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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 SNRG (Social Network Research Group) 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. New York.

10/2006-02/2008. Project Director. Native American Views on DNA Bio banking. Mayo
Clinic. Rochester, MN.

EDUCATION

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Anthropology of AIDS. People who inject drugs and drug policy. Health inequalities. Anthropology of Risk. 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 and the LAC region.

BOOKS

- 2010 *The Professional Guinea Pig: Big Pharma and the Risky World of Human Subjects.* Durham: NC. 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. Qual Health Res. Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health. Inside Higher Ed. Chronicle of Higher Ed. 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 times 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] **Abadie, R** and Lapetina, A. (Eds.) Montevideo: Editorial Frontera.

REFEREED ARTICLES

- 2018 **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
- 2018 Habecker P., **Abadie R.**, Welch-Lazoritz, M., Reyes J.C., Khan B., Dombrowski, K. “Injection Partners, HCV, and HIV Status among Rural Persons Who Inject Drugs in Puerto Rico”. *Subst Use Misuse*, doi: [10.1080/10826084.2017.1400562](https://doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2017.1400562)
- 2018 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*, 1-24.
- 2018 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.
- 2017 Hautala, D., **Abadie, R.**, Khan, B., Dombrowski, K. “Rural and urban comparisons of polysubstance use profiles and associated injection behaviors among people who inject drugs in Puerto Rico”. *Drug and alcohol dependence*, 181:186-193. doi: 10.1016/j.drugaldep.2017.09.030. Epub 2017 Oct 18.
- 2017 Duncan, I., Habecker, P., **Abadie, R.**, Curtis, R., Khan, B., & Dombrowski, K. “Needle acquisition patterns, network risk and social capital among rural PWID in

- Puerto Rico”. *Harm Reduction Journal*, 14, 69. doi: 10.1186/s12954-017-0195-5
- 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*. doi: 10.1016/j.abrep.2017.01.004.
- 2017 Duncan, I., Curtis, R., Reyes, J. C., **Abadie, R.**, Khan, B., & Dombrowski, K. (2017). “Hepatitis C serosorting among people who inject drugs in rural Puerto Rico”. *Preventive Medicine Reports*, 6, 38–43. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2017.02.001>
- 2016 **Abadie R**, Welch-Lazoritz M, Gelpi-Acosta C, Reyes J.C, 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**, Heaney, K. “We can wipe and entire culture”: fears and promises of DNA biobanking among Native Americans. *Dialect Anthropol* 2015; 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” *Am J Public Health* doi: 10.2015/AJPH.2014.302387
- 2014 **Abadie, R.**, Kimmelman, J., Lafleur, J., Lemmens, T. “Consent for Nondiagnostic Research Biopsies: A Pilot Study of Participant Recall and Therapeutic Orientation.” *IRB Ethics & Human Research*. 2014; 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.”. *J. Eval Clin Pract*. 15(3):492-7. Epub 2009 Apr. 2.

- 2008 Elliott, C., **Abadie, R.** “Exploiting a Research Underclass in Phase 1 Clinical Trials.” *New England Journal of Medicine*, Perspective, 358(22):2316-7.
- 2008 “The Ethics Debate on Compensating Drug Trial Volunteers.” *Anthropology News*, 2:24.

IN PREPARATION

Abadie, R., Brown, B., Fisher, CB. “Money Helps”: People who inject drugs and their perceptions of financial compensation and its ethical implications. Forthcoming. *Ethics and Behavior*.
doi.org/10.1080/10508422.2018.1535976

Abadie, R., Dombrowski, K. “A theory of practice framework for an emerging Hepatitis C epidemic among People Who Inject Drugs”. Under Review. *Sociology of Health and Illness*.

Abadie, R., McLean, K., Habecker, P., Welch-Lazoritz, M., Khan, B., Dombrowski, K. “Poverty, homelessness and barriers to recruitment and retention in opium agonist therapy for people who inject drugs in rural Puerto Rico”. Under Review. *International Journal of Drug Policy*.

Abadie, R., Goldenberg, S., Welch-Lazoritz, M., Fisher, CB. “Establishing Trust Among People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) Enrolled in a Community Health Study of Social Networks and Risk in Rural Puerto Rico.” Under Review. *PLOS ONE*

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. *Drogas y políticas sociales en el Uruguay de hoy: paradojas, experiencias y desafíos*. Roberto Abadie y Agustín Lapetina Eds. Montevideo: Editorial Frontera.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2018 Book Review: Healthy Volunteers in Commercial Clinical Trials: When Human Beings Become Guinea Pigs by Shadreck Mwale. *Sociology of Health and Illness* 40(6), 1109-1110.
- 2018 Book Review: White Gold: Stories of Breast Milk Sharing by Susan Falls. *Medical Anthropology Theory* doi.org/10.17157/mat.5.4.632
- 2015 Book Review: Pharmaceutical Research, Democracy and Conspiracy: International Clinical Trials in Local Medical Institutions by Edison Bicudo. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* DOI: 10.1111/maq.12169
- 2011 Book Review: White Coat Black Hat: Adventures on the Dark Side of Medicine by Carl Elliott. *Hedgehog Review* 13(2): 98.
- 2011 Book Review: When Experiments Travel: Clinical Trials and the Global Search for Human Subjects by Adriana Petryna. *American Ethnologist* 38(3): 589-0.
- 2011 Book Review: “Organs Watch: Possibilities and Perils for Public Anthropology.” *American Anthropologist*. 113(2): 146-7.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2018 Interview with The Miami Herald. “People think we’re the lowest”: Puerto Rico drug users get less help after the storm.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/weather/hurricane/article180181156.html>

