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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Environmental Studies-Agroecology) 2004
Department of Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC)

M.Sc. (Agroforestry) Tropical Agriculture Research & Education Center (CATIE), 1996
Turrialba, Costa Rica

B.Sc. (Crop Science) California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), San 1994
Luis Obispo, CA, U.S.A.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting Professor of Agroecology Aug 2013- Aug 2014
Postgraduate School, Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE-
<http://posgrado.catie.ac.cr/>), Turrialba, Costa Rica

Associate Professor of Agroecology & Environmental Studies Jun 2011- present
Environmental Program(www.uvm.edu/~envprog/) & Department of Plant and
Soil Science (www.uvm.edu/~pss/), University of Vermont (UVM).

Associate Professor and Acting Chair of the Plant and Soil Science Dept. Aug 2012 – May 2013
Environmental Program(www.uvm.edu/~envprog/) & Department of Plant and
Soil Science (www.uvm.edu/~pss/), University of Vermont (UVM).

Assistant Professor of Agroecology & Environmental Studies Sep 2006 – May 2011
Environmental Program(www.uvm.edu/~envprog/) & Department of Plant and
Soil Science (www.uvm.edu/~pss/), University of Vermont (UVM).

Post-doctoral Research Associate & Lecturer Sep 2005 – Aug 2006
Agroecology, Environmental Studies and Participatory Action Research (PAR)
Department of Environmental Studies & Community Agroecology Network (CAN), University
of California, Santa Cruz (www.agroecology.org & www.communityagroecology.net).

Senior Researcher (1/2 time) May 2001-Dec 2004
Agriculture, environment and rural development
Programa Salvadoreño de Investigación sobre Desarrollo
y Medio Ambiente (PRISMA) San Salvador, El Salvador (www.prisma.org.sv).

Consulting Scientist Jun 1999-Oct 2000
Inquiry-based training in ecology to elementary school teachers and students.
Life Lab Science Project, Santa Cruz, CA U.S.A. (www.lifelab.org).

Agroforestry Specialist Sep 1996 - Sep 1998
Participatory agroforestry extension and training in Central America
CATIE/GTZ Agroforestry Project, Turrialba, Costa Rica (www.catie.ac.cr).

Research Assistant Sep 1993 - Oct 1994
Crop Science Department/USDA, Cal Poly State University.

Farm Manager Jun 1992 – Jul 1993
Student Experimental Farm, Crop Science Dept., Cal Poly State University.

TEACHING AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught at the University of Vermont 2006-present
Advanced Agroecology (graduate); Coffee Ecologies and Livelihoods (undergraduate);
International Environmental Studies (undergraduate); Conservation in Agricultural Rural
Landscapes (graduate); Café (en) Tacuba: Ecologies and Livelihoods in a shade coffee
landscape of El Salvador (Study abroad course-2 weeks). For syllabus download, please go to:
<http://www.uvm.edu/~emendez/?Page=Teaching.html>

Academic Advising at the University of Vermont 2006-present
Current PhD students: **8**; Current MS students: **1**; Graduated advisees: 1 Ph.D., 3 MS.
Current Environmental Studies advisees: 40; Senior capstone advisees: 10

International Courses in Agroecology, 1999-present
USA (Santa Cruz) and Latin America (México, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Brazil)
(www.agroecology.org/shortcourse.htm)
Instructor- International training courses for professionals working in the areas of ecology,
agriculture, conservation and rural development. Coordinated courses at the University of
Vermont in [2009](#) and Costa Rica in [2002](#).

Graduate Program in Agroecology and Sustainable Rural Development, 2004- present
International University of Andalucía, University of Cordoba & University Pablo Olavide
Adjunct Professor - Annual instruction of a one week module on different aspects of
Agroecology and Rural Development as part of the Master's and Doctoral Curriculum.

Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) Aug 2013- Aug 2014
Visiting Professor of Agroecology- 3.5 day workshop on Agroecology Concepts &
Practice; 3 Guest Lectures for MS program in Agroforestry & Sustainable Agriculture.

Department of Environmental Studies Sep 2005 – Aug 2006
University of California, Santa Cruz
Lecturer- Tropical Ecology and Conservation, an upper division undergraduate course (Winter
2006)

Master's Program in Sustainable Tropical Agriculture, 2001-2004
University of El Salvador, San Salvador
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- Workshop on Participatory Research in Environment and Rural Development.
April 12. *Invited Lecturer*- Graduate Class on Globalization and Development.

Dept. of Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA U.S.A Jan 1999 – Jun 2000
Teaching Assistant - Environment and Society (Winter 1999); Integrated Pest
Management (Spring 1999); Agroecology (Fall 1999); Ethnobotany (Spring 2000).

CATIE/GTZ Agroforestry Project, Turrialba, Costa Rica 1996-1998
Teaching Assistant- Graduate course in Environmental Sociology. Coordinated the field rural
appraisal component of the course.

SELECTED CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Dec 2004 – Apr 2005
San Salvador, El Salvador
Elaboration of a review document on the socioeconomic and environmental situation and
perspectives of the coffee sector in El Salvador and Central America. Elaboration of two
project profiles for coffee regions as part of a Food Security program.

IUCN BASIM Project, El Salvador Jul-Oct 2004
Social & ecological characterization of coffee farms in “Barra de Santiago-El Imposible”
watershed. Participatory research and consultation with coffee farmers to evaluate
alternatives to avoid land use changes, in the midst of the coffee crisis.

Colorado State University-USA/DESAL, A.C.-México Mar-Sep 2002
El Salvador Case Study, Research project on the potential of fair trade coffee to alleviate
rural poverty, as part of a larger project funded by Ford Foundation.

IICA-Embrapa, Pelotas, State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil Nov – Dec 2001
Agroecological evaluation of projects on family farming. Coordination and instruction of an
“Intensive Workshop on Research in Agroecology”.

CAPACITIES AND AWARDS

Languages: Bilingually educated in English & Spanish since elementary school (reading, writing &
conversation).

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

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

FUNDING

Fellowships & Scholarships Received (Total: \$111,000)

Rainer-Arnhold Fellowship (\$17,000) Systematic design and up-scaling of 2005-2007
participatory action-research model on rural livelihoods and biodiversity conservation in
Central American coffee landscapes.

Center for Tropical Ecology, Agriculture and Development-University of California, Santa Cruz (\$1,000) Dissertation improvement fellowship. 2004

Vavilov-Frankel Fellowship, Biodiversity International (\$18,000) 2001-2002
To conduct Ph.D. dissertation research.

WWF/BMZ Mesoamerican Biological Corridor Fund Research fellowship (\$5,000) 2000
Ph.D. dissertation fellowship.

United States Graduate Studies Fellowship, Interamerican Foundation (IAF) (\$40,000) 1998-2000
For the first two years of Ph.D. studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Government of the Netherlands (\$30,000) To conduct M.S. studies at CATIE. 1995-1996

Grants Received (Career total: \$1,485,737)

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.

Méndez, V.E. (PI), C. Adair, L. Berlin, D. Conner, H. Darby, S. Hurley, C. Koliba, A. Zia (Co-PIs). UVM Food Systems Research Spire Competitive Grant (\$300,000) Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in the Lake Champlain Basin of Vermont. 2012-2015.

Méndez, V.E. (PI) Gund Institute for Ecological Economics (\$8,300) Climate Change, Ecosystem Services and Farmer Livelihoods in the Vermont Landscape: Policy, Governance and Agricultural Practice. Competitive Faculty Development Grants. 2012.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). Green Mountain Coffee Roasters (\$194,000) Confronting The Thin Months: Participatory Learning on Best Practices and Impacts of the GMCR Food Security Program. 2010-2014.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). Green Mountain Coffee Roasters (\$54,608) Sustainable Livelihoods in Coffee Growing Communities. Continuation 2011-2012.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). Pro-Poor Mitigation Theme of the Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security Challenge Program (CCAFS) (\$12,430) Climate Mitigation and Smallholder Livelihoods in Coffee Landscapes: Synergies and Tradeoffs. 2010.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). Earthwatch Institute (\$143,328) Sustainable coffee growing communities in Costa Rica. 2009-2012.

