



EDUCATION

PhD Epidemiology (Public Health) University of California – Berkeley, 1997 MPH
Epidemiology/Biostatistics, University of California - Berkeley, 1992
BSc (Hons) Physiology, Pure Mathematics, Monash University, 1989

AWARDS

Excellence in Evaluation - The Caulley Tulloch (Evaluation Publication) Award
Australasian Evaluation Society (AES), 2015

SKILLS

Outcomes evaluation, Evaluation readiness, Professional trainer, Organisation capacity building, Program evaluation, Visual evaluation approaches, Digital Evaluation story method, Participatory action methods, Qualitative and quantitative research methods, Not-for-Profits, Communities, Public Health, CALD, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander evaluation and research.

MEMBERSHIPS

Australasian Evaluation Society
American Evaluation Association
Brisbane Business Psychology Bookclub (Founder 2016)

CONSULTANCY

Dorset Council, United Kingdom

Stepping into Nature (SiN) Evaluation (2017-2020)

Development of evaluation framework, plan and tools.

Project team evaluation training and broader skill building of Public Health Dorset and Dorset AONB.

Guidance and strategies for continued evaluation data collection, management and reporting, including digital method.

Community Service Industry Alliance (CSIA), Queensland

Information, Linkages and Capacity Building Project - Inclusion readiness (2018-2019)

Development, delivery and facilitation of 2-day workshop series Stories of Change to Theories of Change across Queensland.

Online guidance of not-for-profit managers in Evaluation framework and theory of change (TOC) development.

Delivery of tailored digital evaluation training tools.

CatholicCare Northern Territory

Organisational outcomes capability and evaluation capacity building (2016-2020)

1. Facilitation of the development and implementation of strategic Outcomes Framework and plan at leadership level.

2. Pictures and stories approach to staff capacity building in evaluation skills, qualitative and quantitative methods, and digital evaluation story.

3. Use of narrative to inform strategic Outcomes Framework.

4. Visual engagement tools including story mapping and video progress reporting.

**CONSULTANCY
(CONT.)****Mater Health Services Brisbane, Queensland**

Evaluation, research and strategic planning (2009-2019)

1. CALD consumer engagement/feedback.
2. Establish M&E system for Refugee Health Qld.
3. Facilitation of Pastoral Care strategic plan.
4. Facilitation of ATSI strategic plan.
5. Establish M&E system for Cultural Diversity Unit and coaching in implementing
6. Audit of interpreting provision (2013-4) and research publication.
7. Qualitative study to elicit reasons for low interpreting rates and key actions for change and research publication.
8. Pilot evaluation of a Music Therapy program for cancer patients.
9. Qualitative action-research study of cultural and interpreting needs and strategies and plan for change for Mater Mothers from antenatal and birth to postnatal care.

Maranoa Regional Council, Queensland

Evaluation and partnership capacity building- Healthy Communities (2010-2018)

1. Evaluation of pilot Healthy Community Initiative and evaluation training.
2. Evaluation of Healthy Community Initiative and site capacity building.
3. Facilitation of strategic and operational plan and support in implementation.
4. Development and implementation of M&E framework and plan with partners.
5. Annual leadership/partnership capacity-building and planning workshops.

Dementia Australia NSW

Participatory evaluation and community resource development (2012-2017)

1. Evaluation of Mind Your Mind education.
2. Evaluation of Mobile Respite Team service.
3. Evaluation of 'Every Bloke Needs a Shed' project.
4. Development of Dementia manual for Men's Sheds.
5. Evaluation of Community Cafes initiative.
6. Development of Toolkit for Community Cafes.
7. Outcomes framework and capacity building in M&E for 'Insights into Hospital Experience of Dementia' across 9 sites, NSW.

Aunties and Uncles Queensland

Evaluation of Child Mentoring program (2016-2017)

A pictures and stories evaluation of a child mentoring program including 3 video reports and Infographic report for evaluation.

Canterbury City Council, NSW

Evaluation of Healthy Communities Initiative (2012-2014)

Mixed method evaluation of HCI and capacity building of program staff and partners.

