': Ethnicity, Welfare Beliefs, and Criminal Justice." Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science 623: 134–147.

* Included as supplementary resource in Greene, Helen Taylor and Shaun L. Gabbidon. 2011. Race and Crime: A Text/Reader. Sage Publications.

Peer Reviewed Chapters and Reports

Foster, Jordan, and David Pettinicchio. 2025. "We Belong to Something Beautiful: Expanding Aesthetic Citizenship." In Disability and Digital Marketing, edited by Jonatan Södergren and Niklas Vallström, 55–69. Routledge. https://doi.org/10.4324/9781032691664–6.

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. 2025. "First Fired, Last Hired, and Lower Paid: Re-employment Outcomes Among Displaced Workers With Disabilities, 2007–2021," Disability and the Future of Work, Fitore Hyseni, Lisa Schur, Douglas Kruse, Peter Blanck (eds.). Emerald.

Dantzler, Prentiss A., Michelle Maroto, and David Pettinicchio. 2025. "Social Inequalities." In The Oxford Handbook of Social Policy in Canada, edited by Daniel Béland, Rianne Mahon, and Alison Smith. Oxford University Press. https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780197766859.013.0012.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2024. Mitigating Inequalities at Work. European Trade Union Institute (ETUI Belgium).

Pettinicchio, David. "Tracing the Welfare-Rights Connection in American Disability Policymaking," in the Elgar Handbook on Disability Policy, edited by Karen Fisher and Sally Robinson, pp. 346–360. Elgar.

Foster, Jordan and David Pettinicchio. 2023. "#DisabilityTikTok" in *Palgrave Handbook of Disability and Communication* edited by Michael Jeffres, pp. 273–291.

Maroto, Michelle, David Pettinicchio, Lei Chai, and Andy Holmes. 2023. "'A Rollercoaster of Emotions': Social Distancing, Anxiety, and Loneliness Among People With Disabilities and Chronic Health Conditions." In Disability in the Time of Pandemic, edited by Allison C. Carey, Sara E. Green, and Laura Mauldin, 49–73. Emerald Publishing Limited.

Carlson, Jennifer and David Pettinicchio. 2022. "The Contemporary Gun Control Movement in the United States." In Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social Movements, 2nd edition edited by Doug McAdam, Donatella della Porta and Dave Snow. Wiley-Blackwell.

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. 2022. "Relational Inequalities and the Structures that Disadvantage," in Oxford Handbook on the Sociology of Disability, edited by Michelle Maroto, Robyn Brown, and David Pettinicchio. Oxford University Press. https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190093167.013.23

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2021. "*Handicap, intersectionnalité et inégalité économique*" in edited by . Presses Universitaires de France.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2017. "Employment Outcomes Among Men and Women with Disabilities: How the Intersection of Gender and Disability Status Shapes Labor Market Inequality" In Barbara Altman and Sharon Barnartt (eds.) *Factors in Studying Employment for Persons with Disabilities* Vol 10.

Pettinicchio, David. 2017. "Elites, Policy, and Social Movements," in Barbara Wejnert, Paolo Parigi ed. *On the Cross Road of Polity, Political Elites and Mobilization* (Research in Political Sociology, Volume 24) Emerald Group Publishing Limited, pp. 155–190.

Crutchfield, Robert, David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. 2010. "Cultures of Inequality and Threat: National Values and Minority Imprisonment." In Pascale Antolin and Arnaud Schmitt (eds.), *Pratiques et esthétique de la déviance en amérique du nord.* University of Bordeaux Press.

Book Reviews

Review of Social Welfare Responses in a Neoliberal Era, *Contemporary Sociology*, forthcoming.

Review of *Marriage and Values in Public Policy*, by Elizabeth van Acker, New York: Routledge.

Review of *Beyond NGO-ization: The Development of Social Movements in Central and Eastern Europe*, by Kerstin Jacobsson and Steven Saxonberg, eds., June 2014. Mobilization: An International Journal.

Review of To Serve God and Mammon, by Ted G. Jelen, Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review 73, 22011.

