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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Environmental Studies-Agroecology) Department of Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC)	2004
M.Sc. (Agroforestry) Tropical Agriculture Research & Education Center (CATIE), Turrialba, Costa Rica	1996
B.Sc. (Crop Science) California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), San Luis Obispo, CA, U.S.A.	1994

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Researcher (1/2 time)

Agriculture, environment and rural development

Programa Salvadoreño de Investigación sobre Desarrollo
y Medio Ambiente (PRISMA) San Salvador, El Salvador (

May 2001-Dec 2004

Department of Environmental Studies
University of California, Santa Cruz

Sep 2005 – Aug 2006

Lecturer- Tropical Ecology and Conservation, an upper division undergraduate course (Winter 2006)

Master's Program in Sustainable Tropical Agriculture,
University of El Salvador, San Salvador

2001-2004

Adjunct Professor- Development & instruction of the Tropical Agroforestry course & Co-instructor in a Sustainable Production Systems course.

Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, USA

Apr 2003

Instructor - Tropical Ecology and Conservation, an upper division undergraduate course (Winter 2003)

Lynne Bond Outstanding Faculty Service Learning Award (2015). Community and University Partnerships Office (CUPS), University of Vermont.

Finalist for the Engaged Scholar Award (2009). Vermont Campus Compact.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (1999-2000). Environmental Studies Department, University of California, Santa Cruz.

Fstanding Teaching Assistant Award

*Van Zonneveld, M. (PI), V.E. Méndez, J. Ordoñez, J.P. Solis, F. Fonseca (Co-PIs) Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security Program (CCAFS) (\$275,000- Méndez portion \$53,289) Planning and investing in climate smart agriculture for risk reduction in Central American coffee-based landscapes. 2015-2016.

Méndez, V.E. (PI) Green Mountain Coffee Roasters (\$28,583) Revisiting the thin months in Nicaragua, Mexico and Guatemala. 2013.

Méndez, V.E. (PI) Mercy Corps (\$22,000) Integrating agroecology and resilient food systems into Mercy Corps agriculture and rural development programs. 2013.

Méndez, V.E. (PI) Gund Institute for Ecological Economics (\$10,000) Potential of Agroecological Management to Support Food System and Climate Resilience in Smallholder Coffee Farms in the Americas. Competitive Faculty Development Grants. 2013.

Méndez, V.E. (PI) High Meadows Fund (\$37,950) Vermont Agricultural Resilience in a Changing Climate: Training Farmers and Service-Providers for On-farm Management. 2012-2014.

Méndez, V.E. (PI) Vermont Community Foundation (\$15,000) Vermont Farm Resilience in a Changing Climate. 2012-2013.

*Hurley, S. & V.E. Méndez (Co-Pis) USDA Hatch Funds (\$110,938) Climate Change Best Management Practices on Vermont Farms. 2012-2015.

2019-2020 Vermont Community Foundation (\$15,000) Vermont Farm Resilience in a Changing Climate. 2012-2013.

*Méndez, V.E. (PI).

Peer Review

Editorial Board Member: Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (formerly Journal of Sustainable Agriculture, 2010- present).

Associate Editor: Elementa: journal of the Anthropocene; Sustainability Transitions domain

