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CURRENT POSITION

2/2017-Present Research Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of
Nebraska-Lincoln

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

10/2014–1/2017 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Sociology, University of
Nebraska-Lincoln
02/2013–10/2014 Senior Researcher at Social Network Research Group (SNRG) and
Project Director for National HIV Behavioral Surveillance HET 3 (CDC).\
John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY)
09/2011–09/2012 Research Associate, Biomedical Ethics Unit / Faculty of Medicine,
McGill University, Montreal
09/2009-08/2011 Visiting Scholar at the Doctoral Program in Public Health, Graduate
Center (CUNY)
10/2006-02/2008 Project Director, Native American Views on DNA Bio-banking. Mayo
Clinic, Rochester, MN

EDUCATION

2006–2008 Postdoctoral Fellow, Bioethics Research Program, Mayo Clinic,
Rochester, MN
2006 PhD in Anthropology, Graduate Center, City University of New York.
Dissertation: “A Guinea Pig’s Wage: Risk and Commoditization in
Pharmaceutical Research in America”
2000 MA in Anthropology, Universite Laval Quebec City, Canada
1992 BA in Sociology, Universidad de la Republica, (UDELAR) Uruguay

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social determinants of health; race/ethnicity and health inequalities; social networks; HIV/HCV risk; people who inject drugs; migration and health; drug policy; bioethics, informed consent processes, and human subjects research protection; ethical legal and social implications of genomic science; evidence-based medicine; ethnography of the pharmaceutical industry and drug regulation. Geographical areas: United States, Latin America, and Caribbean.

BOOKS

2010 *The Professional Guinea Pig: Big Pharma and the Risky World of Human Subjects*, Duke University Press

Reviewed in: *Nature*, *Nature Medicine*, *British Medical Journal*, *London Review of Books*, *Royal Anthropological Institute*, *Health, Risk & Society*, *American Ethnologist*, *Social Forces*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, *Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics*, *Sociology of Health and Illness*, *American Anthropologist*, *Qualitative Health Research*, *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health*, *Inside Higher Ed*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *New Scientist*

Translated into Spanish: *El Conejillo de Indias Profesional: La Industria Farmacéutica y el Riesgoso Mundo de los Sujetos de Investigación*. Quito: Consep-Universidad Andina Simon Bolivar, 2013

2003 *Narrativas sobre el Consumo de Drogas Intravenosas en los Tiempos del Sida* [Intravenous drug use narratives in the time of AIDS]. Montevideo: Editorial Frontera.

2003 *Drogas y Políticas Sociales en el Uruguay de Hoy: Paradojas, Experiencias y Desafíos* [Drugs and social policy in contemporary Uruguay: Paradoxes, experiences and challenges], coedited with A. Lapetina. Montevideo: Editorial Frontera

REFEREED ARTICLES

2017 **Abadie, R.**, Gelpi-Acosta, C., Davila, C., Rivera, A., Welch-Lazoritz, M., Dombrowski, K. “‘It Ruined My Life’: The Effects of the War on Drugs on People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) in Rural Puerto Rico.” *International Journal of Drug Policy*, doi: 10.1016/j.drugpo.2017.06.11

2017 “To Enroll or Not to Enroll? A Researcher Struggles with the Decision to Involve Study Participants in a Clinical Trial That Could Save Their Lives,” *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics*, 7(1), 71-77.

- 2017 **Abadie R**, Welch-Lazoritz M, Khan B, Dombrowski, K. “Social Determinants of HIV/HCV Co-Infection: A Case Study from PWID in Rural Puerto Rico.” *Addictive Behaviors Reports*, 5, 29-32.
- 2017 Duncan, I., Curtis, R., Reyes, J. C., **Abadie, R.**, Khan, B., Dombrowski, K. “Hepatitis C Serosorting among People Who Inject Drugs in Rural Puerto Rico.” *Preventive Medicine Reports*, 6, 38–43.
doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2017.02.001.
- 2017 Thrash, C., Welch-Lazoritz, M., Gauthier, G., Khan, B., **Abadie, R.**, Dombrowski, K., Rolon Colon, Y. “Rural and Urban Injection Drug Use in Puerto Rico: Network Implications for Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Hepatitis C Virus Infection.” *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, doi: 10.1080/15332640.2017.1326864.
- 2017 Hautala, D., **Abadie, R.**, Thrash, C., Reyes, JC, Dombrowski, K. “Latent Risk Subtypes Based on Injection and Sexual Behavior among People Who Inject Drugs in Rural Puerto Rico.” *Journal of Rural Health* doi: 10.1111/jrh.12262.
- 2016 **Abadie R**, Welch-Lazoritz M, Gelpi-Acosta C, Reyes JC, Dombrowski, K. “Prevalence and Risk Factors of HCV Infection among PWID in Rural Puerto Rico.” *Harm Reduction Journal*, 13(10) doi: 10.1186/s12954-016-0099-9.
- 2015 **Abadie, R**, K Heaney. “‘We Can Wipe Out an Entire Culture’: Fears and Promises of DNA Biobanking among Native Americans.” *Dialectical Anthropology*, 39, 305-320.
- 2015 Lopez L, de Saxe Zerden L, Bourgois P, Hansen H, **Abadie R**, Dombrowski K, Curtis R. “HIV/AIDS in Puerto Rican People Who Inject Drugs: Policy Considerations.” *American Journal of Public Health* doi: 10.2015/AJPH.2014.302387.
- 2014 **Abadie R**, J Kimmelman, Lafleur J, Lemmens T. “Consent for Nondiagnostic Research Biopsies: A Pilot Study of Participant Recall and Therapeutic Orientation.” *IRB Ethics & Human Research*, 36(3), 9-15.
- 2011 “GuineaPigging in Philadelphia” *Anthropology Now*, 3(3), 29-5.
- 2009 **Abadie R**, Weymiller AJ, Tilburt J, Shah ND, Charles C, Gafni A, Montori VM. “Clinician’s Use of the Statin Choice Decision Aid in Patients with Diabetes: A Videographic Study Nested in a Randomized Trial.” *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice*, 15(3), 492-7.