Strong, A. (PI), V.E. Méndez, S.T. Lovell, A. Troy & N Perluth (Co-PIs). USDA-NRI (\$382,161- Méndez portion approximately \$112,000) Landscape context as a framework to quantify the multifunctionality of agricultural systems in the Northeast. 2009-2012. Reviewed by a panel of anonymous peers.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). Northeastern States Research Cooperative (\$25,000) The Economic and Ecological Yields of On-Farm Treed Habitat in Vermont. 2009-2010.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). S.T. Lovell and J.D. Erickson (Co-PIs). UVM Research Opportunities Grant Program (\$45,000) Long-term agroecological change in shade coffee landscapes of Latin America: Lessons for sustainable livelihoods and conservation. 2008-2010.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). Green Mountain Coffee Roasters. (\$140,000) Sustainable Livelihoods in Coffee Growing Communities. 2008-2011.

Méndez, V.E. and S.T. Lovell (Co-PIs) USDA Hatch Funds (\$90,000) Benefits of On-farm Ecosystem Service Conservation and Assessment of Water Quality BMP's and Innovative Practices on Small- and Medium-Sized Farms in Vermont. 2008-2011.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). USDA Hatch Funds (\$10,000) Seed Research project on "Ecosystem Services and Farmer Livelihoods in the Vermont Agricultural Landscape". 2007-2008.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). USDA Hatch Funds (\$10,000) Research project on agroforestry and tree cover in the Vermont agricultural landscape. 2006-2007.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). Oxfam America (\$78,400) Research project titled Sustainable coffee from the bottom up: impacts of certification initiatives on small-scale farmer and estate worker households and communities in Central America and Mexico. 2004-2007.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). Center for Tropical Ecology Agriculture and Development (UCSC) (\$1,000) Dissertation improvement fellowship. 2004.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). Spanish International Cooperation Agency (AECI) (\$14,000) To conduct research and training on livelihoods and conservation in Tacuba, El Salvador. 2003-2004.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). Conservation, Food & Health Foundation (\$15,000) Ph.D. dissertation research with Fundación Salvadoreña para Investigaciones del Café (PROCAFE). 2001-2002.

Méndez, V.E. (PI) Alfred E. Heller Chair in Agroecology (UCSC) (\$5,000) Ph.D. dissertation field research. 2001.

Méndez, V.E. (PI). Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (UCSC) (\$3,200) Ph.D. dissertation field research and travel to conference. 2000 & 2001.

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Plant and Soil Science Department, UVM

- Graduate Affairs Committee (2007-present): Chaired in FY 2009, monthly meetings and graduate student admissions.
- Acting Department Chair (Aug 2012- May 2013)
- Faculty Search (2007-2008) Agroecology of Specialty Crops: Meetings with committee and interviews with candidates
- Seminar Committee (2007-2008): Scheduled and invited speakers for PSS weekly seminar.
- Tabling for PSS dissemination at the UVM Harvest Festival 2010.

Environmental Program, UVM

- Faculty Search (2011-2012) Political Ecology position, joint between ENVS and Geography.
- Faculty Search (2008-2009) Ecosystems Ecology position, joint between ENVS and Plant Biology: Meetings with committee.
- Senior thesis options and curriculum committee (2007-2008): meetings and presentations of progress to ENVS faculty.

