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**CURRENT POSITION**

8/2020 – Present Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Nebraska Lincoln

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

2/2017 – 7/2020 Research Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

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, City University of New York

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, City University of 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, MN

2006 PhD, Anthropology, Graduate Center, City University of New York. PhD dissertation: A guinea pig’s wage: Risk and commoditization in pharmaceutical research in America

2000 MA, Anthropology, Université Laval Quebec City, Canada

1992 BA, Sociology, Universidad de la República, Uruguay

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Anthropology of AIDS. People who inject drugs and drug policy. Health inequalities. Social networks. 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: the United States and the Latin American / Caribbean region.

**BOOKS**

2010 *The professional guinea pig: Big pharma and the risky world of human subjects.* Duke University Press.

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 Bolívar.

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.*

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]. **Abadie, R**., Lapetina, A. (Eds.) Montevideo: Editorial Frontera.

**REFEREED ARTICLES**

2021 **Abadie, R.**, McLean, K., Habecker, P., Welch-Lazoritz, M., Khan, B., & Dombrowski, K. Treatment trajectories and barriers to recruitment and retention in opium agonist therapy for people who inject drugs in rural Puerto Rico. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2020.102903

2021 **Abadie, R.**, Fisher, C.B., & Dombrowski, K. Privacy, confidentiality, and anonymity: Understandings from people who inject drugs enrolled in a study of social networks and HIV risk. *Journal of Empirical Research Human Research Ethics.* doi.org/10.1177/15562646211004411

2020 **Abadie, R.**, & Dombrowski, K. “Caballo”: Risk environments, drug sharing, and the emergence of a hepatitis C epidemic among people who inject drugs in Puerto Rico. *Harm Reduction Journal*. doi.org/10.1186/s12954-020-00421-z

2020 **Abadie, R.**, Gelpi-Acosta, C., Aquino-Ruiz, F., & Aponte-Melendez, Y. COVID-19 risks among people who inject drugs in Puerto Rico. *Int. J. Drug Policy.* doi:10.1016/j.drugpo.2020.102903

2020 Ready, E., Habecker, P., **Abadie, R.**, Davila-Torres, C., Rivera-Villegas, A., Khan, B., & Dombrowski, K. Comparing social network structures generated through sociometric and ethnographic methods. *Field Methods*. doi.org/10.1177/1525822X20945499

2020 Gelpi-Acosta, C., Rodriguez-Diaz, C.E., Aponte-Melendez, Y., & **Abadie, R**. Puerto Rican syndemics: Opiates, overdoses, HIV, and the hepatitis C virus in a context of ongoing crisis. *American Journal of Public Health,* *110*(2), 176-177.

2020 Ready, E., Habecker, P., **Abadie, R.,** Khan, B., & Dombrowski, K. Competing forces of withdrawal and disease avoidance in the risks networks of people who inject drugs. *PLOS One,* *15*(6), e0235124.

2019 **Abadie, R**., Habecker, P., Gelpi-Acosta, C., & Dombrowski, K. Migration to the US among rural Puerto Ricans who inject drugs: Influential factors, sources of support, and challenges for harm reduction interventions. *BMC Public Health,* *19*(1), 1-9.

2019 **Abadie, R**. The exploitation of professional “guinea pigs” in the gig economy: The difficult road from consent to justice. *American Journal of Bioethics,* *19*(9), 37-39.

2018 **Abadie, R**., Brown, B., & Fisher, C.B. “Money helps”: People who inject drugs and their perceptions of financial compensation and its ethical implications. *Ethics and Behavior.* doi.org/10.1080/10508422.2018.1535976

2018 **Abadie, R.**, Goldenberg, S., Welch-Lazoritz, M., & Fisher, C.B. Establishing trust in HIV/HCV research among people who inject drugs (PWID): Insights from empirical research. *PLOS One.* doi.org/10371/journal.pone.0208410.

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. *Substance Use and 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, J.C., & 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.drugalcdep.2017.09.030

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 **Abadie, R**. 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. 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 an entire culture: Fears and promises of DNA biobanking among Native Americans. *Dialect 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**., Kimmelman, J., Lafleur, J., & Lemmens, T. Consent for non-diagnostic research biopsies: A pilot study of participant recall and therapeutic orientation. *IRB Ethics & Human Research,* *36*(3), 9-15.

2011 **Abadie, R**. Guinea pigging in Philadelphia. *Anthropology Now, 3*(3), 29-?5.

2009 **Abadie, R**., Weymiller, A.J., Tilburt, J., Shah, N.D., Charles, C., Gafni, A., & Montori, V.M. 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), 492-497.

2008 Elliott, C., & **Abadie, R**. Exploiting a research underclass in phase 1 clinical trials. *New England Journal of Medicine,* *358*(22), 2316-2317.

2008 **Abadie, R**. The ethics debate on compensating drug trial volunteers. *Anthropology News,* *2,* 24.

**IN PREPARATION**

Abadie, R. *Sick: Addiction, poverty, and the everyday lives of drug users.* Book manuscript under consideration by New York University Press*.*

Abadie, R. “I don’t want to die”: A qualitative study of coping strategies to prevent fentanyl-related overdose deaths among people who inject drugs in Puerto Rico. Under review, *International Journal of Drug Policy.*

Perdikaris, S., **Abadie, R**., Gonzalez, E., & Ibrahimpasic, E. Neocolonialism, health disparities, and the effects of COVID-19 on Barbuda and Puerto Rico. Under review, *Island Studies Journal.*

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

2009 A guinea pig’s wage: Risk and commoditization in clinical trials drug research in America. In M. Singer & H. Baer (Eds.), *Killer commodities: A critical anthropological examination of corporate products and public health*. 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 R. Abadie & A. Lapetina (Eds.), *Drogas y políticas sociales en el Uruguay de hoy: Paradojas, experiencias y desafíos* [Drugs and social policy in Uruguay today: Paradoxes, experiences, and challenges]. 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 Quartely.* doi:10.111/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), 589-590.