2008 Elliott C, **Abadie R.** “Exploiting a Research Underclass in Phase 1 Clinical Trials.” *New England Journal of Medicine*, Perspective, 358(22), 2316-2317.

2008 “The Ethics Debate on Compensating Drug Trial Volunteers.” *Anthropology News*, 2, 24.

IN PREPARATION

Abadie R., Dombrowski K. “A Sociological Explanatory Framework for an Emerging Hepatitis C Epidemic among People Who Inject Drugs.” Under review with *Social Sciences and Medicine*.

Abadie, R., Habecker, P., Welch-Lazoritz, M., Khan, B., Dombrowski, K. “Access and Barriers to Opium Agonist Therapy for People Who Inject Drugs”. Under review with *Addictive Behaviors*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2009 “A Guinea Pig’s Wage: Risk and Commoditization in Clinical Trials Drug Research in America” In Merrill Singer & Hans Baer (Eds.) *Killer Commodities: A Critical Anthropological Examination of Corporate Products and Public Health*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

2003 “La gestión del riesgo de VIH entre usuarios de drogas intravenosas en Uruguay” [HIV risk management among people who inject drugs in Uruguay] In Roberto Abadie & Agustín Lapetina (Eds), *Drogas y políticas sociales en el Uruguay de hoy: paradojas, experiencias y desafíos*. Montevideo: Editorial Frontera.

BOOK REVIEWS

2015 “Pharmaceutical Research, Democracy and Conspiracy: International Clinical Trials in Local Medical Institutions by Edison Bicudo.” *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, doi: 10.1111/maq.12169

2011 “White Coat Black Hat: Adventures on the Dark Side of Medicine by Carl Elliott.” *Hedgehog Review*, 13(2), 98.

2011 “When Experiments Travel: Clinical Trials and the Global Search for Human Subjects by Adriana Petryna.” *American Ethnologist*, 38(3), 589-590.

2011 “Organs Watch: Possibilities and Perils for Public Anthropology.” *American Anthropologist*, 113(2): 146-147.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2016 Interview with *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. “Puerto Rico’s Solution to Heroin Crisis: One-Way Tickets to Philly.”
http://www.philly.com/philly/news/special_packages/Puerto_Ricos_solution_to_heroin_crisis_one-way_tickets_to_Philly.html
- 2016 Interview with Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Radio. “Best Practice: Human Guinea Pigs, Clinical Trials and Big Business.”
<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/rearvision/clinical-trials/7148578>
- 2015 “Food and Drug Administration.” In Sara Boslaugh (Ed.), *The Sage Encyclopedia of Pharmacology and Society*, 620-626. Thousand Oaks: CA. Sage.
- 2011 Interview with *The Boston Herald*. “Guinea Pigs Skew Medical Tests Results.”
http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/2011_0917author_human_guinea_pigs_skew_medical_test_results/
- 2010 Interview with the Business Section of the BBC. “Taking Drugs for a Living.” <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-11836944>
- 2010 Video, *Time Magazine*. “Clinical Trials: Professional Guinea Pigs.”
http://content.time.com/time/video/player/0,32068,597312905001_2017706,00.html
- 2010 Interview with *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. “Inside the Risky World of Drug-Trial ‘Guinea Pigs.’”
<http://chronicle.com/article/Inside-the-Risky-World-of/66225/>

RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016 Principal Investigator. Fordham University HIV and Drug Abuse Prevention Research Ethics Training Institute/National Institutes of Drug Abuse R25DA031608-01. \$20,000.
- 2014 Investigator. National Institute for Drug Abuse (NIDA). [“Injection Risk Networks in Rural Puerto Rico”](#). NIH/NIDA Grant RO1DA037117. PIs Kirk Dombrowski (UNL), Bilal Khan (CUNY) and Juan Carlos Reyes (UPR). \$3,414,000