- 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 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

- 2018-Current National Institute for Drug Abuse (NIDA). "Assessing the effects of hurricane Maria on Opioid Agonist Treatment access among PWID in rural Puerto Rico". R21DA047304. \$ 412.763. Abadie; Habecker (PIs)

- 2016-2018 Fordham University HIV and Drug Abuse Prevention Research Ethics Training Institute/National Institutes of Drug Abuse R25DA031608-01. \$20,000. PI.
- 2014-Current 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). Roberto Abadie (UNL) Investigator. \$3,414,000
- 2011 Recipient of the *Best Book of the Year Award* 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 Fellowship, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research to support writing of the manuscript entitled *The Professional Guinea Pig: Big Pharma and the Risky World of Human Subjects*. \$40,000
- 2005 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. Renewal of Wadsworth international Fellowship to help write my doctoral dissertation. \$15,000
- 2003 Dissertation Writing Fellowship from the Irving Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy. Rutgers. New Brunswick. \$2,500
- 2003-4 CUNY Writing Fellowship. Writing Across the Curriculum Program at Queens College. City University of New York. \$48,000
- 2002 Summer Reconnaissance Trip Funds for Pre-dissertation Research in Philadelphia. Anthropology Dept. Graduate Center City University of New York. \$1,600
- 2000-2 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. Wadsworth International Fellowship. New York. \$37,500

CONFERENCES AND SPEAKER INVITATIONS (Recent Sample)

- 2018 Invited speaker “Money Helps”: People who inject drugs and their perceptions of financial compensation and its ethical implications. University of Sussex. Brighton. April 13.
- 2018 Presenter “Money Helps”: People who inject drugs and their perceptions of financial compensation and its ethical implications. BSA Medical Sociology Group Annual Conference. Caledonian University. Glasgow. Sept. 12.
- 2018 Presenter “Money Helps”: People who inject drugs and their perceptions of financial compensation and its ethical implications. British Sociological Association Annual Conference. Northumbria University. Newcastle. April. 11.
- 2017 Presenter “Establishing and maintaining trust in research among people who inject drugs (PWID).” BSA Medical Sociology Group Annual Conference. York. Sept. 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, Feb. 7.
- 2016 Presenter “Mapping Social Networks and Risk Practices among People Who Inject Drugs in Rural Puerto Rico”. Annual American Anthropology Association Meeting, Minneapolis. Nov. 18.
- 2015 Presenter “Mapping Social Networks and Risk Practices among Intravenous Drug Users (IDUs) in Rural Puerto Rico”. Latin American Studies Association. San Juan de Puerto Rico, May 28.
- 2014 Presenter “Poverty, Homelessness and Youth Cocaine Paste Treatment Experiences in Ecuador”. Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP). San Francisco, August 17.
- 2013 Invited speaker at “Author Meets Critics” Session of the 45th Conference of the British Medical Sociological Association. York, UK September 6.

2013 Keynote Speaker at Canadian Association of Research Ethics Boards (CAREB). “Shady Trials: Exploring the Ethics of Paying Subjects Enrolled in Clinical Trials”. Calgary, CAN April 26.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Anthropology, People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) and HIV risk, Health Disparities and Health Policy, Global Public Health, Bioethics, Social Theory, Social Justice, Public Anthropology. Anthropology of the US and the LAC region, Ethnographic Methods.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016 Visiting Professor at the Universidad de Cuenca (Ecuador). MA. Level Course. Medical Anthropology.

2012 Visiting Professor at the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO-Ecuador). MA. Level Course. Spring Semester. Science, Technology and Culture: An anthropological exploration of scientific knowledge production.

2011 Adjunct Assistant Professor at the College of Staten Island. Spring Semester. Media and the Margins and Ethnic Minority Groups.

2010 Adjunct Assistant Professor at the College of Staten Island. Fall Semester. Ethnic Minority Groups.

2007 Professor at Mayo Clinic Graduate School. Fall Semester. Qualitative Methods in Health Research.

2006 Adjunct Instructor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Spring Semester. Introduction to Cultural Anthropology and Drugs use and Abuse

2005 Adjunct Instructor. Fall Semester. Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. Borough of Manhattan Community College

- 2003-2005 City University of New York Writing Fellow (CWF), Program Writing Across the Curriculum at Queens College.
- 2003 Adjunct Instructor. Spring Semester. Anthropology of Men and Women. Lehman College. City University of New York.
- 2002 Adjunct Instructor. Fall Semester. Medical Anthropology. Lehman College. City University of New York.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

- 2015 Outside Reader, Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Defense. Yesenia Aponte. "Prescription Drug Misuse among Women in New York". Sociology Department. New School for Social Research (USA).
- 2013 Outside Reader, MA Thesis, Anthropology, History and Humanities. William Alvarez "Sobreviviendo con la pipa: drogas, violencia y conflictos inter-étnicos en el Paraíso." FLACSO (Ecuador).
- 2013 Outside Reader, Rocio Vaca. Estrategias de Subsistencia del Adulto Mayor Habitante de Calle en el Centro de Quito. MA Thesis, Anthropology, History and Humanities. FLACSO (Ecuador).
- 2013 Outside Reader, Jaime Huerta. "Interpelacion y Enfermedad Emocional, los Grupos de Cuarto y Quinto Paso en la Ciudad de Puebla". MA Thesis, Anthropology Department. El Colegio de Michoacán (Mexico).

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Journal Reviewer

