

## **Marisa Sarah Meno**

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA**

PhD Sociology, August 2026 (expected)

Graduate Research Associate, Broom Center for Demography

Dissertation Title: “Legacies of European Colonialism: Migrants’ Sense of Belonging and Socioeconomic Outcomes in a Comparative Perspective”

Committee: Maria Charles (co-chair), Jean Beaman (co-chair), Edward E. Telles, and Elizabeth Ackert

#### **University of California, Santa Barbara**

M.A. Sociology, November 2020

Thesis Title: “Skin Color, Race, and Nation in Latin America”

Committee: Edward E. Telles (chair), Maria Charles, and G. Reginald Daniel

#### **San Diego State University**

B.A. Social Science with a specialization in Sociology, May 2017

*Summa Cum Laude* and Phi Kappa Phi

#### **Southwestern Community College**

A.A. Liberal Arts: Emphasis in Social and Behavioral Science, December 2014 with honors

**RESEARCH AREAS:** Race and ethnicity, migration, national identity, quantitative methods, colonialism

### **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- 2025. “Ethnoracial Identity, Skin Color, and National Pride in Latin America.”  
*International Journal of Comparative Sociology*.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

- “Migrant-Native Gaps in National Belonging” (under review at *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*)
- “Ethnoracial-(Im)Migrant Matrix of Belonging: The Case of Punishment,” (with Yader R. Lanuza, Marisa Omori and Nick Peterson)

## BOOK REVIEWS

- 2021. *Migrants' Attitudes and the Welfare State: The Danish Melting Pot*, by Karen Nielsen Breidahl, Troels Fage Hedegaard, Kristian Kongshøj and Christian Albrekt Larsen. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 7(3): 450-453.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

2024

- John Mohr Best Graduate Student Paper Award, University of California, Santa Barbara, Nominee.

2018

- Doctoral Scholar Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

- Research Assistant to Dr. Hannah Wohl (qualitative methods), October 2019 to December 2019; *Bound by Creativity: How Contemporary Art is Created and Judged*

### San Diego State University, January 2017 to May 2017

- Conducted archival research on the women's movement in California from the 1960s to 1970s for Professor Doreen Mattingly at San Diego State University
- Researched specifically on California sterilization legislation during the 1960s and 1970s
- Utilized both primary and secondary sources

### Nile Sisters Development Initiative, San Diego, CA - March 2016 to December 2016

#### *Bread and Roses Research Fellow*

- Conducted research assessing immigrant and refugee women's perceptions of feminism and women's roles in society
- Organized and coordinated workshops for data collection
- Conducted interviews with community leaders for data collection

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2024:

- Meno, Marisa. "Legacies of European Colonialism: Migrants' Sense of Belonging and Socioeconomic Outcomes in a Comparative Perspective." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting | Montreal, Canada. Presenter.

2022:

- Meno, Marisa. "Ethnoracial Identity, Skin Color, and National Pride in Latin America." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting | Los Angeles, CA. Presenter.

2020:

- Meno, Marisa. “Skin Color, Race, and Nation in Latin America.” University of California, UCPop Mini-Conference on Race and Inequality. Presenter.

2017:

- Meno, Marisa, Kelly Liang, Justin Javier, Justin Villasenor, Arnelle Sambile, Brie Hornig, Jermaine Rocacorba, Nancy Nguyen, and Jasmine Belleza. “Asian Pacific Islander College Experience.” San Diego State University, (API)Phany Workshop Series. Co-presenter.
- Meno, Marisa. “Immigrant and Refugee Panel Discussion.” San Diego State University, Women’s Resource Center Event. Panel Moderator.
- Meno, Marisa. “Exploring Immigrant and Refugee Women’s Perceptions of Feminism, Women’s Roles in Society, and Gender-Based Obstacles.” San Diego State University, 2017 San Diego State University Student Research Symposium. Presenter.
- Meno, Marisa, and Victoria Carrillo. “Addressing Bias and Ethnocentrism in Academic Writing.” MiraCosta College, 2017 Southern California Writing Center Association Tutor Conference. Co-presenter.

2016:

- Meno, Marisa. “Community Stories: Conversations About Feminism and Women’s Issues in Our Refugee Community.” San Diego Women’s Museum, San Diego Women’s Museums Community Stories Series. Presenter.

## **TEACHING**

### **University of California, Santa Barbara**

#### *Teaching Assistant*

- Cultural Analysis (Fall 2019, Winter 2022, Fall 2025)
- Cultural Theory (Winter 2020, Spring 2022)
- Chicana/x and Mexican Women in Contemporary Society (Spring 2020, Summer 2020)
- Experimental Methods (Spring 2026)
- Logics of Sociological Inquiry (Winter 2025)
- Introduction to Sociology (Winter 2024)
- Political Sociology (Fall 2021)
- Social Inequalities (Summer 2023, Winter 2026)
- Sociology of Culture (Fall 2024)
- Sociology of Immigration (Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025)

### **University of California, Santa Barbara**

#### *Guest Lecturer*

- Social Inequalities (Winter 2026) – “Migration, Othering, and Policing”

### **San Diego State University**

#### *Writing Center Tutor, 2017*

- Provided individualized writing sessions for San Diego State University students
- Led writing sessions with international and multilingual students

*Writing Center Fellow, 2016*

- Served as a writing fellow/tutor for Chicana and Chicano Studies 111B
- Led bi-monthly group sessions to address problems in the writing process

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2024-2025

- Graduate Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee, University of California, Santa Barbara.

2019-2020

- Graduate Representative, Colloquium and Professional Development Committee, University of California, Santa Barbara.

**PEER REVIEWER:** International Journal of Comparative Sociology

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

- International Sociological Association, 2025-present: Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity research committee; Social Stratification research committee; Sociology of Migration research committee
- American Sociological Association, 2020-present: International Migration section, Racial and Ethnic Minorities section
- Graduate associate, Broom Center for Demography, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2019-present

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Maria Charles

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