

# BEN MANSKI

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology	University of California Santa Barbara	2020
Master of Arts, Sociology	University of California Santa Barbara	2016
Juris Doctor, Law	University of Wisconsin at Madison	2005
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology	University of Wisconsin at Madison	1999

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

Manski, Ben. "The Constitutional Revolution." Routledge, New York City, (2022).

#### Peer Reviewed Journals

- Collins, Mary and Simone Pulver, Dustin Hill, and Ben Manski. "Characterizing Disproportionality in Facility-Level Toxic Releases in U.S. Manufacturing, 1998-2012." *Environmental Research Letters*, Volume 15, No.3, Spring 2020.
- Manski, Ben, Hillary Lazar, and Suren Moodliar. "The Millennial Turns and the New Period: An Introduction." *Socialism & Democracy*, Volume 34, No.1. 2020.
- Fletcher, Bill and Ben Manski. "Reflections on Organized Labor, the Black Radical Congress, and Building a United Front." *Socialism and Democracy*, Volume 34, No.1. 2020.
- Stockwell, Norman and Ben Manski. "Indymedia and Media Activism at the Turn of the Millennium." *Socialism & Democracy*, Volume 34, No.1. 2020.
- Manski, Ben and Jackie Smith. "Introduction: The Dynamics and Terrains of Local Democracy and Corporate Power in the 21st Century." *Journal of World-Systems Research*, Volume 25, Issue 1, Spring 2019.
- Manski, Sarah and Ben Manski. "No Gods, No Masters, No Coders? The Future of Sovereignty in a Blockchain World." *Law & Critique*, June 2018.
- Manski, Ben. "The Democratic Turn of the Century: Learning from the U.S. Democracy Movement." *Socialism & Democracy*, Volume 29, Issue 1, March 2015.
- Manski, Ben. "Seattle Uprising Still a Force in World Events, 15 Years Later." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, Dec. 1, 2014.
- Manski, Ben. "The Massacre in Miami." *Socialism & Democracy*, Volume 18, Issue 1, March 2004.

#### Chapters of Books

- Pulver, Simone and Ben Manski. "Corporations and the Environment," in *The Springer Handbook of Environmental Sociology*, ed. Beth Caniglia et alia. Springer, NY, NY, 2020.
- Manski, Ben. "Methodological Approaches to Movement Waves and the Making of History," in *The Palgrave Handbook on Social Movements, Revolution, and Social Transformation*, ed. Berch Berberoglu. Palgrave Macmillan, NY, NY, 2019.
- Manski, Ben. "Universalize Power: Build the Democracy Movement," in *Welcome to the Revolution: Universalizing Resistance for Social Justice and Democracy in Perilous Times*, by Charles Derber. Routledge, NY, NY, 2017.
- Manski, Ben. "Beginning the World Again: Social Movements and the Challenge of Constitutional Change," in *Human Rights Of, By, and For the People: How to Critique and Change the U.S. Constitution*, edited by Louis Edgar Esparza, Keri E. Iyall Smith, and Judith Blau. Routledge, NY, NY, 2017.

#### Journal Editor

- Manski, Ben and Hillary Lazar, sp. eds. "Movements at the Millennium: Seattle+20." *Socialism & Democracy*, Volume 34, No.1.
- Manski, Ben, sp. ed. "Symposium: Corporate Power and Local Democracy." *Journal of World-Systems Research*, Volume 25, Issue 1, Spring 2019.
- Manski, Ben, ed., *Liberty Tree Journal*, Vol I-II, Issues 1-8, 2005-2008.
- Manski, Ben, ed., *Midwest Headwaters Journal*, Vol 5-8, 1995-1997.
- Manski, Ben, ed., *Democracy Unlimited Post Dispatch*, Vol 1-2, 1996-1997.

#### Other Selected Publications

- Manski, Ben and Suren Moodliar. "Voter Assemblies to Protect the Vote," in *TURNOUT! Mobilizing Voters During an Electoral Emergency*, ed. Suren Moodliar et alia. Routledge, NY, NY (2020).
- Manski, Ben. "Review of the book, Constituents before Assembly: Participation, Deliberation, and Representation in the Crafting of New Constitutions. By Todd A. Eisenstadt, A. Carl Levins & Tofigh Maboudi." *Law & Society Review*, Winter 2019.
- Manski, Ben and Sarah Manski. "It Started in Wisconsin." *Jacobin*, March 2018.