19. Morris, K.S. +, **V.E. Méndez** M. Olson+ & S.T. Lovell (2013) *Conventional food plot management in an organic coffee cooperative: explaining the paradox*. *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems* 37(7): 762-787 (IF: 0.744; R: 24 of 57 in Agriculture, Multidisciplinary).
20. Erickson, D.+ , S.T. Lovell and **V.E. Méndez**(2013) *Identifying, quantifying and classifying agricultural opportunities for land use planning*. *Landscape and Urban Planning* 118(1):29-39 (IF: 2.004; R: 15 of 77 in Environmental Studies).
21. **Méndez, V.E.**C.M. Bacon, M.B. Olson, K.S. Morris & A. Shattuck (2013) *Conservación de agrobiodiversidad y medios de vida en cooperativas de café bajo sombra en Centroamérica (Conservation of agrobiodiversity and livelihoods in shade coffee cooperatives of Central America)*. *Ecosistemas (Spain)* 22(1): 16-24
22. Sales, E.F., **V.E. Méndez** F.R. Caporal & J.C. Faria (2013) *Agroecological transition of Conilon coffee (Coffea canephora) agroforestry systems in the state of Espírito Santo, Brazil*. *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems* 37 (4): 405-429 (IF: 0.744; R: 24 of 57 in Agriculture, Multidisciplinary).
23. Morris, K. S.+ , **V. E. Méndez** & M. B. Olson+ (2013) *Organic coffee farming cooperative*. *Journal of Peasant Studies*: 40(2): 457-480 (IF: 2.548; R: 8 of 79 in Anthropology).
24. **Méndez, V.E.**C.M. Bacon and R. Cohen (2013) *Agroecology as a transdisciplinary, participatory and action-oriented approach*. *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems* 37(1):3-18 (IF: 0.744; R: 24 of 57 in Agriculture, Multidisciplinary).
25. Fernandez, M. + , A. Shattuck, K. Goodall+ , M.B. Olson+ & **V.E. Méndez**(2013) *Agroecology and alternative agrifood movements in the United States: towards a sustainable agrifood system*. *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems* 37(1): 115-126 (IF: 0.744; R: 24 of 57 in Agriculture, Multidisciplinary).
26. Cayuela, L., L. Gálvez-Bravo, R. Pérez Pérez, F.S. de Albuquerque, D.J. Golicher, R.A. Zahawi, N. Ramírez-Marcial, C. Garibaldi, R. Field, J.M. Rey Benayas, M. González-Espinosa, P. Balvanera, M.A. Castillo, B.L. Figueroa-Rangel, D.M. Griffith, G.A. Islebe, D.L. Kelly, M. Olvera-Vargas, S.A. Schnitzer, E. Velázquez, G. Williams-Linera, S.W. Brewer, A. Camacho-Cruz, I. Coronado, B. de Jong, R. del Castillo, I. de la Cerda, J. Fernández, W. Fonseca, L. Galindo-Jaimes, T. W. Gillespie, B. González-Rivas, J.E. Gordon, J. Hurtado, J.

households of Central America and Mexico. Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems 25(3): 236-251. (IF: 1.274; R: 12 of 57 in Agriculture, Multidisciplinary; TC: 11).

32. Méndez, V.E.C.M. Bacon, M. Olson, K. S. Morris & A. Shattuck (2010) *Agrobiodiversity and Shade Coffee Smallholder Livelihoods: A Review and Synthesis of Ten Years of Research in Central America*. Invited Article for a Special Focus Section on Geographic Contributions to Agrobiodiversity Research. Professional Geographer 62(3):357-376 (IF: 1.206; R: 28 of 73 in Geography; TC: 8).
33. Lovell, S.T., S. Desantis, C.A. Nathan, M.B. Olson, V.E. Méndez, H.C. Kominami, D.L. Erickson, K.S. Morris, and W.B. Morris (2010) *Integrating agroecology and landscape multifunctionality in Vermont: a framework to evaluate the design of agroecosystems*. Agricultural Systems 103:327-341 (IF: 2.899; R: 2 of 57 in Agriculture, Multidisciplinary; TC: 12).
34. Méndez, V.E.E.N. Shapiro, and G.S. Gilbert (2009) *Cooperative management and its effects on shade tree*

4. Schattman, R., **V.E. Méndez** et al. (2014) *Vermont Agricultural Resilience in a Changing Climate: A transdisciplinary and Participatory Action Research (PAR) process*. In N. Benkeblia (Ed) *Agroecology, Ecosystems and Sustainability*. Advances in Agroecology Series. CRC Press/Taylor and Francis.
5. Olson, M.B., R. Peyser, **V.E. Méndez**, S. Fujisaka, T. Oberthür, D. Seville, and M.U. Georgeoglou-Laxalde (2012) *Measuring impact at origin*. Pp. 231-248 In

and Sustainable Food Systems 37(1) (formerly Journal of Sustainable Agriculture; IF: 0.673; R: 23 of 57 in Agriculture, Multidisciplinary)

7. Bacon, C.M., **V. E.Méndez** S.R. Gliessman, D. Goodman & J. A. Fox (eds.) (2008) *Confronting the coffee crisis: Fair Trade, sustainable livelihoods and ecosystems in Mexico and Central America*. Food, Health and the Environment Series. MIT Press: Cambridge, MA, USA.