University of Vermont

- President's Advisory Council (2012-present)
- Envisioning Environment Working Group Member (2012-present)
- UVM Food Systems Research Spire of Excellence, Steering Committee (2010- present)

- Fellow, Gund Institute for Ecological Economics (2007-present).
- Fellow, Center for Sustainable Agriculture (2011- present).
- Steering committee member of the Community Participatory Action Research Network (2008-present) Bi-monthly meetings, presentations, and bi-weekly email and phone communications.
- Faculty Search (2010-2011) Rural geography position for the UVM Geography Department.

Peer Review

- Editorial Board Member: Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (formerly Journal of Sustainable Agriculture, 2010- present).
- Ad-hoc Peer Reviewer: Agriculture Ecosystems and Environment, GeoForum, Journal of Ethnobiology, Agroforestry Systems, World Development, Land Degradation and Development, Journal of Environment and Development, Agriculture and Human Values, Ecosistemas (Spain), Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems
- Agroecology book proposal for Blackwell Scientific Publishers (2010).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Board Member, Community Agroecology Network (CAN), Santa Cruz California (<http://www.canunite.org/>)
- Board Member, Food for Farmers, Burlington, Vermont (<http://food4farmers.org/>)
- Trustee, Conservation and Research Foundation, Burlington, Vermont (<http://conservationresearch.wordpress.com/>)
- Board Member, Advising and Interdisciplinary Research for Conservation and Development (ASINDEC), San Salvador, El Salvador (<http://www.uvm.edu/~agroecol/?Page=Asindec.html&SM=Organizations.html>)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Ecological Society of America (ESA); Sociedad Científica Latinoamericana de Agroecología (SOCLA); Association of American Geographers (AAG); Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS).

PUBLICATIONS

Most of these can be accessed at <http://www.uvm.edu/~agroecol/?Page=Publications.html> ⁺=Graduate student advisee;

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

IF=Impact Factor, if available, from the Thompson Reuters' Journal Citation Reports latest year; **R**=Rank, if available, from Thompson Reuters' Journal Citation Reports latest year; **TC**=Times Cited from Google Scholar Citations

In preparation, submitted or in review

1. Läderach, P., **V.E. Méndez**, M. Baca, M. Caswell, T. Liebig, S. Castro-Tanzi, C. Popkin and R. Peyser (submitted) *Revisiting the thin-months – A longitudinal livelihood study of Mesoamerican coffee farmers*. Food Policy.
2. Castro-Tanzi, S., N. Ureña-Retana, J. Pontius, **V.E. Méndez** & M. Chandler (submitted) *Carbon stocks in vegetation and soils across three land use classes in a tropical coffee growing landscape*. Ecosystems.
3. Fernandez, M., **V.E. Méndez** & C. Bacon (in review) *Seasonal hunger in coffee communities: integrated analysis of livelihoods, agroecology, and food sovereignty with smallholders of Mexico and Nicaragua*. Globalizations.
4. Goodall, K.E., C.M. Bacon & **V.E. Méndez** (in review) *Shade tree diversity, carbon sequestration, and epiphyte presence in coffee agroecosystems: a decade of cooperative management among smallholders in San Ramón, Nicaragua*. Agriculture, Ecosystems and Environment.
5. **Méndez, V.E.**, C.M. Bacon and R. Cohen (in review) *Introduction: Agroecology as a transdisciplinary, participatory and action-oriented approach*. In **Méndez, V.E.**, C.M. Bacon, R. Cohen and S.R. Gliessman (Eds)

(forthcoming 2014) *Agroecology: a transdisciplinary, participatory and action-oriented approach*. Invited book for the Advances in Agroecology Series. CRC Press/Taylor & Francis.

6. Morse, C., **V.E. Méndez**, A. Strong, W.B. Morris, F. Sutti, A. Troy & S.T. Lovell (in review) *Performing a New England Landscape: Identity, Work, and Rural Place-making*. Journal of Rural Studies
7. DeSantis, S.⁺, S.T. Lovell, **V.E. Méndez**, and W.B. Morris⁺ (in review) *Effects of landscape, biophysical, and management factors on plant diversity in treed habitats on vegetable farms in the Champlain Valley of Vermont*. Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems (IF: 0.744; R: 24 of 57 in Agriculture, Multidisciplinary).