Manuscripts Forthcoming, Under Review, and in Progress

Pettinicchio, David, and Andy Holmes. "Going It Alone or Working Together? Inter-Movement Protest Collaboration in the Disability Rights Struggle," conditional accept, *Social Movement Studies*.

Foster, Jordan, and David Pettinicchio. "Under the Influence: How Beauty and Fashion Professionals Understand the Role of Social Media Influencers in Promoting Diversity and Inclusion" revise and resubmit in *European Journal of Cultural Studies.*

Pettinicchio, David and Jordan Foster. *Aesthetic Citizenship: Producing and Consuming Diversity in Fashion and Beauty.* Princeton University Press, under contract.

Pettinicchio, David, Samuel Hartling, and Michelle Maroto. "Same Resumes, Different Gatekeepers: AI Screening of disability disclosure and accommodation requests in hiring," under review in *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*.

DiTommaso, Dorian, Cesar Ramirez, Fabio Robibaro, David Pettinicchio, and Michelle Maroto. "Chronic Health Conditions, Disability, and the Sense of Control Across Life Domains: Evidence from the COVID-19 Pandemic," under review, *Disability and Health Journal*.

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. "*Capitalising on Ableism: A Field Experiment on Disability-Based Job Discrimination*" under review in the *American Journal of Sociology.*

Wagner, Brittin, Michelle Maroto, David Pettinicchio, and Amber Jolly. "Assessing Health and Wellbeing in Skilled Nursing Facilities for Individuals with Alcohol Use Disorder," under review in Health and Social Care in the Community.

Pettinicchio, David, and Michelle Maroto. Disability in Moral Economies: Perceptions of Disability Workplace Accommodations and Benefits in Europe, in progress.

Pettinicchio, David, Delbert Coburn, and Michelle Maroto. "Hard-to-Reach and Hard-to-Simulate: Auditing Synthetic Survey Respondents Against a Canadian COVID-19 Disability Survey," in progress.

Lukk, Martin, David Pettinicchio, and Michelle Maroto. "Partisan Issue Publics: Disability, Health, and Competing Motivations in Policy Evaluations," in progress.

Recent Non-Refereed Publications

Maroto, Michelle, and David Pettinicchio. 2022. Policy Brief: "Women with Disabilities and the Hierarchies of Disadvantage." COVID-19 Working Group—Impacts of COVID-19 on Women in Canada edited by Jennifer Robson and Lindsay Tedds, Royal Society Canada, November 2022.

Maroto, Michelle, and David Pettinicchio. 2022. "Disability and Economic Precarity." The Gender Policy Report. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, November 2022.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2021. "CERB helped Canadians during COVID-19 — but not the most vulnerable," *Social Policy Ontario (SPON),* December 9, 2021.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2021. "Canadians with disabilities are feeling left behind by pandemic policy." *First Policy Response*, Toronto Metropolitan University, July 7, 2021.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2021. "What will the 'new normal' look like for people with disabilities and chronic health conditions?" *ASA-IPM Newsletter*, February 2021.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto**.** 2020. "An unequal labor market means that COVID-19 has been especially harmful for vulnerable groups including people with disabilities." *LSE USAPP*, May 21, 2020.

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. 2019. "How disability compounds economic insecurity for already marginalized groups," *London School of Economic US Centre Blog on American Politics and Policy*, August 6, 2019.

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. 2019. "Why employment isn't a good indicator of economic well-being," *Work in Progress: the blog of the American Sociological Association.*

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. 2019. "Bringing Disability into Studies of Stratification & Inequality" in My Two Cents, *ASA IPM Section Newsletter.*

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. 2019. "Accumulating Disadvantage and its Consequences," *Gender and Society Blog.*

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. November 2018, "Disability and Cumulative Economic Disadvantage." *Discoveries in The Society Pages.*

Pettinicchio, David. "Another 'Turning Point Myth' in the Political Battle Over Gun Control." February 23, 2018, *Mobilizing Ideas.*

Pettinicchio, David. "History Matters in Understanding the Future of Disability Rights." January 31, 2017. *Policy Trajectories*. Blog of the American Sociological Association's Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology

Pettinicchio, David. "Comparing Immigrant Political Participation." August 16, 2017, *Mobilizing Ideas.*

Pettinicchio, David. "Mobilization in the Trump Era," December 19, 2016, *Mobilizing Ideas*.

