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Academic Positions

University of Washington, Seattle

Assistant Professor (Joint Appointment) Law, Societies, and Justice Program; and Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies	2015-Present
Core Faculty Disability Studies Program	2015-Present
Adjunct Professor School of Law	2016-Present
Department of Sociology	2016-Present

University of California, San Diego

Instructor Department of Sociology	2014-2015
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Education

University of California, San Diego

PhD in Sociology	2014
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University of Massachusetts, Amherst

MA in Political Science	2007
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Harvard University

MTS (Masters of Theological Studies) in Ethics	2002
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Loyola University, New Orleans

BA in English, <i>cum laude</i>	1998
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Book

Meyers, S. (2019) *Civilizing Disability Society: The UN Disability Convention and Grassroots Disabled Persons Organizations*. Cambridge University Press, Disability Law & Policy Series.

UN Reports

Meyers, S. & M. McCloskey (2018). *Young Persons with Disabilities: Global Study on Ending Gender-based Violence and Realizing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights*. New York: UN Population Fund. <https://www.unfpa.org/publications/young-persons-disabilities>

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Niewohner, J., S. Pierson, and S. Meyers. (In Press). “‘Leave no one behind’? The exclusion of persons with disabilities by development NGOs.” *Disability & Society*.
- Pineda, V.; S. Meyers; and J. P. Cruz. (2017). “The Inclusion Imperative: Forging an Inclusive New Urban Agenda.” *Journal of Public Space*. 2(4): 1-20.
- Meyers, S. (2016). “NGO-ization and Human Rights Law: The CRPD’s Civil Society Mandate.” *Laws: Special Edition on Disability Human Rights Law*. 5(2).
- Meyers, S. (2014). “The Social Model under the Shadow of the Revolution: Ex-combatants negotiating disability identity in Nicaragua.” *Qualitative Sociology*. 37(4): 403-424.
- Meyers, S. (2014). “Global Civil Society as Megaphone or Echo Chamber?: Formalizing voice in the international disability rights movement.” *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*. 27(4): 459-476.
- Meyers, S. and E. Lockwood. (2014). “A Tale of Two Civil Societies: Expectations regarding public resources and disabled persons organizations in Nicaragua and Uruguay.” *Disability Studies Quarterly*. 34(4).
- Meyers, S. (2014). “Disabled persons associations at the crossroads of two organizational environments: Grassroots groups as part of an international movement and a local civil society.” *Research in Social Science and Disability: Environmental Contexts and Disability*. 8: 3-31.* **
- * Notable Publication Award, American Sociological Association Disability and Society Section, (2015).
- **Outstanding Author Contribution Award, Emerald Publishing Group, (2015).
- Meyers, S., V. Karr, and V. Pineda. (2014). “Youth with Disabilities in Law and Civil Society: Exclusion and inclusion in public policy and NGO networks in Cambodia and Indonesia.” *Disability and the Global South Journal*. 1(1): 5-28.
- Meyers, S. (2013) “Wounded Warriors or One of the Crowd?: Civil War, Citizenship, and Disability in Nicaragua.” *Peace Studies Journal*. 6(4): 22-36.

Book Chapters

- Meyers, S. (2018). “Misrecognizing Persons with Disabilities in the Global South: The need for a comparative disability studies framework.” In *Manifestos for the Future of Critical Disability Studies*. M. Kent and K. Ellis (Eds). Ashgate.
- Meyers, S. (2014) “The Past Dividing the Present: Nicaragua’s Legacy of War Shaping Disability Rights Today.” D. Mitchell and V. Karr (Ed.s) *Crisis, Conflict, and Disability: Ensuring Equality*. (Routledge). Pp. 195-201.
- Karr, V.L., Meyers, S. (2013). “Acceptance or acceptability: Youth inclusion in today’s schools.” In Azzopardi, A. (Ed.) *Youth: Responding to lives - An international handbook*. (Sense Publishers): 123-136.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

- Pineda, V.; S. Meyers; J. Cruz; G. Komiyenko; and M. Martinez. (2016) “The Inclusion Imperative.” In *Family Capital & the SDGs: Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals*. S. Roylance (Editor). World Congress of Families. Pp. 189-195.
- Karr, V.L., S. Meyers (2013). “Reactions to the Rights-Based Approach: Contextualizing the CRPD in Cambodia.” *Journal of Disability and International Development*. 6(2): 22-29.
- Meyers, S. (2012). “The Road to Wigan Pier Runs Through Nicaragua.” *Mobilizing Ideas*. (published 8/13/2012). (<http://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com/2012/08/13/the-road-to-wigan-pier-runs-through-nicaragua/>)

Pineda, V., Karr, C. Ali, S. Meyers. (2011). *Ensuring rights in development: Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities with select case studies from the MENA region*. (Open Hands Initiative).

