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Figures Lost and Found:

A bioethnography of missing data in U.S. – Mexico transnational public health research



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The empty cell on the spreadsheet, a torn page in a field journal: in this paper I explore what can be salvaged from field work disasters and missing data. I propose that lost data isn't always a disaster; much can be learnt from the gaps it leaves behind. What goes missing when data leaves the field, particularly when the field is in the Global South and the researchers analyzing it are in the Global North? What is then re-found when different kinds of data come together (ethnographic and biological) in an epistemic collaboration?