Other Books and Manuals

1. Morris, K.S., I. Nelson, **V.E.Méndez** & S. Ali (Editors) (2015) *International Environmental Studies*. Cognella Publishers.
2. **Méndez, V.E**(2005) *Café con sombra y alternativas para reducir la presión del cambio del uso del suelo en la zona Sur de Ahuachapán, El Salvador (Shade coffee and alternatives to reduce pressure of land use change in the Southern zone of Ahuachapán, El Salvador)*. UICN-Proyecto BASIM: San José, Costa Rica. 56 p.
3. **Méndez V. E**.J. Beer, J. Faustino & A. Otarola (2000) *Plantación de árboles en línea (Line tree planting)*. Módulo de Enseñanza Agroforestal 1. 2ª Edición. Serie Materiales de Enseñanza 39. CATIE: Turrialba, Costa Rica. 134 p.
4. **Méndez V. E**.J. Beer & J. Faustino (1998) *Plantación de árboles en línea (Line tree planting)*. Módulo de Enseñanza Agroforestal 1. Serie Materiales de Enseñanza 39. 1ª Edición.

mechanisms with small-scale farmers in El Salvador). Estudio de Caso para El Proyecto "Pago por Servicios Ambientales en las Américas" PRISMA/Fundación FORD: San Salvador, El Salvador.

Herrador, D., L. A. Dimas & **V. E. Méndez** (2002) Pago por servicios ambientales en El Salvador: oportunidades y riesgos para pequeños agricultores y comunidades rurales (Payment for environmental services in El Salvador: opportunities and risks for small-scale farmers and rural communities). PRISMA: San Salvador, El Salvador.

Edited Conference Proceedings

Méndez, V. E. & S.T. Lovell (2007) *Ecosystem Services Conservation and Farmer Livelihoods in a Shade Coffee Landscape of Western El Salvador*. Electronic Proceedings of the Second International Symposium on "Multi-Strata Agroforestry Systems with Perennial Crops: Making ecosystem services count for farmers, consumers and the environment." September 17 – 21, 2007. CATIE, Turrialba, Costa Rica

Rosa, H., S. Kandel, L. Dimas & **V. E. Méndez** (2003) *Payments for environmental services and rural communities: Lessons from the Americas*. Conference Paper No. 14. International Conference on Natural Assets. 8-11 January. Tagaytay City: The Phillipines. Available on-line:
<http://www.umass.edu/peri/icnapapers.html>.

Méndez, V. E. (2002) *Sombra, medios de vida rural y conservación en pequeñas fincas y cooperativas cafetaleras del occidente de El Salvador (Shade, rural livelihoods and conservation in small coffee farms and cooperatives of western El Salvador)*. pp. 63-69. In A. Monro & M. C. Peña-Chamorro (eds.) *Actas del Simposio sobre Café y Biodiversidad/Revista Protección Vegetal 12(2)*. The Natural History Museum (London)/Universidad de El Salvador: San Salvador, El Salvador.

Méndez, V. E., R. Lok & E. Somarriba (1999) *Interdisciplinary analysis of homegardens: a case study from Nicaragua*. Pp. 260-263. In F. Jimenez & J. Beer (eds.) *Proceedings of the International Symposium on Multi-strata Agroforestry Systems with Perennial Crops*. CATIE: Turrialba, Costa Rica.

Méndez, E. & R. Lok (1997) *Análisis agroecológico de huertos caseros tradicionales en* Φ 2.plins:nfrom

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (LAST 5 YEARS)* DENOTES PEER REVIEW

1. **Méndez, V.E**(2019) On-farm and livelihood diversification by smallholder coffee farmers of Chiapas, Mexico. Regional Workshop on the Application of the Tool for Agroecology Performance Evaluation (TAPE). Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). 6-8 November. Mexico City, Mexico.
2. **Méndez, V.E**(2019) Agroecology for an Ecological and Just Transformation of Agrifood Systems. International Conference 'Building Collaboration to Amplify Agroecology'. Groundswell International and Agroecology and Livelihoods Collaborative (ALC). 18 October. University of Vermont: Burlington, VT.
3. Yumbra, M. **V.E. Méndez** and R. Herrera (2019) Red Agricultores Investigadores con enfoque Investigación Acción Participativa (RAI-IAP)[Farmer research networks with a participatory action research approach]. Andes Community of Practice Meeting. Collaborative Crop Research Program (CCRP). 8-12 July. Quito, Ecuador.
4. **Méndez, V.E**(2019) What do we know about diversification? engaged research to find out what works and why. Panel Moderator. Specialty Coffee Association Expo. 11-14 April. Boston, MA.
5. **Méndez, VE**, M. Caswell, J. Anderzén, R. Hernandez-Jonapa and A. Guzmán (2019) Agroecology and Participatory Action Research with Coffee Smallholders of Chiapas, Mexico. Gund Institute for Environment Research Slam. 27 March. Burlington, VT.
6. **Méndez, VE**. (2019) Evolution of Agroecology and New Frameworks Analyze It. Collaborative Crop

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