

# Meghan Katherine Mordy

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## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

Candidate, Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology (expected 2014)  
Colorado State University

**Dissertation Title:** *“Poverty, Middle School Dropout, and High School Graduation in El Salvador”*

**Committee:** Dr. Lori Peek (chair); Dr. Lynn Hempel, Dr. Douglas Murray, and Dr. Pamela Coke (committee members)

**Qualifying Exams:** Social Change (with honors), Sociological Theory (with honors), Sociological Methods (strong pass)

2006 Master in Public Administration (MPA)

University of Washington, Evans School of Public Affairs

**Area of Specialization:** Peace Corps Master’s International: International Development and Nongovernmental Organizations in the Developing World

**Degree Project:** *“Small Dairy Farmers of Eastern El Salvador: Opportunities and Challenges for Pro-Poor Agricultural Growth”*

2002 Bachelor of Arts in Politics and English and American Literature

New York University *cum laude*

## Areas of Specialization

Children and Youth

Education

International Development

Qualitative Methods

Race and Ethnicity

Gender

Latin American Studies

Policy Studies

## Professional Experience

2013- Research Assistant, Center for Disaster and Risk Analysis, Colorado State University

2011- Graduate Instructor, Colorado State University

2008-11 Research Assistant, Center for Fair and Alternative Trade, Colorado State University

## Publications

### *Book Reviews*

2011 **Mordy, Meghan.** Review of *Class Dynamics of Agrarian Change*, by Henry Bernstein. *Rural Sociology* 76(4): 592-595.

### ***Teaching Materials***

- 2013 **Mordy, Meghan**, Emily Doerr, and Lori Peek. "Instructor's Manual Supplement for Chapter 7: Age." In *Social Vulnerability to Disasters, 2nd ed.*, edited by D. S. K. Thomas, B. D. Phillips, W. E. Lovekamp, and A. Fothergill. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press.
- 2012 Ciscell, Galen, Lori Peek, and **Meghan Mordy**. "Teaching Race and Ethnicity: An Annotated Bibliography." Fort Collins: The Institute for Learning and Teaching, Colorado State University.

### ***Reports***

- 2011 Loomis, Jennifer, Douglas Murray, and **Meghan Mordy**. "Is There an 'Organic Solution' for Small Farmers in Latin America?: A Case Study of a Peruvian Organic Marketplace." Prepared for the Centro Internacional de la Papa (CIP) and the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), March 2011.

### ***Manuscripts under Review***

Ciscell, Galen, Lori Peek, and **Meghan Mordy**. "Teaching Race and Ethnicity: An Annotated Bibliography." Revise and resubmit at *Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology (TRAILS)*.

### **Conference Papers & Presentations**

#### ***Select Papers Presented at Professional Meetings***

- 2013 **Mordy, Meghan**. "Why do rural youth leave school in El Salvador?: How school contexts shape educational outcomes in rural communities in the Global South." Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York, NY, August 6-9.
- 2013 **Mordy, Meghan**. "How School Contexts Contribute to the Dropout Problem in the El Salvador." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 27-30.

#### ***Select Posters Presented at Professional Meetings***

- 2013 **Mordy, Meghan**. "Staying in school in El Salvador: Challenges faced by poor urban and rural adolescents." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, August 10-13.
- 2013 **Mordy, Meghan**. "What Pushes Poor Youth Out of School in El Salvador?: How Schools Contribute to Dropout in the Global South." Sociology of Education Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, Pacific Grove, CA, February 22-24.

