

ADRIANA SZABO

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 08/2017 – 08/2021 **North Carolina State University**
Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology
Dissertation: *Environmental Threats and Economic Promises: The Treadmill of Production and Gold Mining in Roşia Montană, Romania*
- 08/2014-05/2016 **North Carolina State University**
Masters of Arts in Anthropology
Thesis: *Tourism and Community Development in San Pedro La Laguna, Guatemala*
- 10/2002 – 06/2006 **Northern University, Romania**
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Journalism

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Rural Development, Environmental Sustainability, Food Sociology, Field Research

PUBLICATIONS

- Szabo, A.**, Shriver, T. E., & Adams, A. E. (2023). Discursive strategies and activist framing in anti-mining campaigns. *Local Environment*, 1-13.
- Szabo, A.M.**, Shriver, T. E., & Longo, S. B. (2022). Environmental threats and activism against extractive industries: The case of gold mining in Rosia Montană, Romania. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 92, 26-34.
- Shriver, T. E., Bray, L. A., Wilcox, A., & **Szabo, A.** (2021). Human Rights and Dissent in Hybrid Environments: The Impact of Shifting Rights Regimes. *The Sociological Quarterly*, 1-21.
- Shriver, T. E., **Szabo, A. M.**, & Bray, L. A. (2020). Opportunity and threat behind the Iron Curtain: The failed diffusion of human rights activism in Romania. *International Sociology*, 0268580920928925.
- Ferreira, B., Morais, D., **Szabo, A.**, Bowen, B., & Jakes, S. (2020). A gap analysis of farm tourism microentrepreneurial mentoring needs in North Carolina, USA. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*, 10(1), 1-17.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Szabo, A., Shriver, T. E., & Adams, A. E. Corrosive Communities: Tension and (Mis)trust in anticipation of Technological Disasters (*Presented at the European Sociological Association 2024 Conference*)

Ferreira, B., **Szabo, A.** Contentious heritage: community divides post-UNESCO World Heritage Site recognition in Roșia Montană, Romania. (*Presented at the European Sociological Association 2024 Conference*)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

02/2022 – present *Assistant Teaching Professor, Arizona State University, Haikou, China*
08/2021 – 12/2021 *Faculty Associate, Arizona State University, Haikou, China*
08/2019 – 05/2021 *Graduate Instructor, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC*
06/2018 – 06/2018 *Visiting Lecturer, Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Bogotá, Colombia*
09/2016 – 08/2019 *Research & Teaching Assistant, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC*
05/2016 – 07/2016 *Program Co-director, NC State University – Ethnographic Field School, Guatemala*
10/2015 – 05/2016 *Research Intern, Stop Hunger Now, Raleigh NC*
05/2015 – 07/2015 *Evaluation Intern, North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh, NC*
01/2015 – 04/2015 *Evaluation Intern, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC*
06/2014 – 05/2016 *Teaching Assistant, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023 Co-PI, field research in Roșia Montană, Romania, in collaboration with Dr. Bruno Ferreira, under the Anne Larason Schneider Faculty Endowment for Community Research
2019 Doctoral field research in Roșia Montană, Romania, conducted under the advising of Dr. Thomas Shriver
2014 NCSU Ethnographic Field School in Guatemala.⁹ Research topic: “Tourism and Community Development in San Pedro la Laguna, Sololá, Guatemala.” Master thesis research conducted under the advising of Dr. Tim Wallace

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Sustainable Communities Fall 2021- present
Heritage and Cultural Tourism Spring 2022 - present
Sustainable Tourism
Tourism Planning
Current Social Problems, Spring 2021
Technology in Society and Culture Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant

Principles of Sociology, Fall 2017, Fall, 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2020
Sociology of Medicine, Summer 2017
Field Research Methods, Summer 2016 – NCSU Ethnographic Field School - Guatemala
Cultural Anthropology, Spring 2016
Language and Culture, Summer 2014, 2015, Spring 2015
Andean South America, Fall 2015

Introduction to World Archaeology, Fall 2014

Formal Teaching Training

Teaching Sociology Seminar, Spring 2019

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

06/2011 – 01/2013 *Project Coordinator*, Humana Povo Para Povo, Brazil
11/2010 – 06/2011 *Recruiting Coordinator*, DRH Norway, Norway
08/2010 – 11/2010 *Development Worker*, Ajuda e Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo, Mozambique
04/2009 – 08/2010 *Instructor for Development Workers*, DRH Norway, Norway
07/2006 – 07/2008 *Journalist*, SC New Media SRL, Romania

AWARDS

2024 Arizona State University, Watts IDEA (Inclusive Design for Equity and Access) mini-grant co-recipient) - \$2000
2020 NC State University Graduate Summer fellowship - \$2500
2019 Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Award - \$4000
2019 North Carolina State University Sociology Graduate Student Association mini-grant for doctoral research - \$150
2017 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, North Carolina State University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
2014 North Carolina Preservation Consortium, Participation Scholarship at the Annual Meeting
2014 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, North Carolina State University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2025 Adriana M. Szabo. “Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Arbitration Threat as the Backdoor for Neo-colonial Exploitation of Natural Resources” accepted at the 5th International Sociological Association World Forum of Sociology (July 6-11, 2025), Rabat, Morocco

2025 Adriana M. Szabo, Bruno Ferreira. “The Research-Fatigued Community: a Case for Participatory Action-Research” accepted at the 5th International Sociological Association World Forum of Sociology (July 6-11, 2025), Rabat, Morocco

2024 Adriana M. Szabo, Thomas E. Shriver & Alison E. Adams. “Corrosive Communities: Tension and (Mis)trust in anticipation of Technological Disasters” presented at the European Sociological Association Conference (August 28, 2024), Porto, Portugal

2024 Bruno Ferreira, Adriana M. Szabo. “Contentious heritage: community divides post-UNESCO World Heritage Site recognition in Roşia Montană, Romania” presented at the European Sociological Association Conference (August 28, 2024), Porto, Portugal

2023 Bruno Ferreira, Adriana M. Szabo. “Environmental resistance and entrepreneurial pathways towards conservation in the Romanian countryside” presented at the Nature Education forum of

the Network of Environmental Social Scientists International Congress (October 29, 2023),
Haikou, Hainan, China

2022 Adriana M. Szabo, Bruno Ferreira. “Could Tourism be the Real Gold Mine?” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Travel and Tourism Research Association (14-16 June), Victoria, BC, Canada.

2019 Adriana M. Szabo, Thomas E. Shriver, and Stefano Longo. “Contested rural development in Romania: The case of gold mining in Roşia Montană.” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society (7-10 August), Richmond, VA, USA.

2019 Thomas E. Shriver, Adriana M. Szabo, and Laura Bray. “Repression and Dissent behind the Iron Curtain: Challenging State Power in Czechoslovakia and Romania.” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 10 – April 13). Atlanta, GA, USA.

2015 Adriana M. Szabo. “Tourism and Community Development in San Pedro La Laguna, Guatemala”, Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting (March 27) , Pittsburgh, PA, USA

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association
International Sociological Association
European Sociological Association