Pettinicchio, David. "'Hillary Clinton sees me:' The primaries, 'identity politics,' and disability," July 29, 2016, *Mobilizing Ideas*.

Pettinicchio, David. "'Activists are on this. Let's all be on this:' Is gun control on the 'gay agenda'?" June 22, 2016, *Mobilizing Ideas.*

Pettinicchio, David. "Legal Mobilization and Policy Enforcement: A Tale of Two Policies and Two Movements," March 2016, *Mobilizing Ideas*.

Pettinicchio, David. "In the Spotlight: The Next Steps to Enlarge Opportunities for Americans with Disabilities," July 2015, *Scholars Strategy Network*.

Pettinicchio, David. "Twenty-Five Years After the ADA: Celebrating its Virtues and Understanding its Failures," July 2015, *OpenPop.org*, Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford.

Pettinicchio, David. "The ADA at 25: Why Movements Matter Following Legislative 'Victories'," July 2015, *Mobilizing Ideas,* Center for the Study of Social Movements.

Pettinicchio, David. "Perception of Inequality and Protest," April 2015, *OpenPop.org*, Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford.

Pettinicchio, David. "*Protesting Inequality*," April 2015, *Mobilizing Ideas*, Center for the Study of Social Movements.

Pettinicchio, David. "How Educational Opportunities Can Help Disabled Americans Break Out of Low- Wage Occupational Ghettos," February 2015, *Scholars Strategy Network*.

Re-posted in *The Society Pages*, April 2015.

Pettinicchio, David. "How the Americans with Disabilities Act Affected Employment and Earnings for People with Disabilities." November 2014, *Scholars Strategy Network*.

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Pettinicchio, David. "Occupational Segregation and Persistent Labor Market Inequality Among People with Disabilities," October 2014, *OpenPop.org*, Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford.

Pettinicchio, David. "Social Movements, Institutions and Policy Outcomes," October 2014, *Mobilizing Ideas*, Center for the Study of Social Movements.

Pettinicchio, David. "What do the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, Alberta Oil, and Leonardo DiCaprio Have in Common?" August 2014, *Mobilizing Ideas*, Center for the Study of Social Movements.

Pettinicchio, David. "Direct and Indirect Challenges to the Pipeline," July 2014, *Mobilizing Ideas*, Center for the Study of Social Movements.

Media Contributions

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. 2026. "Alberta's disability benefit overhaul shifts more economic risk onto people with disabilities," *The Conversation*, August 12, 2026.

Maroto, Michelle and David Pettinicchio. 2026. "Opinion: A job shouldn't be a disability benefit in Alberta," *The Edmonton Journal*, August 7, 2026.

Foster, Jordan, David Pettinicchio, and Michelle Maroto. 2023. "Pandemic finger-pointing: New research sheds light on who Canadians blame in times of crisis," *The Conversation*, February 20, 2023.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2022. "For Canadians with disabilities, multiple types of support were important for COVID-19," *The Conversation,* September 20, 2022.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2021. "Who will vulnerable Canadians vote for," *Hamilton Spectator*, September 21, 2021.

Pettinicchio, David and Jordan Foster. 2021. "Victoria's Secret joins the 'inclusive revolution,' finally realizing diversity sells," *The Conversation*, July 13, 2021.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2021. "Partisanship fuels what people with disabilities think about COVID-19 response." *The Conversation*, March 9, 2021.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2021. "COVID-19 affects the mental health of those already most vulnerable in society." *The Toronto Star*, March 1, 2021.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2020. "Do Canadians trust where they get their news about the COVID-19 pandemic?" *The Toronto Star*, December 7, 2020.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2020. "COVID-19: Financial future grim for Canadians with disabilities,

health conditions." *The Conversation*, August 9, 2020.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2020. "Canadians with disabilities, chronic health conditions feel left behind by pandemic." *The Toronto Star*, July 13, 2020.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2020. "COVID-19: Financial future grim for Canadians with disabilities, health conditions," The Conversation.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. 2020. "How to end the economic marginalization of people with disabilities," TVO-The Conversation, March 12, 2020.