Meyers, S. (2004) "Missed Opportunities: The Need for Landmine Survivors Rehabilitation in Rural Areas" *The Journal of Mine Action*. 8(2): 37-45.

New Book Projects

Edited volume:

Meyers, S., M. McCloskey, and G. Petri. Editors. (Prospectus under review). *Hierarchies of Disability Human Rights*. New York: Routledge Press. Interdisciplinary Disability Studies Book Series.

Monograph:

Meyers, S & S. Huang. (Prospectus under review). *What is Global Disability Studies?* Los Angeles: University of California Press.

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, University of Washington

JSIS346: Disability in Global & Comparative Perspectives	2017-2018
LSJ438: Human Rights & International Development	2016
LSJ366: Comparative Law and Legal Cultures	2016-2018
JSIS599: Law, Rights, and Governance	2016-2017

Instructor, University of California, San Diego

SOC147: Organizations, Society, and Social Justice	2015
SOC20: Social Change in the Modern World	2013-2014
SOC180: Social Movements and Social Protest	2014

Instructor, Korea Development Institute, School of Public Policy

LPM1: Language in Public Policy and Management	(Winters) 2011-2015
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Instructor, Academic Connections, UCSD Extension School

Social Problems and Civic Engagement	(Summers) 2008-2009
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Professional Experience

UN Population Fund/International Solutions Group (New York, NY)

Technical Advisor 2016-2017

- Global Study on Youth and Disability: Ensuring social inclusion and gender equality to address discrimination and gender-based violence
 - Collection and analysis of laws, policies, and practices affecting adolescents and youth with disabilities in seventeen countries.
 - Development of research instruments to gather good practices in the protection inclusive sexual and reproductive health and rights and prevention of gender-based violence of adolescents and youth with disabilities.
 - Co-author of global report on youth and disability.

World Enabled/Victor Pineda Foundation (Berkeley, CA)

Senior Associate 2009-2014

- Project development focused on capacity building for civil society organizations engaging young persons with disabilities and policy and implementation consulting.
- Dubai “A City for All” disability strategy development and benchmarking analysis for the Socioeconomic Development Department of the General Secretariat of the Executive Council of Dubai (UAE funded).
- Youth Empowerment Study (Australian Agency for International Development funded) analysis of civil and social inclusion of youth with disabilities in Cambodia and Indonesia.

International Labour Organization (Geneva, Switzerland)

External Collaborator (Consultant), Disability Team, Employment Sector 2011-2013

- Writer and developer of a CD/internet-based disability training course on disability inclusion for ILO Skills staff.
- Case study writer and researcher on employment options for youth with disabilities.
- Grant writer and researcher for the ILO Global Business and Disability Network.

Disability Team Intern, Employment Sector (6 months) 2011

- Research and development of new tools and documents related to the ILO disability inclusion initiative and maintenance of online knowledge sharing platform.
- Wrote case studies, policy briefs, and news notes on issues concerning disability and vocational training, chronic disease, and the business case for hiring persons with disabilities for the ILO Global Business and Disability Network and ILO Disability Inclusion Initiative.

Polus Center for Social and Economic Development (Worcester, MA)

Director of International Programs 2003-2007

- Project manager of major grants from the US Agency for International Development Leahy War Victims Fund, US Department of State Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement, Organization of American States, InterAmerican Foundation, and private foundations supporting two prosthetic outreach centers, a wheelchair manufacturer, micro-credit, and leadership development for grassroots disability organizations.
- Direct supervisor of a team of project coordinators and interns in the US office and central liaison with international personnel, consultants, and partner organizations at project sites in Nicaragua, Honduras, Ethiopia, and Zambia.

International Programs Coordinator 2002-2003

- Grant proposal writer and researcher for community-based rehabilitation services for Nicaraguan and Honduran landmine survivors.

