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Petersen was Deputy Director, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences; Psychology Professor, Stanford University. For a decade, Petersen was Senior VP Programs/Corporate Officer, WK Kellogg Foundation. Before that, Petersen was US President nominated/Senate confirmed as National Science Foundation Deputy Director/COO. She was the first VP Research, University of Minnesota, plus Graduate Dean, Professor (Institute for Child Development, Department of Pediatrics.) At Penn State University for a decade, Petersen was Department Head and then founding Dean, College of Health & Human Development, and Professor of Health & Human Development. Prior to Penn State, Petersen was University of Chicago faculty and Associate Director, MacArthur Foundation Health Program.

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Petersen earned all her degrees at the University of Chicago: BA mathematics, MS statistics, PhD measurement, evaluation, and statistical analysis.