

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **Academic Appointments**

2013 - Present: Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Arizona

2012 - 2013: Postdoctoral Fellow at the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, University of California, San Francisco

## **Education**

University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D., Sociology, 2012

University of California, Berkeley, M.A., Sociology, 2007

University of California, Berkeley, B.A., Sociology, 2003\*

\*Highest Honors, Phi Beta Kappa, Departmental Citation (top graduating senior)

## **Research Interests**

Stratification and Inequality, Culture, Methodology, Health, Aging and the Life Course, Theory, Medical Sociology, Poverty, Morality, Body and Embodiment

## **Publications**

### SCHOLARLY BOOK: RESEARCH MONOGRAPH

Abramson, Corey M. 2015. *The End Game: How Inequality Shapes Our Final Years*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. ([link](#)) \*\*+

- Winner, 2016 Outstanding Publication Award, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course.
- Selection, 2016 Author Meets Critic Session, American Sociological Association.
- Reviewed in: *The American Journal of Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *The London School of Economics Review of Books*, *Health Affairs*, *The Gerontologist*, *Choice*, *Organizational Theory*.
- Featured in: *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic* and other media outlets.

\*Translation: Korean (Eco-Livres 2016)

+ Paperback release (Harvard University Press 2017)

### SCHOLARLY BOOK: EDITED VOLUME

**Abramson, Corey M.** and Neil Gong. Under Contract. *Beyond the Case: Competing Logics and Practices of Comparative Ethnography*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Abramson, Corey M.**, Jaqueline Joslyn, Sarah Garrett, Katharine Rendle, and Daniel Dohan. Forthcoming. "The Promises of Computational Ethnography: Improving Transparency, Replicability, and Validity for Realist Approaches to Ethnographic Analysis." *Ethnography*.
- Abramson, Corey M.** and Elena Portacolone. Forthcoming. "What's New About Old?: "What the Aging Population Teaches Us About American Inequality." *Sociological Compass*.
- Abramson, Corey M.** 2016. "Unequal Aging: Lessons from Inequality's End Game." *Public Policy and Aging Report* (The Gerontologist) 26 (2): 68-72. ([link](#))
- Dohan, Daniel, Meghan Halley, Sarah Garrett, Kathryn Rendle, Katie Gillespie & **Corey M. Abramson**. 2016. "The Importance of Integrating Narrative Into Health Care Decision Making." *Health Affairs* 35(4) 720-725. ([link](#))
- Abramson, Corey M.** and Daniel Dohan. 2015. "Beyond Text: Using Arrays to Represent and Analyze Ethnographic Data." *Sociological Methodology* 45: 272-319. ([PDF](#))\*  
\* 2015 Featured Article for *Sociological Methodology*, American Sociological Association  
*Journal Highlights*
- Abramson, Corey M.**, Martín Sánchez-Jankowski and Manata Hashemi. 2015. "Perceived Discrimination in U.S. Healthcare: Charting the Effects of Key Social Characteristics Within and Across Racial Groups." *Preventive Medicine Reports* 2:615-621. ([PDF](#))
- Abramson, Corey M. 2012. "From 'Either-Or' to 'When and How': A Context-Dependent Model of Culture in Action." *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* 42: 155-180. ([PDF](#))
- Abramson, Corey M.** and Martín Sánchez-Jankowski. 2012. "Racial Differences in Patterns of Having and Using a Doctor Among the Elderly Poor in The United States." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 30: 203-217. ([PDF](#))
- Abramson, Corey M.** and Darren Modzelewski. 2011. "Caged Morality: Moral Worlds, Subculture, and Stratification among Middle-Class Cage-Fighters." *Qualitative Sociology* 34:143-175. ([PDF](#))
- Abramson, Corey M. 2009. "Who Are the Clients?: Goal Displacement in an Adult Day Care Center for Elders with Dementia." *International Journal of Aging and Human Development* 68:65-92. ([PDF](#))

## SCHOLARLY BOOK CHAPTER

- Abramson, Corey M.** and Darren Modzelewski. Forthcoming. "Sports Participation and the Reproduction of Ideology: Lessons from Mixed Martial Arts." Chapter forthcoming in *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty*. ABC-CLIO.