**CONSULTANCY
(CONT.)****Hepatitis Queensland**

Organisation and program evaluation and capacity building (2012-2015)

1. Evaluation of ABC of Hepatitis Training program and project team capacity building.
2. Organisation evaluation and staff capacity building.
3. Evaluation of Treatment in Injecting Drug Environment (TIDE).

Queensland Health

Evaluation and resource development for Multicultural Services (2009-2011)

1. Evaluation of workplace diversity training.
2. Development of M&E for cross culture training.
3. Development of cultural diversity profiles for healthcare workers.

Queensland Department of Community Safety

Queensland Corrective Services Bridging the Gap evaluation (2011-2012)

Mixed method evaluation of “Bridging the Gap” Pilot project for cognitively impaired prisoners.

Including 25 in-depth interviews with prisoners with cognitive impairment.

Anglicare , Queensland

Needs analysis of emerging CALD communities (2011)

Identification of emerging ageing CALD populations regionally and community consultation of Aged care needs.

Multicultural Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing

Evaluation and strategic planning (2008-2009)

1. Organisation evaluation.
2. Facilitation of strategic and operational plan.
3. Establish M&E system for organisation.
4. Evaluation of African youth peer mentoring project.

Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT)

Evaluation (2007-2008)

1. Evaluation of NEXUS Suicide Prevention program for refugee youth.
2. Development and implementation of methodology for self-assessment of Organisation against National Standards.

Health and Community Services Workforce Council

Evaluation (2008)

Development of strategic framework for annual evaluation and capacity building of project staff in evaluation.

**CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS
AND SEMINARS
(SINCE 2009)**

Abbato S. Effectively communicating evaluation: The Evaluation report and beyond. Presentation for Australasian Evaluation Society, Brisbane, June 5 2017.

Abbato, S. Presentation to the Mater Health Services Executive on “Why is there a low rate of interpreter engagement at the Mater Hospital ED and Inpatient Wards: The results of an explanatory Case Study of Interpreter Provision, March 1 2016.

Abbato S. What does the evaluator mean? Understanding evaluation reports and applying the findings to policy and practice. Presentation for Australasian Evaluation Society, Brisbane. April 22 2015.

Torrance, S, **Abbato, S** and O’Loughlin, S. How to use the “Your Shed and Dementia” manual. Workshop for the 6th National Conference of the Australian Men’s Shed Association, Newcastle, 20 October 2015.

Abbato, S. Your Shed and dementia: From local stories to a National Intervention. Presented at the Australasian Evaluation Society International Evaluation Conference, Melbourne, 7 September 2015.

Abbato, S. Telling stories that stand up: The use of case studies in Evaluation. Australasian Evaluation Conference, Brisbane, September 4-6 2013.

Abbato, S. Getting the best results from evaluation statistics by asking the right questions. Brisbane AES Seminar 25 August 2011.

Abbato, S. Program Logic: The good, the bad and the completely illogical. Brisbane AES Seminar 19 November 2009.

**ACADEMIC
TEACHING**

Lecturer, University of Queensland, Evaluating Social Programs Course. Guest Lecturer in Program Evaluation. Tools in evaluation: Program Logic. 18 March and 12 August 2010.

Lecturer, Postgraduate Masters’ Program, University of Queensland, International and Tropical Health, Social Science/Qualitative methods, July 1999-June 2000.

Lecturer, Postgraduate Masters’ Program, University of Queensland, School of Population Health, Epidemiology, July 1998-June 1999.

Faculty of Public Health, Khon Kaen University, Thailand. Five-part Workshop series: Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods in a workshop on Field Methods. 17-21 May 1999.

**PROVISION OF
AES TRAINING**

Abbato, S. Essentials of qualitative and quantitative methods for evaluators and evaluation users. Full day workshop provided at the Evaluation Toolkit Autumn Intensive, Melbourne, May 22 2019

Abbato, S. Making it Stick - Creating an evaluation report for impact and use. Full day workshop offered at the Australasian Evaluation Society International Evaluation Conference, Launceston, 17 September 2018.

PROVISION OF AES TRAINING (CONT.)