Accepted, in press or published

1. Gross, L.H.⁺, J.D. Erickson & **V.E. Méndez** (accepted) *Supporting rural livelihoods and ecosystem services conservation in the Pico Duarte coffee region of the Dominican Republic*. Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems (IF: 0.744; R: 24 of 57 in Agriculture, Multidisciplinary).
2. Alvez, J.P.⁺, J.D. Erickson, A. Schmitt, J. Farley & **V.E. Méndez** (2014) *Transition from semi-confinement to pasture-based dairy in Brazil: Farmers' view of economic and environmental performances*. Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems (IF: 0.744; R: 24 of 57 in Agriculture, Multidisciplinary).
3. Becot, F., D. Conner, J. Kolodinsky and **V.E. Méndez** (2014) *Measuring the cost of production and pricing on small diversified farms: juggling decisions amidst uncertainties*. Journal of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.
4. Bacon, C., W.A. Sundstrom, M.A. Flores-Gomez, **V.E. Méndez**, R. Santos, B. Goldoftas, I. Dougherty (2014) *The 'Hungry Farmer Paradox': Smallholders and Fair Trade Cooperatives Navigate Seasonality and Change in Nicaragua's Corn and Coffee Markets*. Global Environmental Change (IF: 5.236; R: 8 of 209 in Environmental Sciences)
5. Jha, S., C.M. Bacon, S. Philpott, **V.E. Méndez**, R. Rice, and P. Läderach (2014) *Shade Coffee: update on a disappearing refuge for biodiversity*. Bioscience 64 (5):416-428 (IF: 4.739; R: 10 of 83 in Biology)
6. Richards, M.B.⁺ & **V.E. Méndez** (2014) *Interactions between carbon sequestration and shade tree species diversity in a smallholder coffee cooperative of El Salvador*. Conservation Biology 28 (2): 489-497 (IF: 4.692; R: 15 of 205 in Environmental Sciences).
7. **Méndez, V.E.**, C.M. Bacon & R. Cohen (2013) *La agroecología como un enfoque transdisciplinar, participativo y orientado a la acción*. Agroecología (Spain) 8(2):9-18. Translated version of the article previously published in Agroecology and Food Systems 37(1):3-18.
8. Chappell M.J., H. Wittman, C.M. Bacon, B.G. Ferguson, L. García-Barrios, R. García-Barrios, D. Jaffee, J. Lima, **V.E. Méndez**, H. Morales, L. Soto-Pinto, J. Vandermeer & I. Perfecto (2013) Food sovereignty: an alternative paradigm for poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation in Latin America [v1; ref status: indexed, <http://f1000r.es/23s>] F1000Research 2013, 2:235.
9. 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).
10. 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).
11. **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
12. 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).
13. Morris, K. S.⁺, **V. E. Méndez** & M. B. Olson⁺ (2013) *'Los meses flacos': seasonal food insecurity in a Salvadoran organic coffee farming cooperative*. Journal of Peasant Studies: 40(2): 457-480 (IF: 2.548; R: 8 of 79 in Anthropology).