Pettinicchio, David. "The Bipartisan Failure to Address Long-Term Home-Based Care for Disabled Americans," *American Prospect*, September 4, 2019.

Pettinicchio, David. "Why disabled Americans remain second class citizens," *Washington Post,* July 23, 2019.

Pettinicchio, David. "We can't take civil rights laws for granted," *The Hill,* July 26, 2018.

Pettinicchio, David. "Disability and the Trump Administration – what's next?" *The Hill*, December 7, 2016.

Pettinicchio, David and Michelle Maroto. "Hillary Clinton's America: 'The America I Know and Love'," The Huffington Post*,* October 17, 2016.

Carlson, Jennifer and David Pettinicchio. "The gay rights movement could take on the NRA – and actually win," *Washington Post*, June 17, 2016.

Pettinicchio, David. "Disability: A New Campaign Issue About Not-so-new Concerns." *Huffington Post*, January 28, 2016.

Pettinicchio, David. "Airlines versus people with disabilities," *The Hill*, October 29, 2015.

Pettinicchio, David. "How to Aid the ADA," op-ed, *USA Today*, July 23, 2015.

Pettinicchio, David. "Did Canada Break a Promise to its Disabled Citizens?" op-ed, *Globe and Mail*, July 28, 2015.

Pettinicchio, David. "Disabled Americans Are Worse Off in the Job Market Than They Were 25 Years Ago," op-ed, *Talking Points Memo*, July 29, 2015.

In the Media

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Equitable Growth. "Enacting a minimum wage for tipped workers is on the ballot in two U.S. cities. Here's what the research says," by Kate Bahn, November 4, 2022. https://equitablegrowth.org/enacting-a-minimum-wage-for-tipped-workers-is-on-the-ballot-in-two-u-s-cities-heres-what-the-research-says/

University of Toronto News, "Canadians with disabilities, chronic health conditions hit hard by COVID-19: U of T study" by Christine Ward, April 22, 2021.

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Le Café Show - ICI Première Radio-Canada - Radio Interview (French) - Les oubliés de la crise sanitaire, 20 août 2020.

Huffington Post, July 23, 2020, (article by Carly Stern) Coronavirus Made Accessibility A Priority. Disability Activists Have Been Fighting For It For Decades.

AMI-Radio – The Pulse – Interview with Joeita Gupta about "Barriers to Economic Security," will air April 1, 2020.

"Disabled Americans' Rights" – Podcast – SocANNEX, hosted by Joseph Cohen, November 11, 2019.

"Politics of Empowerment" – Podcast – New Books in Political Science, hosted by Heath Brown, December 26, 2019.

"When Getting a Job Is Mission Impossible" by John Lorinc, U of T Magazine, Toronto, September 13, 2017.

"On the potential consequences of Trump win on Canada," *Beyond the Headlines* interview, *CIUT Radio* 89.5 FM, November 14, 2016.

"Fake Resumes to Track Hiring Inequity" by Gilberto Ngabo, Metro News, Toronto, August 19, 2015.

Invited Talks

"The Outcomes of Episodic Protest Coalitions: Lessons from the Disability Rights Movement," COSMOS Series, Università Superiore Normale di Firenze, March 5, 2025.

"Disability-Based Employment Discrimination: Evidence from a Series of Field Experiments," Department of Statistics, University of Bologna, February 27, 2025.

"Disability-Based Employment Discrimination: Evidence from a Series of Field Experiments," Department of Statistics, University of Padova, February 20, 2025.

"Disability-Based Employment Discrimination: Evidence from a Series of Field Experiments," Bocconi University, Dondena Centre, October 7, 2024.

"Consumer Attitudes about Diversity and Inclusion in Appearance-Based Industries," La Sapienza: Università di Roma, Seminario, April 24, 2024.