Abbato, S. Making it Stick-Creating an evaluation report for impact and use. Full day workshop, Darwin, 1 November 2017

Abbato, S. Making it Stick - Creating an evaluation report for impact and use. Full day workshop Darwin, 1 November 2017. **Abbato, S, Muller, W, and Caniglia D.** Effectively communicating evaluation- The evaluation report and beyond. Two day workshop. Brisbane, August 2017.

Skelly C and **Abbato S.** Systems Thinking for Complex Evaluation. Full day workshop offered at the Australasian Evaluation Society International Evaluation Conference, Melbourne, Co-facilitated with Dr Chris Skelly. 5 September 2015.

Abbato S, Full day workshop “Learn conversational statistics: Making evaluation more influential by learning how to reason, think and speak the language of statistics” Australasian Evaluation Society Conference, Sydney, 29 August 2011.

WORKSHOPS - ORGANISATIONS (RECENT)

Abbato, S., Caniglia, D., Bernstein, N., MacGregor, M, Burns, K and Lendrum, S. From Stories of Change to Theories of Change. Two-day workshop for CSIA and NDS. Locations across Queensland (Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Logan, Cairns, Hervey Bay) July-September 2018.

Abbato S. Outcomes Framework and Measurement and Capacity Building in Evaluation initiative for Catholic Care, Northern Territory. Series of 24 Full-day staff and leadership workshops. Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek. November 2015- November 2018.

Abbato S. Series of 5 full day workshops for Dorset County Council, November-December 2017 and November 2018.

Abbato S. Evaluation for planning: Be Healthy and Safe Maranoa Partners workshop. Series of full day annual workshop. Roma, Queensland. July 2011-July 2018.

Abbato S. Developing an outcomes framework for the “The Insights into the Hospital Dementia Experience” project with representatives of hospital sites across NSW. Sydney. July 9 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

Abbato, S. , Greer, R., Ryan, J., Vayne-Bossert, P., Good, P. The impact of professional language interpretation on length of stay and readmission rates in an acute care hospital setting, Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, 2018

Abbato, S. Ryan, J., Skelly, C, and Good, P. The other side of “getting by”: A case study of interpreting provision decision-making and consequences for patients. Cogent Medicine 5 (1), 1-17, 2008.

Ryan, J., **Abbato, S.,** Greer, R. , Vayne-Bossert, P, Good, P. Rates and Predictors of Professional Interpreting Provision for Patients With Limited English Proficiency in the Emergency Department and Inpatient Ward. Inquiry 2017.

Abbato S. The case for evaluating process and worth: Evaluation of a programme for carers and people with dementia. In Case Study Evaluation: Past, present and future, Eds. Greenhalgh T, Russell J and Kushner S. 2015.

**PUBLICATIONS
(CONT.)
NEE THOMPSON**

Abbato S. Book Review : Foundations of Mixed Methods Research: Integrating Qualitative Approaches in the Social and Behavioural Sciences. Authors: Charles Teddlie and Abbas Tashakkori. Evaluation Journal of Australia 9 (2), 2009.

Thompson S, Hartel G, Manderson L, Woelz-Stirling N and Kelahe M. The mental health status of Filipinas in Queensland. The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry 36:674-680, 2002.

Thompson S, Manderson L, Woelz-Stirling N, Cahill A and Kelahe M, The social and cultural context of the mental health of Filipinas in Queensland. The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry 36:681-687, 2002.

Thompson S, Gifford S and Thorpe L, The social and cultural context of risk and prevention: Diabetes in an urban Aboriginal community. Health Education and Behavior 27(6) 725-743, 2000.

Thompson S and Gifford S. Trying to keep a balance: The meaning of health and diabetes in an urban Aboriginal community. Social Science and Medicine 51(10) 1457-1472, 2000.

Thompson S. Community-based epidemiology: The methods of the Living with Diabetes Project. International Quarterly of Community Health Education, 19(1) 3-18, 2000.

Thompson, S., Ringuet, C., Williams, G., Kelahe, M., Baigrie, N., Jenkins, D and Chapman, B. Getting fit for the community: The Cherbourg Healthy Lifestyles Program. Aboriginal and Islander Health Worker Journal 24(2) March/April 2000.

Thompson S and Thorpe L, The Living With Diabetes Project: A community based approach to questionnaire development. Aboriginal and Islander Health Worker Journal, Jan/Feb 1998.