

**Steven A. Mejia**

Washington State University

Department of Sociology

[Steven.mejia@wsu.edu](mailto:Steven.mejia@wsu.edu)

January 2024

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

---

Washington State University

Assistant Professor of Sociology

2023 - Present

San José State University

Assistant Professor of Sociology

2022 -2023

**EDUCATION**

---

University of California, Irvine

Ph.D., Sociology

2022

University of California, Los Angeles

B.A., Sociology

2016

*Regent's Scholar (awarded to top 1.5% of UCLA undergraduates)**Magna Cum Laude**Departmental Honors**College Honors***RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

---

Global and Transnational Sociology, World Society and Culture, Political-Economy, Sociology of Health and Illness, Women's Rights and Gender, Environmental Sociology, and Quantitative Methods.

**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

---

**Steven A. Mejia.** "The Effects of Debt Dependence on Economic Growth in Developing Countries, 1990-2019."  
*Social Science Research* 117:102943.

2024

- Steven A. Mejia.** "Globalization, Foreign Direct Investment, and Child Mortality in Developing Countries, 1990-2019." 2024  
*International Journal of Comparative Sociology.*
- Steven A. Mejia.** "The Effects of Economic Globalization on Fertility in Developing Countries, 1990-2018." 2024  
*Current Sociology.*
- Steven A. Mejia.** "The Effects of Liberal and Illiberal World Society on Women's Legislative Representation, 1970-2018." 2024  
*Social Science Quarterly.*
- Steven A. Mejia.** "Global Inequities in the Prevalence of Undernourishment." 2023  
*Social Science Quarterly* 104(3): 329-344.
- Steven A. Mejia.** "The Economic Growth Effects of Foreign Direct Investment In Developing Countries, 1980-2019." 2023  
*International Journal of Sociology* 53(4): 239-260.
- Steven A. Mejia.** "Explaining Global Inequities in Measles Vaccination Rates: A Cross-National Analysis, 1990-2019." 2023  
*Comparative Sociology* 22(2): 236-258.
- Steven A. Mejia.** "The Harmful Effects of Primary Sector Foreign Direct Investment on Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Developing Countries, 2000-2018." 2022  
*Social Science Quarterly* 103(6): 1475-1488.
- Steven A. Mejia.** "Democracy and Health in Developing Countries: New Cross-National Evidence, 1990-2016" 2022  
*Sociological Perspectives* 65(5): 981-1000.
- Steven A. Mejia.** "Foreign Direct Investment and the Environment: A Cross-National Analysis of Carbon Dioxide Emissions per Capita, 1980-2018" 2022  
*Sociological Forum* 37(4): 1108-1130
- Steven A. Mejia.** "Foreign Direct Investment Dependence and the Neglected Greenhouse Gas: A Cross-National Analysis of Nitrous Oxide Emissions in Developing Countries, 1990-2014," 2021  
*Sociological Perspectives* 64(2): 223-237.
- \*Top 10 Most Cited Papers in *Sociological Perspectives* from 2019-2022.
- Steven A. Mejia.** "The Climate Crisis and Export Intensity: A Comparative International Study of Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2021

in the Global South, 1990-2014,”  
*International Journal of Sociology* 51(1):1-22.

\*1<sup>st</sup> Most Cited Papers in *International Journal of Sociology* from 2019-2022.

**Steven A. Mejia.** “Does Foreign Capital Dependence Affect  
 Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Less-Developed Countries?  
 A Cross-National Analysis, 1980-2014”  
*Social Science Quarterly* 102(1):1982-1993. 2021

**Steven A. Mejia.** “Global Environmentalism and the World-System:  
 A Cross-National Analysis of Air Pollution,”  
*Sociological Perspectives* 63(2): 276-291. 2020

\*2019 Robin M. Williams Paper Award for Best Empirical Research Paper,  
 Department of Sociology, University of California Irvine

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Most Cited Paper in *Sociological Perspectives* from 2019-2022.

#### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

---

Available upon request.

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

---

Summer Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, \$1,500	2021
UC Irvine Associated Graduate Student Recovery Fellowship, \$1,000	2021
Inclusive Excellence Ambassador Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, \$5,000	2021
Associate Dean’s Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, \$6,500	2020
Inclusive Excellence Ambassador Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, \$5,000	2020
Summer Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, \$1,400	2020
Outstanding Department Service, Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine	2019
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, <i>Honorable Mention</i>	2019
Summer Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, \$1,000	2019

Associate Dean's Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, \$6,500	2018
Summer Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, \$5,000	2017
Dean's Diversity Recruitment Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, \$5,000	2016
Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, \$6,000	2016
UCLA Regent's Scholarship, University of California, Los Angeles, \$65,000	2014
Wells Fargo Scholarship, Hispanic Scholarship Federation, \$5,000	2014
Ventura College Foundation Scholarship, Ventura College, \$5,000	2014
Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF) Scholarship, VCCF, \$5,000	2014
Ventura College Opportunity Scholarship, Ventura College, \$3,000	2014

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (INSTRUCTOR)**

Course	Level	Years
Introduction to Statistics, Washington State University	U	2024
Introduction to Sociology, Washington State University	U	2023-2024
Political Sociology, San Jose State University	U	2023
Medical Sociology, San Jose State University	U	2022
Global Society, San Jose State University	U	2022-2023
Introduction to Sociology, Lake Tahoe Community College	U	2020-2022
Social Problems, Lake Tahoe Community College	U	2020-2022
Marriage and Family, Lake Tahoe Community College	U	2020-2022
Crime and Delinquency, Lake Tahoe Community College	U	2020-2022
Global Sociology, University of California, Irvine	U	2021