"Disability-Based Employment Discrimination: Evidence from a Field Experiment," Trinity College Dublin, Sociology Colloquia, March 20, 2024.

"Disability-Based Employment Discrimination: Evidence from a Series of Field Experiments," Sociology Colloquia, Syracuse University, March 5, 2024.

"Consumer Attitudes about Diversity and Inclusion in the Fashion Industry," Sociology Colloquia, *University of Washington*, May 10, 2022.

"Social Stratification and Social Policy for a Post-COVID-19 World," RC28 Social Stratification and Mobility, *London School of Economics*, April 22, 2022.

"Exploring diversity and inclusion in the fashion world," ICDC2022, *Université Savoie Mont Blanc*, March 25, 2022.

"Consumer Attitudes about Diversity and Inclusion in the Fashion Industry," Sociology Research Forum, *University of British Columbia*, March 15, 2022.

"COVID-19, Health, and Employment Insecurity," *École normale supérieure in Lyon*, Lyon, France, December 16, 2021.

"Disability, Health and Inequalities During COVID-19," Centre for the Study of Korea (CSK) at the *University of Toronto*, November 5, 2021.

"COVID-19, Disability, and Social Policy," Department of English, *Skidmore College* (virtual), October 20, 2021.

"The Impacts of COVID-19 on People with Disabilities and Chronic Health Conditions," *University College London* (virtual), Quantitative Social Science Series, April 28, 2021.

"COVID-19, Employment, and Economic Insecurity among People with Disabilities and Chronic Health Conditions," Virtual National Summit on Episodic Disabilities and Employment, *RealizeCanada.org,* March 26, 2021.

Politics of Empowerment, book talk, Sociology, *University of British Columbia* (Vancouver, Canada), October 2019.

Politics of Empowerment, book talk, Sociology, *University of Washington* (Seattle, WA), October 2019.

Politics of Empowerment, book talk, Dondena Centre, *Università Bocconi* (Milano, Italy), February 2019.

Politics of Empowerment, book talk, Department of Sociology, *University of Winnipeg*, March 2019.

Politics of Empowerment, book talk, Department of Sociology *University of Texas at Austin*, November 2018.

"Turning your dissertation into a book," panel member – *University of Texas at Austin*, November 2018.

"The Limits of the ADA? Disability and Structural Inequality in the Post-ADA Era," ADA State of the Science Conference, May 2016, Washington, D.C.

"Persistent Labour Market Inequalities Among People with Disabilities: The Politics of Inequality and the Limitations of Antidiscrimination Legislation," April 2016, Sociology Department, *University of Western Ontario*.

"Empowering Government: Disability Rights and the Institutional Context of Social Change," February 2016, Maxwell School, *Syracuse University*.

"The Importance of Institutions in Social Change: How Disability Rights 'Burst' onto the U.S. Congressional Agenda." Governance and Participation Research Group, *University of Sheffield, Sheffield*, England, May 2014.

Recent Conference Papers

"Same Resumes, Different Gatekeepers: Prompted AI Evaluator Assessments of Disability and Accommodations Disclosure in Hiring." American Sociological Association Mid-Year Methodologies Conference, Toronto, April 2026.

"Under the Influence: Beauty and Fashion Professionals' Understandings of Social Media Influencers in Promoting Diversity and Inclusion," International Conference on Disability and Consumption, University of Southern Denmark, Odense/Copenhagen, April 2026.

"Using Audit Studies to Uncover Disability-Based Employment Discrimination." Invited Panel, Inequalities at Work, American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 2025.

"Assessing Health and Wellbeing in U.S. Nursing Homes in Relation to Barriers to Care," Co-Sponsored Session (Medical Sociology and Disability in Society) People with Disabilities as a Population with Health Disparities, American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 2025.

"Under the Influence: How Beauty and Fashion Professionals understand the Role of Social Media Influencers," Regular Session of Disability in Society (Disability, Work and Economies of Difference), American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 2025.

