

BENJAMIN PROSTINE

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EDUCATION

PhD Student	University of Georgia, History Advisor: Cindy Hahamovitch Committee: Scott Reynolds Nelson, Daniel Rood Comprehensive Fields: Twentieth Century U.S. History, World Agriculture, Environmental History	2022-
	Environmental Ethics Certificate Program	2023-
BA	University of Iowa, History Graduated with Honors and High Distinction Minored in English	2007-2011

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews

Forthcoming: Review of *Sheeplands: How Sheep Shaped Wales and the World* by Alan Marshall. H-Environment.

Collectively Authored

Forthcoming: Athena Co-Learning Collective, Maya Henderson, Sayantika Mandal, Ben Prostine, Jennifer L. Rice, Kayleigh Taillefer, Amy Trauger, Constanza Urresty-Vargas, and Elizabeth Wayson. Accepted. "Be In But Not Of" the University: Collective Refusal as Resistance to Isolation and Precarity. *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geography*.

Journalism Publications (partial)

"Review: *Automation and the Future of Work* [Aaron Benanav]" *La Crosse Independent*. November 22, 2020.

"'I Didn't Come Here on a Death Sentence': COVID-19 Comes to Wisconsin's Prisons," *La Crosse Independent*. October 30, 2020.

“Policing Ginseng in an Age of Global Markets and Global Warming,” *La Crosse Independent*. October 4, 2020.

“Labor Day: Remembering, Revising and Reclaiming the Holiday,” *La Crosse Independent*. September 7, 2020.

“If You Build it They Will Come: the Vernon County Jail and Mass Incarceration in Wisconsin,” *La Crosse Independent*. August 21, 2020.

“Revolutionary Hope Along the Mississippi: Kenneth Rexroth’s ‘The Motto on the Sundial,’” *La Crosse Independent*. August 8, 2020.

“Prisoners in the Dairyland,” *La Crosse Independent*. July 25, 2020.

“Plowshares and Prison Bars: Southwest Wisconsin’s Black Settler Communities,” *La Crosse Independent*. June 15, 2020.

“Searching for the Meaning of Iowa: Word Roots, Prairie Roots,” *Patch Cedar Falls*, February 2012.

Radio/ Podcasts

Wisconsin Prison Voices, Podcast/ radio program Two episodes 2021-2022
Co-host, writer, and production editor. In collaboration with the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (Milwaukee branch).

Poems Aloud, WDRT Viroqua, WI Five episodes 2019-2020
Host, writer, and production editor. Thirty minute to one hour program exploring history and politics through poetry and song.

Poetry (overview)

Since 2018, poems have appeared in three anthologies (*The New Farmer’s Almanac* [2021 and 2023] and *Contours: A Literary Landscape*), a chapbook-zine (*In This Ridgetop Common Wind*), and the following journals: *Midwest Review*, *New Verse News*, *Blue Collar Review*, and *The Solitary Plover*.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

William Jennings Bryan Award , Best History Paper of the Year, University of Georgia Department of History	2024
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Willson Center Graduate Research Award , University of Georgia	2024
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History Department Travel Grant , University of Georgia	2024
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History Department Travel Grant , University of Georgia	2023
Presidential Graduate Fellowship Award , University of Georgia	2022-2026
Graduate Teaching Assistantship , University of Georgia	2022-2025
W.E. Wolters Scholarship , University of Iowa	2010
Hogan Family Scholarship , University of Iowa	2010

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS

“Organizing in a Time of Crisis: Blind Workers, Dairy Farmers, Strikes, and Labor Radicals in the 1930s.” Panel Organizer. Labor and Working-Class History Association Conference. Chicago, IL. June 2025.

“Milk is a Battlefield: Farm Strikes in the 1930s.” Paper presented at Labor and Working-Class History Association Conference. Chicago, IL. June 2025.

“Flying Vials of Bull Semen: Rockefeller Prentice and the Rise of the Artificial Insemination Industry, 1935-70,” Business History Beyond Boundaries, University of Glasgow and University of Tübingen International Summer School. Glasgow, Scotland. July 2024.

“Disseminating the Dairy Regime: Science and Crisis in the Making of Georgia’s Dairy Industry, 1920-60,” Georgia Archives Symposium. Morrow, GA. April 2024.

INVITED TALKS, INTERVIEWS, AND DISCUSSIONS

Talk, “Digging Up the Dirt: Soil Erosion in Georgia,” Environmental Science class at Clarke Central High School. Athens, GA. March 19, 2024.

Workshop, “Flying Vials of Bull Semen: Rockefeller Prentice and the Rise of the Artificial Insemination Industry in the U.S., 1935-70.” Dirty History Workshop. University of Georgia. February 2, 2024.

Podcast Interview, “Prisons and Farm Policy,” Interviewed on prisons, rural development and mass incarceration for episode of *Left Coast Wisconsin*. January 2021.

Radio Interview, “Mass Incarceration and the Vernon County Jail,” Interviewed for the program *Conversations* on 91.9 WDRT Viroqua. November 2020.

Talk, “Mass Incarceration in Vernon County,” Presentation in Viroqua, WI on article written for *La Crosse Independent*. October 2020.

Discussion Panel, Participated in silvopasture workshop discussion panel hosted by University of Minnesota Extension, University of Wisconsin Extension, the Wallace Center Pasture Project, and the Savanna Institute. August 2018.

Discussion Panel, Participated in discussion panel on agriculture and land access hosted by Minnesota Land Access Initiative in St. Paul, MN. July 2015.

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Publishing Graduate Apprentice, University of Georgia Press 2025-26

Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia 2022-25
Courses: American History to 1865, American History since 1865

Research Assistant, Athens Film Society 2024
Description: Research assistance for images/ citations for the short educational film “The Founding of Athens and the Struggle for the Oconee River”

Soil Technician, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2017-19
Description: Research assistant for PhD project in Soil Science (Keefe Keeley, PhD’21, Executive Director of Savannah Institute)

SERVICE

Professional Development Coordinator, History Graduate Student Association 2025-26

MEMBERSHIPS

Labor and Working-Class History Association. 2025-present

VOLUNTEER WORK

Spence Elementary School Garden (La Crosse, WI)
Volunteer – Grant Writing Assistance/ Garden help, 2021-2022

Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee - Milwaukee Branch
Volunteer – Media Subcommittee/ Podcast production, October 2020 – May 2022

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Farm Worker and Manager (overview), Wisconsin 2012-2022

- Worked as intern, laborer, manager, and farm business owner
- Experienced in organic vegetable, dairy, and livestock production
- Knowledgeable in ecological grazing practices and soil health
- Attended numerous farming conferences, workshops, field days, and educational courses

- Served on the board of a farmers' cooperative (2014-2015)

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Reading/ speaking (Intermediate)