### **Grants, Fellowships, & Scholarships**

#### ***External Funding***

- 2013 National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Sociology Program (\$11,989)
- 2013 ASA Student Forum Travel Award (\$225)
- 2013 AKD Student Travel Assistance Award (\$400)

- 2012 Midwest Sociological Society Endowment Committee Research Grant (\$1,500)  
2011 Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Research Award (\$3,000)

### ***Internal Funding***

- 2010 Harriet Patsy Boyer Women's Studies Scholar, Colorado State University (\$3,000)  
2010 Sociology Alumni Graduate Scholarship, Colorado State University (\$1,000)  
2008 Entering Graduate Student Scholarship, Colorado State University (\$750)  
2003 William Shelton Peace Corps Fellowship, University of Washington (\$5,000)

### **Honors & Awards**

- 2012 Honors Pass, Comprehensive Examination in Social Change, Department of Sociology, Colorado State University  
2011 Honors Pass, Comprehensive Examination in Sociological Theory, Department of Sociology, Colorado State University  
2009 International Presidential Fellow, Colorado State University

### **Research Experience**

- 2013- **Research Assistant**, Center for Disaster and Risk Analysis, Colorado State University, Co-Directors: Lori Peek and Sammy Zahran.
- Qualitative data analysis using Atlas.ti; draft and edit articles for scholarly journals and draft funding proposals. Edited, searched for bibliographic references, and wrote endnotes for book: *Children of Katrina* by Alice Fothergill and Lori Peek.
- 2011- **Principal Investigator**, Dissertation Fieldwork: "Poverty, Middle School Dropout, and High School Graduation in El Salvador"
- Ethnography and interview-based study in Santa Tecla and Cacaopera, El Salvador. The field investigation includes 200 days of participant observation in two urban and one rural school, 36 focus groups with 160 students, and in-depth interviews with 50 dropouts, 50 at-risk students, 50 high school graduates, and 20 teachers.
- 2008-11 **Research Assistant**, Center for Fair and Alternative Trade, Colorado State University, Co-Directors: Douglas Murray and Laura Reynolds.
- Analyzed survey data and prepared statistical reports; prepared professional reports to grants administrators; trained and supervised intern; managed administrative tasks, annual reporting, prospective donor research, and website ([www.cfat.colostate.edu](http://www.cfat.colostate.edu)).
- 2005-07 **Principal Investigator**, Degree Project for Master in Public Administration: "Small Dairy Farmers of Eastern El Salvador: Opportunities and Challenges for Pro-Poor Agricultural Growth," Advisor: Diana Fletschner.
- Program evaluation and policy analysis of agricultural assistance programs for small and subsistence dairy farmers in Eastern El Salvador. Research activities included: participant observation in meetings and on dairy farms; economic analysis of expenses, assets, and income on five family dairy farms; interviews with farmers, organizational leaders, and vendors; document review; report and

presentation of program evaluation and policy analysis to Ministry of Agriculture, and development of strategic plan with local cooperative.

### **Teaching Experience**

Contemporary Race and Ethnic Relations, Sociology, CSU (Summer 2011)

### **Professional Affiliations**

#### ***Membership in Professional Associations***

American Sociological Association (ASA)

*ASA Section Memberships:* Sociology of Education, Sociology of Children and Youth, Sociology of Development, Sociological Practice and Public Sociology

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Comparative International Education Society (CIES)

Rural Sociological Society (RSS)

Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)

Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society (AKD)

### **Editorial Positions**

2013- Assistant Field Reports Editor, *Children, Youth and Environments*

### **Manuscript Reviewer**

Journal of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Excellence

### **Service**

#### ***Departmental***

2009-10 Ph.D. Student Representative, Department Council, Department of Sociology, CSU

#### ***External***

2011-14 Newsletter Co-Editor, ASA Section on Children and Youth

#### ***International***

2007-08 Volunteer, Organizational Capacity Building, Cooperativa de Ganaderos (Dairy Farmers' Cooperative), El Salvador (final service component of Master in Public Administration Degree Project)

2004-06 Volunteer, Municipal Development, United States Peace Corps, El Salvador

### **Select Activities at Professional Conferences**

2013 Presider, "ASA Family Section Roundtable: Parenting Practices." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 9-13, New York, NY.

### **Graduate Certificates**

Women's Studies, Colorado State University

International Political Economy, Colorado State University

**Languages**

Spanish, Fluent