"Disability-Based Employment Discrimination: Evidence from a Series of Field Experiments," Using Correspondence-Based Audit Methods to Uncover Discrimination, ISA 11th Social Science Methodology Conference of RC33, Department of Social Science and Statistics of the University of Naples "Federico II", Naples, Italy, September 2025.

"Disability-Based Employment Discrimination: Evidence from a Series of Field Experiments across Canada," American Sociological Association, Montreal, August 2024.

"From Recession to Pandemic: Displacement among Workers with Disabilities from 2007 through 2021," American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 2023.

"Assessing Health and Wellbeing in Skilled Nursing Facilities for Individuals with Alcohol Use Disorder," Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April, 2023.

"First Fired, Last Hired: Displacement and Reemployment Outcomes among Displaced Workers with Disabilities, 2007–2021," Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April, 2023.

"Innovation, retrenchment, mobilization and restoration," annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, panel invited session, Montreal, November 2018.

"Mobilizing Against Judicial Resistance: Court-Centered Activism Among Disability Non-profit Organizations," ARNOVA – Association for Research on Non-profit Organizations and Voluntary Associations, regular session, Austin, TX, November 2018.

"Taking 'Stock:' Disability, Cumulative Disadvantage, and Wealth Disparities in Canada," with Michelle Maroto, American Sociological Association, Disability and Society Session on Systemic Supports, Barriers and Inequality, Philadelphia, August 2018.

"Beyond Employment Inequality: Wealth Disparities by Disability Status in Canada and the United States," with Michelle Maroto, American Sociological Association, Regional Spotlight Session, Montreal, August 2017.

"Political Expressions of Cultures of Inequality: A Cross-National Analysis of Public Preferences about Inequality and Political Behaviour," with Matthew Parbst, Canadian Sociological Association, Social Inequality and Policy Implications, Calgary, June 2016.

"Punctuated Incrementalism: How American Disability Rights Policymaking Sheds Light on Institutional Continuity and Change," American Sociological Association, Rationality and Social Structure, Seattle, August 2016.

"The Universalizing Effects of Unionism: Policy, Inequality and Disability," with Michelle Maroto, American Sociological Association, Labor and Labor Movements, Seattle, August 2016.

"The Expansion of Disability Issues on the Policy Agenda." American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 2015.

"On the Short List: Research Materials and the Job Talk," Canadian Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Ottawa, June 2015.

"Specifying Political Opportunities: The Role of Strategic Actors and Strategic Action Fields in Social Movement Mobilization." Political Sociology Mini-Conference, New York, August 2013.

"Disability Rights in the U.S.: How Governments Make Constituencies." Symposium on Social Mobilization, University of Oxford (St Anthony's College), June 2013.

"Social Welfare and Civil Rights Policies: Why a 'Welfare State Laggard' can be a Rights Policy Innovator in Disability." Future of Welfare State Studies Conference, Umeå, May 2013.

"How Social Movements Shape the Policy Agenda when Issues are in Decline." Sociology Department Seminar Series, University of Oxford, February 2013.

"Institutional Entrepreneurs and Social Movements: Explaining Disability Rights." American Sociological Association, Denver, August 2012.

"The Failure of Equal Rights Policy? Declining Economic Wellbeing of People with Disabilities, 1992–2010." American Sociological Association, with Michelle Maroto, Denver, August 2012.

"Explaining the Emergence of the Disability Rights Movement." Collective Behavior and Social Movements Workshop, Las Vegas, August 2011.

"Belief and Ritual in Modernized Societies: The Religion-Crime Connection." American Society of Criminology, with Katie Corcoran and Blaine Robbins, San Francisco, November 2010.

Other Conference Participation

"Using Correspondence-Based Audit Methods to Uncover Discrimination," Session Organizer, ISA 11th Social Science Methodology Conference of RC33, Department of Social Science and Statistics of the University of Naples "Federico II", Naples, Italy, September 2025.

*"*How I shop without sight: Intermediation and inclusion in the fashion mediascape," ICDC *2024, Queen's University Belfast, April 11, 2024.*

"Consumption and Inequalities in the Digital Age," Organizer, Regular Session, Consumers and Consumption Section, American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 2023.

