

# BENJAMIN PROSTINE

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## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD Student</b>	University of Georgia, History Environmental Ethics Certificate Program	2022-
<b>BA</b>	University of Iowa, History Graduated with Honors and High Distinction Minored in English	2007-2011

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Journalism Publications (partial)*

“Review: *Automation and the Future of Work*,” *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.

“Communia Revisited: Utopian Communists in the Driftless and Beyond,” *La Crosse Independent*. June 26, 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.

**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**

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<b>History Department Travel Grant</b> , University of Georgia	2023
<b>Presidential Graduate Fellowship Award</b> , University of Georgia	2022-2026
<b>Graduate Teaching Assistantship</b> , University of Georgia	2022
<b>W.E. Wolters Scholarship</b> (travel funding), University of Iowa	2010
<b>Hogan Family Scholarship</b> , University of Iowa	2010

**INVITED TALKS, INTERVIEWS, AND DISCUSSIONS**

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**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 *The 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.

#### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Teaching Assistant**, University of Georgia-Athens 2022-2023  
Courses: American History to 1865, American History since 1865

**Soil Technician**, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2017-2019  
Description: Research assistant for PhD project in Soil Science

#### **VOLUNTEER WORK**

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**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

#### **LANGUAGES**

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**Spanish:** Reading/ speaking (Intermediate)