Japanese Exchange and Teaching (Nango-mura, Aomori-ken)

Assistant Language Teacher 1999-2000

- Taught or co-taught English courses on a rotating basis in two middle schools, four elementary schools, and a community center in rural Japan.

Boys Hope (New Orleans, LA)

Residential Counselor 1996-1999

- Fulltime, live-in tutor, supervisor, and primary caregiver of eight at-risk youth in an academically-oriented small group home.

Presentations

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, New Orleans. (June 4, 2016). Disability Section Panel. “Identifying Human Rights: The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Grassroots Groups in Nicaragua, and the Diversity of Legal Consciousness.”

University of Washington Disability Studies Symposium, Seattle. (May 1, 2016). Law, Discrimination & Combating Social Stigma Workshop. “The Politics of Care in Prison.”

University of Massachusetts, Boston, Building Inclusive Communities Conference (2015). “Inclusive development, social movements, and persistent inequalities in Ecuador.”

University of Washington, Seattle. *CLASS Workshare*. (October 16, 2015). “Identifying Human Rights: The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Grassroots Groups in Nicaragua, and the Diversity of Legal Consciousness.”

University of Dayton, The Social Practice of Human Rights Conference. (2013). Listening to Voices and Testimony Session. “Vertical Voices: Rationalizing Transnational Discourse.”

American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York. (2013). Microsociologies Regular Session. “Passing and Slumming in the International Disability Rights Movement: Disabled ex-combatants negotiating disability identity in Nicaragua.”

Society for Disability Studies, Orlando. (2013). Global Disability Research session with Valerie Karr. “The Importance of Expanding Inclusive Networks for Youth with Disabilities: A Cambodian Case Study.”

UCSD Sociology Department Colloquium, La Jolla. (2013). “The Problem of Pretty Little Programs: Disability Consciousness and Control.”

Young Scholars in the Study of Social Movements Annual Mini-Conference, University of Notre Dame (2012). “Changing Organizations: Disability Rights in Nicaragua.”

UC Human Rights Conference, Berkeley. (2010) “Between Events: Disability Associations and the CRPD in Nicaragua.”

UCSD Annual Human Rights Conference, La Jolla. (2010) “From Paradigms to Practices: The Right to Inclusive Education in Nicaragua.”

UCSC Asia Pacific Americas Research Consortium Annual Conference, Santa Cruz. (2010) “The UN Disability Convention institutionalized in local practice,”

UCSD Sociology Department Comparative-Historical Workshop, La Jolla. (2010) “Global Rights, Local Practice: Interpreting the Right to Inclusive Education in Nicaragua.”

Awards and Fellowships

Harlan Hahn Research Award, Disability Studies Program, University of Washington, Seattle, (2016).

Notable Publication Award, American Sociological Association Disability and Society Section, (2015).

Outstanding Author Contribution Award, Emerald Literati Network, Emerald Publishing Group, (2015).

Dissertation Completion Grant, Department of Sociology, UCSD, (2013).

Advanced Research Support Grant, Graduate Program Committee, UCSD, (2012).

Young Scholar in the Study of Social Movements, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame, (2012).

University of California Human Rights Fellowship, UC, Berkeley Law School, (2010).

Summer Doctoral Institute in Institutions and Development Fellowship, Center for International Business Education and Research, George Washington University, (2010).

New Teaching Assistant of the Year: Making of the Modern World Writing Program, Eleanor Roosevelt College, UCSD, (2009).

Tinker Pre-Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, UCSD, (2009 and 2010).

Research Travel Grant, Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies, UCSD, (2010).

Academic Service

Member, PhD Program Committee, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington. (2016-Present)

Member of Executive Board, Center for Global Studies, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington. (2015-Present)

Reviewer. *American Sociological Review; Theory & Society; Mobilization; Asian Social Science: Journal of Poverty Alleviation and International Development.*

Contributing Editor. *Mobilizing Ideas* (opinion and discussion blog of the journal *Mobilization*) (2012-2013).

Student Coordinator. Culture Conference, Department of Sociology, UCSD. (2010).

Student Representative. Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology, UCSD. (2009-2010).

Community Service

Board Member, Peace Trees Vietnam (Landmine removal and land rehabilitation NGO), Seattle, WA. (2016-Present)

Professional Memberships and Associations

American Sociological Association (2007-Present)

Law and Society Association (2015-Present)

Society for Disability Studies (2013-Present)

International Studies Association (2014- Present)