14. **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).
15. 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).
16. 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. Linares, S.G. Letcher, S. Mangan, J.A. Meave, **V. E. Méndez**, et. Al. (2012) *The Tree Biodiversity Network (BIOTREE-NET): prospects for biodiversity research and conservation in the Neotropics*. *Biodiversity and Ecology (Germany)* 4: 211-224. Available online: http://www.biodiversity-plants.de/biodivers_ecol/vol4.php
17. 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. Linares, S.G. Letcher, S. Mangan, J.A. Meave, **V. E. Méndez**, et al. (2012) *La Red Internacional de Inventarios Forestales (BIOTREE-NET) en Mesoamérica: avances, retos y perspectivas futuras (The Tree Biodiversity Network (BIOTREE-NET) in Mesoamerica: progress, challenges and future perspectives)*. *Ecosistemas (Spain)* 21(1-2):126-135.
18. Olson, M.B.+ , K.S. Morris+ & **V.E. Méndez** (2012) *Cultivation of maize landraces by small-scale shade coffee farmers in western El Salvador*. *Agricultural Systems* 111: 63-74 (IF: 2.899; R: 2 of 57 in Agriculture, Multidisciplinary).
19. Erickson, D.⁺, S.T. Lovell and **V.E. Méndez** (2011) *Landowner willingness to embed production agriculture and other land use options in residential areas of Chittenden county, VT, USA*. *Landscape and Urban Planning* 103(2):174-184 (IF: 2.004; R: 15 of 77 in Environmental Studies; TC:1).
20. Lovell S.T., **V.E. Méndez**, D.L. Erickson, C. Nathan and S. DeSantis (2010) *Extent, pattern, and multifunctionality of agroforestry systems in Vermont, USA*. *Agroforestry Systems* 80(2):153-171 (IF: 1.378; R: 31 of 79 in Agronomy; TC: 1).
21. **Méndez, V. E.**, C.M. Bacon, M. Olson, S. Petchers, D. Herrador, C. Carranza, L. Trujillo, C. Guadarrama-Zugasti, A. Cordón & A. Mendoza (2010) *Effects of Fair Trade and organic certifications on small-scale farmer 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).
22. **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).
23. 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).
24. **Méndez, V.E.**, E.N. Shapiro, and G.S. Gilbert (2009) *Cooperative management and its effects on shade tree diversity, soil properties and ecosystem services of coffee plantations in western El Salvador*. Selected for a Special Issue on Agroforestry for Ecosystem Services and Environmental Benefits. *Agroforestry Systems* 76 (1):111-126 (IF: 1.378; R: 31 of 79 in Agronomy; TC: 11).

25. Bacon, C.M., **V.E. Méndez**, M.E. Flores, D. Stuart & S.R. Díaz (2008) *Are sustainable coffee certifications enough to secure farmer livelihoods? the millenium development goals and Nicaragua's Fair Trade cooperatives*. *Globalizations* 5 (2): 259-274 (IF: 0.468; R: 56 of 89 in Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary; TC: 42).
26. **Méndez, V. E.**, S.R. Gliessman, and G.S. Gilbert (2007) *Tree biodiversity in farmer cooperatives of a shade coffee landscape in western El Salvador*. *Agriculture, Ecosystems and Environment* 119(1-2):145-159 (IF: 3.004; R: 1 of 57 in Agriculture, Multidisciplinary; TC: 35).
27. Gliessman, S. R., F. Rosado-May, C. Guadarrama-Zugasti, J. Jedlicka, A. Cohn, **V. E. Méndez**, R. Cohen, L. Trujillo, C. Bacon & R. Jaffe (2007) *Agroecología: promoviendo una transición hacia la sostenibilidad (Agroecology: promoting a transition towards sustainability)*. *Ecosistemas (Spain)* 16(1): 13-28 (TC:18).
28. **Méndez, V.E.** & S.R. Gliessman (2002) *Un enfoque interdisciplinario para la investigación en agroecología y desarrollo rural en el trópico Latinoamericano (An interdisciplinary approach for research in agroecology and rural development in the Latin American tropics)*. *Manejo Integrado de Plagas y Agroecología (Costa Rica)* 64: 5-16 (TC: 30).
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3. Fernandez, M., **V.E. Méndez** & C. Bacon (2013) Seasonal hunger in coffee communities: Integrated analysis of livelihoods, agroecology, and food sovereignty with smallholders of Mexico and Nicaragua. Food Sovereignty: A Critical Dialogue Conference. Yale University Agrarian Studies Program. September 14-15.
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