## OP-EDS AND COMMENTARY

- Abramson, Corey M. 2016. "Learning from Dying Friends." *The Arizona Daily Star*. ([link](#))
- Dohan, Daniel and **Corey M. Abramson**. 2016. "Social Science Insights to Advance a Culture of Health." *Health Affairs Blog*. ([link](#))
- Abramson, Corey M. 2015. "Unequal Until the End." *The Atlantic*. ([link](#))
- Abramson, Corey M. 2010. "Culture, Health, and Latinos in an Aging America." *Las Voces*.

## SCHOLARLY PERIODICALS AND PUBLIC WORKING PAPERS

- Abramson, Corey M.**, and Darren Modzelewski. 2012. "The Private Life of a Moral Community: The Exceptional and Mundane Rituals of Middle-Class Cage-Fighters." *Altruism, Morality & Social Solidarity Forum* 3:24-29. ([PDF](#))
- Abramson, Corey M. 2011. "Qualitative Research in the Positivist-Behavioral Tradition: Resources for Addressing Type I and Type II Errors in Code Associations Using ATLAS.ti." *The QDA Newsletter* 3:5-9. ([PDF](#))

Abramson, Corey M. 2010. "Putting Culture Back in Context: A Context Dependent Model of How Cultural Inputs, Toolkits, and Meanings Influence Action." *Institute for the Study of Social Change Working Paper Series 45*.

#### BOOK REVIEW

Abramson, Corey M. 2009. "Review of Forced Out: Older Workers Confront Job Loss." *Contemporary Sociology* 38.

#### RESEARCH REPORTS

**Abramson, Corey M.**, Daniel Dohan, Meghan Halley, Katie Gillespie, Sarah Garrett, and Kathryn Rendle. 2015. "Guidelines for Conducting and Presenting Qualitative Research in PCOR." *Report to the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute*.

#### DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY

##### *Photo Essay*

**Abramson, Corey M.**, and Darren Modzelewski. 2012. "The Private Life of a Moral Community: The Exceptional and Mundane Rituals of Middle-Class Cage-Fighters." *Altruism, Morality & Social Solidarity Forum* 3:24-29. ([PDF](#))

##### *Individual Photographs*

Abramson, Corey M. Forthcoming. "In The Gym." *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty*.

Abramson, Corey M. 2016. "Art World." *Harmony Magazine*.

Abramson, Corey M. 2016. "Arizona Skyline." *Harmony Magazine*.

Abramson, Corey M. 2015. "Through the Looking Glass: North Korean Soldier Views Tourists in the DMZ." *Harmony Magazine*.

Abramson, Corey M. 2015. "Through the Looking Glass: North Korean Soldier Views Tourists in the DMZ." *Harmony Magazine*.

Abramson, Corey M. 2015. "Arches." *Harmony Magazine*.

Abramson, Corey M. 2011. "After the Ritual." Journal cover photo and four in-text photos. *Qualitative Sociology*. Vol. 34 No. 1.

Abramson, Corey M. 2011. Two featured photos. *Body and Embodiment Digest*. Spring: 6.

#### **Selected Works in Progress**

##### SCHOLARLY ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS IN PREPARATION OR UNDER REVIEW

**Abramson, Corey M.** and Jaqueline Joslyn. "The Logic(s) of Dying: How Culture Shapes the Networks of the Terminally Ill."

Abramson, Corey M. "Charting the Context-Dependence of Culture in Action: Lessons from Growing Old in Four Urban Neighborhoods."

**Abramson, Corey M.**, Sarah Garrett, and Daniel Dohan. "The Big C's: What Cancer Can Teach Us About the Forms and Limits of Capital(s)."

**Abramson, Corey M.** and Martín Sánchez-Jankowski. "Inequality, Racial Group Membership, and Emergency Room Use Among Older American's Living in Poverty."

**Abramson, Corey M.** and Martín Sánchez-Jankowski. "A Behavioralist Approach to Ethnography: Comparison and Inference in the Scientific Tradition." For *Beyond the Case: Competing Logics and Practices of Comparative Ethnography*.

**Abramson, Corey M.** and Neil Gong. "Reviving Ethnographic Pluralism in Post-Positivist Social Science." For *Beyond the Case: Competing Logics and Practices of Comparative Ethnography*.

Katharine Rendle, **Corey M. Abramson**, Sarah Garrett, and Daniel Dohan. “A Framework for Assessing Rigor in Qualitative Health Services Research: Distinguishing Exploratory, Confirmatory, and Comparative Studies.”