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

- Incarcerated Student Program Instructor, Lake Tahoe Community College 2020-2022  
*I served as an instructor of record for an Introduction to Sociology course and Marriage and Family course for the Incarcerated Student Program. This program provides college-level instruction to inmates in California's correctional facilities. Inmates are able to earn their Associate's degree for transfer in an effort to increase their likelihood of post-release employment.*
- Panel Participant 2016-2021  
"Graduate School Timeline" Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine  
*I participated in a panel to discuss a timeline for degree completion for new graduate students of color.*
- "Dissecting the Second Year Paper," Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine  
*I participated in a panel to discuss tips for completing the second-year paper requirement in the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Irvine.*
- "Diversity," Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine  
*I participated in a panel to discuss ways for new graduate students could help advance diversity and inclusion at the University of California, Irvine.*
- "Why Graduate School" Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience (DECADE), University of California, Irvine  
*DECADE is an organization at the University of California Irvine created to help foster diversity, equity, and inclusion in graduate level education. I discussed reasons to pursue graduate school to an audience of undergraduate students of color.*
- Workshop Organizer 2016-2021  
"Contemporary Issues in Sociology Workshop" Co-Organizer, Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine  
*I helped organize a workshop for graduate students of color where participants*

*presented work in progress.*

“External Funding,” DECADE, University of California, Irvine  
*I organized a workshop to help graduate students of color prepare successful applications to nationally competitive fellowships. I recruited panelists that received nationally competitive fellowships to assist the students of color that attended this workshop.*

“Publishing,” DECADE, University of California, Irvine  
*I organized a workshop to discuss tips for successfully publishing a manuscript for an audience of graduate students of color.*

#### Leadership Positions

2016-2021

DECADE Student Council Humanities and Social Science (H.A.S.S.) Co-Chair  
*The DECADE Student Council led campus wide initiatives to increase diversity, inclusion, and equity in graduate-level education at the University of California, Irvine. I led the student council as the H.A.S.S. Co-Chair.*

DECADE Competitive Edge Mentor  
*Competitive Edge is a summer pre-entry program for incoming graduate students of color. I mentored three first-generation college students who were also the first in their family to pursue a doctoral degree.*

Graduate Student Mentor, Community College to Ph.D. (CC2PHD) Program  
*CC2PHD is a program that helps prepare community college students for the graduate school application process. I mentored three community college students of color.*

Union Representative, University of California, Irvine  
*I represented the University of California, Irvine Union Chapter for the Department of Sociology. I helped lead a variety of efforts to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion at the University of California, Irvine.*

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

---

"The Worldwide Expansion of Violence Against Women Legislation: Global Linkages and Emerging Opposition, 1980-2021" by Steven A. Mejia and Wade M. Cole. Irvine Comparative Sociology Workshop.	2023
"The Worldwide Expansion of Violence Against Women Legislation: Global Linkages and Emerging Opposition, 1980-2021" by Steven A. Mejia and Wade M. Cole. Stanford Comparative Sociology Workshop.	2023
"Unpacking the Effects of Sectoral Foreign Direct Investment on Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Developing Countries: A Cross-National Analysis, 2000-2015," Department of Sociology, Washington State University	2022
"Unpacking the Effects of Sectoral Foreign Direct Investment on Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Developing Countries: A Cross-National Analysis, 2000-2015," Department of Global Studies, University of North Carolina, Charlotte	2022
"Unpacking the Effects of Sectoral Foreign Direct Investment on Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Developing Countries: A Cross-National Analysis, 2000-2015," Department of Sociology, San Jose State University	2022
"Unpacking the Effects of Sectoral Foreign Direct Investment on Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Developing Countries: A Cross-National Analysis, 2000-2015," Department of Sociology, University of Southern Indiana	2022
"Unpacking the Effects of Sectoral Foreign Direct Investment on Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Developing Countries: A Cross-National Analysis, 2000-2015," Department of Sociology, Rutgers University	2021
"Unpacking the Effects of Sectoral Foreign Direct Investment on Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Developing Countries: A Cross-National Analysis, 2000-2015," Department of Sociology, Drexel University	2021
"The Effects of Global Environmentalism and the World-System: The Case of Air Pollution," California Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2018
"Global Environmentalism, Globally Stratified Economy, and Air Pollution," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2018
"Global Environmentalism and the World-System: A Transnational Analysis of Ambient Air Pollution," Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2018

**INVITED TALKS**

---

Stony Brook University	2022
DePaul University	2022
Michigan State University	2022
Washington and Lee University	2022
Washington State University	2022
Rhode Island College	2022
California State University, Los Angeles	2022
Gannon University	2022
Catawba College	2022
California State University, San Marcos	2022
University of North Carolina, Charlotte	2022
San Jose State University	2022
Boise State University	2022
University of Southern Indiana	2022
Rutgers University	2021
Drexel University	2021

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE**

---

American Sociological Association

Ad-Hoc Reviewer for

*American Sociological Review* (1), *The Sociological Quarterly* (1), *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* (2), *Sociological Forum* (1), *Sociological Perspectives* (2), *Social*



*Science Quarterly* (1), *International Journal of Sociology* (2), *Sociological Spectrum* (1),  
*Journal of World-Systems Research* (1), *Applied Economics Journal* (1).

Roundtable Presider

2023 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

Panel Speaker

How to Read and Summarize an Article; Instructor, Erik W. Johnson, Fall 2023. 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
Proseminar, Washington State University

Student Advisor

Avijit Saha (Fall 2023-Spring 2024), Washington State University.

Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2023-Spring 2024, Washington State University.

External Awards Committee, Fall 2023-Spring 2024, Washington State University.