- 2011 Best Book of the Year, awarded by the British Sociological Association in the category “Sociology of Health and Illness” for *The Professional Guinea Pig: Big Pharma and the Risky World of Human Subjects*. \$2,000
- 2009 Hunt Postdoctoral Fellow. Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research fellowship to support writing of the manuscript entitled *The Professional Guinea Pig: Big Pharma and the Risky World of Human Subjects*. \$40,000
- 2005 Wadsworth International Fellow. Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research fellowship renewal, for support during dissertation writing. \$15,000
- 2003 Dissertation Writing Fellow. Irving Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy fellowship. Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ. \$2,500
- 2003-2004 CUNY Writing Fellow. Writing Across the Curriculum Program fellowship at Queens College. City University of New York. \$48,000
- 2002 Summer Reconnaissance Trip Grant. Anthropology Dept. Graduate Center, City University of New York. Funds for pre-dissertation research in Philadelphia. \$1,600
- 2000-2002 Wadsworth International Fellow. Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research fellowship. New York. \$37,500

CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING INVITATIONS (Selected recent events)

- 2017 Presenter. “Establishing and Maintaining Trust in Research Among People Who Inject Drugs (PWID).” BSA Medical Sociology Group Annual Conference. York, UK. September 14.
- 2017 Presenter. “The Role of the Broker in Mixed Methods Collaboration: The Case of Social Networks and Risk Practices among PWID in Rural Puerto Rico.” Third International Symposium in Qualitative Health Research. University College London, February 7.
- 2016 Presenter. “Mapping Social Networks and Risk Practices among People Who Inject Drugs in Rural Puerto Rico.” Annual American Anthropology Association Meeting, Minneapolis, MN. November 18.
- 2015 Presenter. “Mapping Social Networks and Risk Practices among Intravenous Drug Users (IDUs) in Rural Puerto Rico.” Latin American Studies Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 28.

- 2014 Presenter. “Poverty, Homelessness and Youth Cocaine Paste Treatment Experiences in Ecuador.” Society for the Study of Social Problems. San Francisco, August 17.
- 2013 Invited speaker. “Author Meets Critics” session of the 45th Conference of the British Medical Sociological Association. York, UK, September 6.
- 2013 Keynote speaker. Canadian Association of Research Ethics Boards (CAREB). “Shady Trials: Exploring the Ethics of Paying Subjects Enrolled in Clinical Trials.” Calgary, Canada. April 26.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical sociology; people who inject drugs (PWID) and HIV/HCV risk; race, ethnicity, and health disparities; global public health; Bioethics; social theory; social justice; sociology of the US, Latin America, and Caribbean; Ethnographic methods.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Visiting Professor at the Universidad de Cuenca (Ecuador). Master’s level course: Medical Anthropology.
- 2012 Visiting Professor at the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO-Ecuador). Master’s level course: Science, Technology and Culture: An Anthropological Exploration of Scientific Knowledge Production.
- 2011 Adjunct Assistant Professor at the College of Staten Island. Bachelor’s level courses: Media and the Margins; Ethnic Minority Groups.
- 2010 Adjunct Assistant Professor at the College of Staten Island. Bachelor’s level course: Ethnic Minority Groups.
- 2007 Professor at Mayo Clinic Graduate School, course in Qualitative Methods in Health Research.
- 2006 Adjunct Instructor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Bachelor’s level courses: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, and Drugs Use and Abuse
- 2005 Adjunct Instructor. Borough of Manhattan Community College. Associate’s level course: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.
- 2003-2005 City University of New York Writing Fellow, Writing Across the Curriculum Program, Queens College.

2003 Adjunct Instructor. Lehman College, City University of New York.
Bachelor's level course: Anthropology of Men and Women.

2002 Adjunct Instructor. Lehman College, City University of New York.
Bachelor's level course: Medical Anthropology.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

2015 Outside reader, doctoral dissertation proposal defense of Yesenia Aponte, "Prescription Drug Misuse among Women in New York," Sociology Department, New School for Social Research (USA).

2013 Outside reader, MA thesis of William Alvarez, "Sobreviviendo con la pipa: drogas, violencia y conflictos inter-étnicos en el Paraíso." Anthropology, History and Humanities, FLACSO (Ecuador).

2013 Outside reader, MA thesis of Rocio Vaca, "Estrategias de Subsistencia del Adulto Mayor Habitante de Calle en el Centro de Quito." Anthropology, History and Humanities, FLACSO (Ecuador).

2013 Outside reader, MA thesis of Jaime Huerta, "Interpelacion y Enfermedad Emocional, los Grupos de Cuarto y Quinto Paso en la Ciudad de Puebla." Anthropology Department, El Colegio de Michoacán (Mexico).

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Editorial Board *Physis* (International Associate Editor)

Journal Reviewer *American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, Medical Anthropology, Medical Anthropology Quarterly, Medicine Anthropology Theory, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, American Journal of Public Health, Journal of Rural Health, Social Science & Medicine, Social History of Medicine, Hedgehog Review, The American Journal of Bioethics, Journal of Medical Ethics, Social Psychology Quarterly*

Grant Reviewer Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (2012–present)
2015 Dissertation Award Committee, Society for Medical Anthropology

LANGUAGES Spanish, native speaker; fluent in English, Portuguese, and French

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
American Anthropological Association
American Public Health Association