"*Open Topics in Consumers and Consumption Research*," Organizer, Regular Session, Consumers and Consumption Section, American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 2023.

"*Section on Sociology of Consumers and Consumption Roundtables*," Organizer, Regular Session, Consumers and Consumption Section, American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 2023.

"Bureaucracies of Ableism." Organizer, Thematic Invited Session, American Sociological Association, Annual

Meeting, Los Angeles, August, 2022.

"The How of Studying Disability." Organizer, Regular Session, American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago (virtual), August 2021.

"Living on the Poverty Line: Low Wage Work, Precarity, and the New Economy." Organizer (with Michelle Maroto) Invited Thematic Session, American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco (virtual), August 2020.

American Sociological Association, annual meeting, August 10, 2020 (virtual). Disability and Society Thematic Session – Past, Present, and Future: 30 years after the Americans with Disabilities Act. Organized by David Pettinicchio & Michelle Maroto.

"Young Scholars in Social Movements." Discussant, University of Notre Dame, May 2019.

"Social Relations in Canadian Institutions: Uncovering and Measuring Discrimination." Session *Organizer (with Naomi Nichols and Michelle Maroto),* Canadian Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, June 2019.

"Human Rights and Labour Market Discrimination: Linking theory, evidence and policy." Session Organizer, Canadian Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Calgary, June 2016.

"Elites and Social Movements in Canada." Session Organizer, Canadian Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Calgary, June 2016.

Professional Activities

2025	Department Chair (Interim), University of Toronto Mississauga Outgoing Chair, Disability and Society Section, American Sociological Association.
2024	Chair, Disability and Society Section, American Sociological Association.
2023–2025	Executive Co-Editor, Canadian Review of Sociology. Associate Chair – Graduate Department, Sociology, University of Toronto
2023	Chair-Elect, Disability and Society Section, American Sociological Association.
2022–2023	Program Committee Co-Chair, Section on Consumers and Consumption, American Sociological Association
2020–present	Editorial Board Member, Sociological Perspectives.
2019–2020	Co-editor, ASA Section on Inequality, Poverty and Mobility Newsletter
2018–2020	Member, ASA Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities
2016–2017	Section Officer, Program Committee Chair, Disability & Society Section, *American Sociological Association*.
2014	Editorial Board Member, Sociology Compass
2013–2016	Section Officer, Nominations Committee, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association.
2013	Speaker, Graduate Brown Bag Professional Series on dissertation writing and job markets, University of Oxford.
2011–present	Contributing editor of *Mobilizing Ideas.*
2011–2014	Member of the editorial board of *Social Problems.*
2010	Organizer, Seminar in Institutional Analysis, Department of Sociology, University of Washington.

Reviewer for the *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems, Gender and Society, Disability and Health Journal, and Sociological Perspectives.*

Member of the American Sociological Association, Canadian Sociological Association and the Population Association of America.

Member of the Royal Society of Canada Working Group on the Impacts of COVID-19 on Women in Canada.

Other Departmental Service and Roles

2023–present	Area Chair, Political Sociology, Sociology, University of Toronto
2023–present	Faculty Affiliate, Centre for Global Social Policy, Sociology, University of Toronto
2022–2023	Member, Anti-Racism and Equity Committee, Sociology, University of Toronto
2021–present	Member of the Center for Global Disability Studies, University of Toronto
2019–2020	Member, Graduate Program Committee, Sociology, University of Toronto
2017–2018	Chair, Peel Social Lab, Sociology, University of Toronto Mississauga
2016–2017	Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Sociology, University of Toronto

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

SOC 222	Measuring the Social World
SOC 208	Social Policy
SOC 240	Introduction to Social Policy
SOC 350	Quantitative Methods
SOC 429	Disability, Politics and Society
SOC 428	Health, Disability, and Crisis
CRI 490	Disability and the Law

Graduate

SOC 601	Political Sociology
SOC 603	Quasi-Experimental Methods
PPG 1005	The Social Context of Policy Making
PPG 2017	Disability and Social Policy
SOC 6511	Professional Seminar (Prosem)
IR 1611	Sociology of Work