## **Grants, Fellowships and Other Supported Research Activity**

### FUNDED EXTRAMURAL GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

2015-2018: *Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute* (Key Co-Investigator|PI:Dohan)| “Using Arrays of Ethnographic Data to Advance PCOR” (\$1,470,818)

### FELLOWSHIPS

2015: George H. Davis Travel Fellowship (~\$4,000)

2013: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars Program Finalist (Columbia)

2012: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars Program Finalist (UCSF)

2009 - 2011: Institute for the Study of Social Change Graduate Fellowship (~\$30,000)

2009 - 2010: UC Berkeley, Dean’s Normative Time Dissertation Fellowship (~\$16,000)

2009: UC Berkeley, University Summer Fellowship (~\$3,000)

2005 - 2009: Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (~\$120,000)

### INTRAMURAL GRANTS

2013 - 2015: University of Arizona Student Faculty Interaction Grant (<\$1,000/yr)

2011: ASA Student Forum Travel Grant (<\$1,000)

2011: UC Berkeley Sociology Department Conference Grant (<\$1,000)

2010: UC Berkeley Sociology Fall Research Grant (~\$2,000)

2010: Center for Latino Policy Research Mini-Grant (~\$1,000)

2009: Jacob K. Javits Research Grant (<\$1,000)

2007: Inequality by Design Research Mini-Grant (~\$1,000)

2007: UC Berkeley Graduate Division Travel Grant (<\$1,000)

2007: Jacob K. Javits Conference Grant (<\$1,000)

### OTHER SUPPORTED RESEARCH ACTIVITY

2010-2015: NIH R01 CA152195 (PI:Dohan)| “Before Consent: Cancer Patients' Deliberations about Early Phase Clinical Trials” (\$556,250/yrs 1-5)| Role: Qualitative Analyst

## **Conferences, Scholarly Presentations, and Public Lectures (2010- Present)**

### PUBLIC LECTURES

2015 - 2017: “The End Game: How Inequality Shapes our Final Years.”

- London School of Economics Public Lecture. Sponsored by the Departments of Methodology and Sociology. London School of Economics. London, England.
- University of California, Berkeley, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues. Berkeley, CA.
- Purdue University, Department of Sociology. West Lafayette, IN.
- University of California, Los Angeles. Department of Sociology. Los Angeles, CA.
- AARP Policy Institute. Washington, D.C.
- University of Arizona Smart Talk. Sponsored by the Honors College. Tucson, AZ.
- Tucson Festival of Books. Tucson, AZ.
- Arizona Senior Academy. Tucson, AZ.

### SYMPOSIUM

2016: "The End Game: How Inequality Shapes our Final Years." Author Meets Critic Session. The American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.

#### OTHER INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2016: "In Defense of Weber." American Sociological Association. Invited Session on "Can Cultural Sociology by an Interscience?" Seattle, WA.

2016: "How Does Inequality Affect Health" Annual Policy Conference of the National Academy of Social Insurance. Washington, D.C.

2015: "Where Do We Go From Here?" Youth, Jobs and the Future: Responses to Youth Unemployment. New York, NY.

2015: "Lessons Learned in the Transition from First Generation College Student to Faculty." Center for Research on Social Change. University of California, Berkeley.

2015: "Publishing your Research." Academic Mentoring and Support Initiative Series. University of Arizona. Tucson, AZ.

2014 : "Computer Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis." The American Sociological Association Methodology Workshop. San Francisco, CA.

2014: "Inequality in Later Life: How Structure and Culture Shape Our Final Years." Ethnography Working Group. Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA.

2014: "How Culture Connects Prior Inequality to Present Behavior: Lessons from Growing Old in Four Urban Neighborhoods." School of Sociology. University of Arizona. Tucson, AZ.

2012: "Introduction to Computer Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis." Training in Clinical Research (TICR) group. University of California, San Francisco. San Francisco, CA.

2011: "Racial Differences in Having and Using a Doctor Among the Elderly Poor." Center for the Study of Social Change Colloquium Series. Berkeley, CA.

2010: "The Potential and Pitfalls of CAQDAS for Research in Education." Graduate School of Education: Qualitative Methods Group. Berkeley, CA.

#### SEMINARS

2013 - 2015: "Why Public Health Needs Qualitative Analyses of Culture for Understanding Health Inequality." School of Public Health: Epidemiological Methods. University of Arizona. Tucson, AZ.

#### REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2017: **Abramson, Corey M.** and Jaqueline Joslyn. "The Logic(s) of Dying: How Culture Shapes the Networks of the Terminally Ill." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Social Capital Section. Montreal, Canada.

2016: **Abramson, Corey M.**, Daniel Dohan, Jacqueline Joslyn, Sarah Garrett, and Meghan Halley. "The Promises of Computational Ethnography." Symposium on Ethnographic Innovation. University of California Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.

2015: Abramson, Corey M. "Charting the Context-Dependence of Culture in Action: Lessons from Growing Old in Four Urban Neighborhoods." Early Career Theorists' Symposium. British Sociological Association (BSA). London, England.

2013: **Abramson, Corey M.** and Martín Sánchez-Jankowski. "Inequality, Race, and Emergency Room Use Among Older Americans Living in Poverty." International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28). Trento, Italy.

2013: Dohan, Daniel, **Corey M. Abramson** and Susan Miller. "Beyond Text: Using Arrays to Represent and Analyze Ethnographic Data." American Sociological Association. Special Session on "Methodologies: Integrating Qualitative and Quantitative." New York, NY.

- 2012: **Abramson, Corey M.** and Martín Sánchez-Jankowski. “Direct Observation and Causal Inference: Towards a Positivist-Behavioral Model of Participant Observation.” American Journal of Sociology Conference on Causal Thinking and Ethnographic Research. Chicago, IL.
- 2012: Dohan, Daniel, **Corey M. Abramson** and Susan Miller. “Beyond Text: Using Arrays of Ethnographic Data to Identify Causes and Construct Narratives.” American Journal of Sociology Conference on Causal Thinking and Ethnographic Research. Chicago, IL.
- 2011: **Corey M. Abramson** and Martín Sánchez-Jankowski. “Racial Differences in Physician Use Among the Elderly Poor in The United States.” American Sociological Association. Medical Sociology Session. Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011: Corey M. Abramson. “How Socio-Historical Conditions Determine the Influence of Cultural Inputs, Toolkits, and Meanings on Action.” American Sociological Association. Culture Session. Las Vegas, NV.
- 2010: Darren M. Modzelewski and **Corey M. Abramson**. “Legal Categories and Vested Interests: Cultural Affiliation, Knowledge Power, and the Symbolic Control of the Past.” 75th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. St. Louis, MO.
- 2010: **Corey M. Abramson** and Darren M. Modzelewski. “Micro-Stratification and Risk-Taking in Voluntary Subcultures: A Theoretical Synthesis and Ethnographic Illustration.” Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, CA.

## **Field Research Experience**

- 2016 - Present: Body weight and social stratification over the life course
- 2011 - 2013: Inequality, networks and health
- 2009 - 2012: Social stratification and health behaviors among the elderly
- 2006 - 2008: Bodily risk taking and micro-stratification among cage-fighters
- 2000 - 2001: Social control and goal displacement in organizations for the aged

## **Teaching and Advising**

### UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Instructor: Sociology of Culture (Graduate), Advanced Social Research Methods (Graduate), Sociological Theory (Undergraduate)

Instructor: Computer Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis (Arizona Methods Workshops, Graduate and Post-Graduate)

Faculty Adviser: Graduate Workshop in Cultural Sociology

Dissertation Committees: Kathryn Freeman Anderson, Krista Frederico, Kendra Thompson-Dyck, Beksahn Jang, Angela Addae

M.A. Committees: Hannah Andrews, Beksahn Jang, Morgan Johnstonbaugh

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Instructor: UC Berkeley Social Research Workshops: Computer Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis (Graduate/Post-Graduate)

Founding Director and Lead Instructor: Center for Urban Ethnography Undergraduate Internship Program (Undergraduate)

Co-Instructor: Ethnographic Research Practicum (Undergraduate)

## **Service, Outreach and Public Engagement**

### NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

### *National Media Coverage of Research (2015-16)*

- [“Income Inequality Grows With Age and Shapes Later Years.”](#) *The New York Times*
- [“Unequal Until The End.”](#) *The Atlantic*
- [“The End Game.”](#) *Top of the Mind Radio with Julie Rose*
- [“The End Game.”](#) *Harvard University Press Blog Feature*

### *Invited Policy Presentations (2015-2016)*

- 2016: “The Policy Implications of Inequality in Later Life.” American Associations of Retired Persons (AARP). Washington, D.C.
- 2016: “How Inequality Affects Health.” Annual Policy Conference of the National Academy of Social Insurance. Washington, D.C.
- 2015: “Where Do We Go From Here?” Youth, Jobs and the Future: Responses to Youth Unemployment Policy Conference. New York, NY.