2011 Book review: *Organs watch: Possibilities and perils for public anthropology*. *American Anthropologist,* *113*(2), 146-147.

**OTHER SCOLARSHIP 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. h[ttp://www.philly.com/philly/news/special\_packages/Puerto\_Ricos\_solution\_to\_heroin\_c](http://www.philly.com/philly/news/special_packages/Puerto_Ricos_solution_to_heroin_crisis_one-way_tickets_to_Philly.html)risis\_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 S. Boslaugh (Ed.), *The Sage encyclopedia of pharmacology and society* (pp. 620-626). 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 *Time Magazine*. Clinical trials: Professional guinea pigs. Video. 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**

2020 – 2021 Research Development Fellow Program, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

2020 – 2021 College of Arts and Sciences and Rural Drug Addiction Research (RDAR), University of Nebraska-Lincoln. An ethnographic exploration of OAT barriers and facilitators among opioid users in rural Nebraska. $50,000. Roberto Abadie Principal Investigator.

2019 – 2024 National Institutes of Health (NIH). Biomarkers for dysbiosis-related HIV-associated cognitive disorders among persons who inject drugs in Puerto Rico. R01DA047823. $3,234,658. Roberto Abadie (UNL) Co-Investigator.

2018 – 2020 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. Roberto Abadie & Patrick Habecker (UNL) Principal Investigators.

2016 – 2018 Fordham University HIV and Drug Abuse Prevention Research Ethics Training Institute/National Institutes of Drug Abuse. R25DA031608-01. $20,000.

2014 – 2019 National Institute for Drug Abuse (NIDA). Injection risk networks in rural Puerto Rico. NIH/NIDA Grant RO1DAO37117. $3,414,000. Kirk Dombrowski (UNL), Bilal Khan (CUNY), & Juan Carlos Reyes (UPR) Principal Investigators. Roberto Abadie (UNL) Investigator.

2011 Best Book of the Year Award, 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 subject*. $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 University, New Brunswick, NJ. $2,500.

2003 – 2004 CUNY Writing Fellowship, Writing Across the Curriculum Program, Queens College, City University of New York. $48,000.

2002 Summer Reconnaissance Trip Funds for pre-dissertation research in Philadelphia. Anthropology Department, Graduate Center, City University of New York. $1,600.

2000 – 2002 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Wadsworth International Fellowship. $37,500.

**CONFERENCES AND SPEAKER INVITATIONS (Recent Sample)**

2020 Presenter: Barriers to access and retention in opioid agonist therapy for people who inject drugs in rural Puerto Rico. Virtual Symposium on Opioid Use Research. COBRE on Opioids and Overdose at Rhode Island Hospital and the Rural Drug Addiction Research [RDAR] COBRE at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute (WVCTSI). November 12.

2020 Guest speaker: Sick: Addiction, poverty, and the everyday lives of drug users. Durham University, Durham. January 24.

2019 Presenter: Poverty, homelessness, and barriers to access and retention in opioid agonist therapy for people who inject drugs in rural Puerto Rico. ISSDP, Paris. May 22.

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. September 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. 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. 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 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: “Author meets critics” session of the 45th Conference of the British Medical Sociological Association, York. September 6.

2013 Keynote speaker: Shady trials: Exploring the ethics of paying subjects enrolled in clinical trials. Canadian Association of Research Ethics Boards (CAREB), Calgary. 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 Latin American / Caribbean region. Ethnographic methods.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Recent Sample)**

2021 Assistant Professor. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Fall. Medical Anthropology and Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.

2020 Assistant Professor. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Fall. Medical Anthropology and Seminar in Ethnology.

2019 Lecturer. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Fall. Medical Anthropology.

2016 Visiting Professor, Universidad de Cuenca (Ecuador). MA-level course. Medical Anthropology.

2012 Visiting Professor, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO-Ecuador). MA-level course, Spring. Science, Technology, and Culture: An Anthropological Exploration of Scientific Knowledge Production.

2011 Adjunct Assistant Professor, College of Staten Island, City University of New York. Spring. Media at the Margins and Ethnic Minority Groups.

**GRADUATE SUPERVISION**

2020 Outside reader, doctoral dissertation defense: Yesenia Aponte, Prescription drug misuse among women in New York. Sociology. New School for Social Research, New York.

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

2013 Outside reader, MA thesis: Rocío 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: Jaime Huerta, Interpelación y enfermedad emocional, los grupos de cuarto y quinto paso en la ciudad de Puebla. Anthropology. El Colegio de Michoacán (Mexico).

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Editorial Boards

*Physis* (International Associate Editor)*.*

Journal Reviewer

*American Anthropologist*

*American Ethnologist*

*American Journal of Bioethics*

*American Journal of Public Health*

*Hedgehog Review*

*Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*

*Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*

*Journal of Medical Ethics*

*Journal of Rural Health*

*Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*

*Medical Anthropology*

*Medical Anthropology Quarterly*

*Medical Anthropology Theory*

*PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases*

*Social History of Medicine*

*Social Networks*

*Social Psychology Quarterly*

*Social Science & Medicine*

*Sociology of Health & Illness*

Mentorship

2020 Mentor of the Medical Sociology Group (BSA) British Sociological Association. Mentees: Betul Babacan MA, Jaime Garcia Iglesias PhD

Grant Reviewer

2012 – present Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

SMA Dissertation Award Committee Reviewer

2015 Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) Dissertation Award Committee

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish. Native speaker.

English, Portuguese, and French.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Anthropological Association

Medical Sociology Group (BSA) British Sociological Association