### *Methodological Consulting in Study Design and Qualitative Data Analysis (2013-2016)*

USAID (Demographic and Health Surveys), University of California Berkeley (Institute for the Study of Societal Issues), Texas A&M (Sociology), WESTED (Strategic Literacy Initiative), Palo Alto Medical Foundation (Various teams), The ATLAS.ti Training Center

## LOCAL/STATE OUTREACH

### *Arizona Media Coverage of Research (2015-2016)*

- [“Learning from Dying Friends.”](#) *The Arizona Daily Star*
- [“UA Sociology Professor’s New Book Explores How Inequality Shapes Our ‘Golden Years.’”](#) *KJZZ Public Radio*
- [“Age Not the Equalizer Once Thought.”](#) *UA News (reprinted in Oro Valley Voice)*
- [“UA Authors Will Share Expertise at Tucson Festival of Books.”](#) *UA News.*

### *Arizona Public Presentations and Appearances on Inequality, Health, and Aging (2015-2016)*

- Tucson Festival of Books. Tucson, AZ
- Arizona Senior Academy. Tucson, AZ
- University of Arizona Honor College Smart Talk. Tucson, AZ

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE/OUTREACH

### *Conference Panel Organization, Moderation and Commentary*

- 2017: Organizer, “American Sociological Association, Open Session on Aging.” Montreal, Canada.
- 2017: Moderator and Commenter, “Aging and Urbanism: American Sociological Association Panel.” Montreal, Canada.
- 2017: Moderator, “Diverse and Disparate Aging: American Sociological Association Panel.” Montreal, Canada.
- 2015: Moderator and Commenter, “Youth, Jobs and the Future: Solutions to Youth Unemployment.” Hunter College and The Institute for the Study of Societal Issues. New York, NY.
- 2010 - 2011: Organizing committee for the “Center for the Study of Social Change Annual Conference.” Berkeley, CA
- 2008 - 2009: Organizing committee for “Children in Crisis.” Berkeley, CA

### *Ad Hoc Reviewer*

National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, American Sociological Review, Social Forces, Social Problems, Qualitative Sociology, Sociological Theory, Sociological Methods and Research, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Social Psychology Quarterly, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Current Sociology, Contemporary Sociology, Journal of Poverty

*American Sociological Association Office*

2016 – 2018: Elected Council Member, ASA Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section

*Award Committees*

2016: Best Article Award Committee. Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section of the American Sociological Association

2015: Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee. Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section of the American Sociological Association

2014: Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee. Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section of the American Sociological Association

*Academic Mentorship for Historically Underrepresented Groups*

2015 – 2017: Advisor, LATONA Project, Community Building for LGBTQ+ Seniors in Tucson, AZ.

2015: “Lessons Learned in the Transition from First Generation College Student to Faculty.” Center for Research on Social Change. University of California, Berkeley

2013 – Present: Advisor to the Center for Ethnographic Research Summer Workshop. Center for Ethnographic Research and Joseph A. Myers Center for Research on Native American Issues. University of California, Berkeley

2010: Analyst for “Promotores Program,” Cal State University Long Beach Latino Peer Mentoring

*Other Professional Activity*

2015: Participant in “The Philosophy and Social Science” Junior Faculty Seminar. Critical Realism Network, Chicago, IL

2015: Contributor to “IPM Dialog.” Professionalization advice for graduate students in the ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section

2011 – 2012: Founding member of the Center for the Study of Social Change Graduate Working Group

2007 – 2012: Founding member of the Center for Urban Ethnography Methodological Practicum

2004 – 2012: Daily Operations Manager, Center for Urban Ethnography

**Professional Affiliations and Membership**

2015 – Present: Medical Cultures Lab, UC San Francisco

2015 - Present: Arizona Center on Aging

2011 - Present: Institute for Health Policy Studies, UC San Francisco

2009 - Present: Center for Research on Social Change, UC Berkeley

2009 - Present: Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, UC Berkeley

2007 - Present: International Sociological Association (ISA)

2007 - Present: ISA Research Committee on Stratification and Mobility (RC28)

2005 - Present: American Sociological Association (ASA)

2004 - Present: Center for Ethnographic Research (formerly Center for Urban Ethnography), UC Berkeley



**References**

Available on request.