- Manski, Ben. "After Trump and Obama: A President's Day Resolution to Abolish the Presidency." *Common Dreams*, Feb. 2018.
- Manski, Ben and Sarah Manski. "After Wisconsin 2011, Before Janus 2018: Lessons for the Next Popular Uprising." *In Critical Solidarity*, Vol 14(3), Dec 2017.
- Manski, Ben. "DHS Immigration Memo Underscores Urgent Need for National Guard Reform." *BillMoyers.com*, Feb. 2017.
- Ryan, Charlotte and Ben Manski, Gregory Maney. "Social Movement Thinkers, Activist Scholars Discuss Emerging Agenda for Social Movement Relevant Research." *Critical Mass Bulletin*, Vol 42(2), Fall 2016.
- Alperovitz, Gar and Ben Manski. "What Comes After Capitalism? Upcoming Teach-Ins Can Show a Way Forward." *Truth Out*, April 2016.
- Manski, Ben. "Why Washington should fear the silence of the anti-war movement." *Al Jazeera*, Dec. 2014.
- Manski, Ben and Jill Stein. "The Global Climate Strike: Why We Can't Wait." *Truth Out*, Sept. 2014.
- Manski, Ben. "Liberty is Hunted Around the Globe: What Snowden Taught Us About American Freedom." *Truth Out*, July 2013.
- Manski, Ben. "The Protest Wave: Why the Political Class Can't Understand Our Demands." *In These Times*, Oct. 2011.
- Manski, Ben. "From Liberty to Empire: The Demise of American Defense," in *Come Home America*, ed. George O'Neill, Jr., Titan Publishing Company, London, November, 2010.
- Manski, Ben and Lisa Graves. "Corporations are People Too." *In These Times*, March 2010
- Manski, Ben and Lisa Graves. "New American Crisis." Syndicated, multiple newspapers, March 2010
- Columnist, The Planski, *The Isthmus, Madison's Weekly Newspaper*, 2008-2010.
- Manski, Ben and Karen Dolan. "Unleash Democracy: Policies for a New Federalism," in *Mandate for Change: Policies and Leadership for 2009 and Beyond*, ed. Chester Hartman. Institute for Policy Studies, Washington D.C., January, 2009.
- Manski, Ben and Karen Dolan. "Has Your Town Declared Peace Yet?" *Yes! Magazine*, Summer, 2008.
- Manski, Ben and Karen Dolan. "Your Time is Up, Mr. President: The National Guard is Coming Home." Syndicated, Spring 2008.
- Manski, Ben. "From Liberty to Empire: The Demise of American Defense." *Liberty Tree Journal*, Vol 2, Issue 3, 2007.
- Manski, Ben. "How the Corporation Captured the Academy." *Liberty Tree Journal*, Vol 2, Issue 2, 2007.
- Manski, Ben. "State Power Against the Slave Power." *Liberty Tree Journal*, Vol 1, Issue 3, 2006.
- Manski, Ben. "The Essence of the Corporation." *Liberty Tree Journal*, Vol 1, Issue 2, 2006.
- Manski, Ben and John E. Peck. "Corporatization: An Internal Clash of Civilizations," in the *Annual Yearbook on Public Services*. TNI Publishing, Amsterdam, 2005.
- Manski, Ben. "A People's Party for Dane County, Wisconsin." *Orion Afield*, December, 2001.
- Manski, Ben. "In the Hands of Youth," in *Campus Incorporated: Corporate Power and the Ivory Tower*. ed. Geoffrey White. Prometheus Books, Amherst, NY, 2000.
- Manski, Ben. "97 Hours of Struggle." *Z Magazine*, May 1998.
- Manski, Ben. "Wisconsin Awakens." *New Internationalist*, Oct. 1997.

#### **In Progress**

- Collins, Mary and Simone Pulver, Dustin Hill, and Ben Manski. "Targeted pollution management can significantly reduce toxic emissions while limiting adverse effects on employment in U.S. manufacturing."
- Manski, Ben. "A Field Guide to the U.S. Greens." Heinrich Böll Foundation. (under contract)
- Manski, Ben. "The Next Constitution." Next System Project, Washington D.C., 2020. (under contract)
- Manski, Ben. "Crisis and Strategy, Democracy Movements and Constitutional Change."
- Manski, Ben and John Foran. "Toward Climate Democracy."
- Manski, Ben. "The Three Traditions of Movement Theory in a Time of Systemic Movements: Contention, Identification, Praxis."
- Manski, Ben. "The Wisconsin Uprising Explained via Movement Building Analysis."

## **PAPERS & TALKS**

### **Selected Academic Papers, Talks and Sessions**

- "Wisconsin 2011 and the Myth of the Spontaneous Uprising." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Virtual 2021
- "Systemic Movements, Next System Studies, and the Law & Society Tradition." Law & Society Association (LSA), Virtual 2021
- Session Chair, "From Subjectivity to Mobilization: A Critical View." IV ISA Forum of Sociology, Virtual 2021.
- "Climate Democracy Against Climate Leviathan." ISA 2021
- "Constituting Democracy, Democratizing Constitutions: Lessons from a Global Comparative Analysis of Democracy Movements, Social Movement Strategy, Constitutional Change, and Democratization (1974-2001)." ISA 2021
- Session President, "Activist Knowledge in the Construction of Movement Relevant Research." American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, New York City, 2019.
- "Theorizing Climate Democracy," with John Foran. Global Studies Association, Chicago, 2019.
- "Evaluating democracy movement effectiveness in processes of constitutional change: A mixed qualitative and statistical comparative approach." LSA, Washington D.C., 2019.
- Session Chair, "Social Movements and Creative Strategies." LSA 2019.
- "Seeking Democratization through Constitutional Renewal: Why Do Democracy Movements Succeed or Fail?" Young Scholars

in Social Movements Mini-Conference, The Center for the Study of Social Movements, Univ. of Notre Dame 2019.

“Against Enduring Threats: The Relevance of “Strategic Necessity” in the Construction of a Democracy Movement in the United States.” Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, 2019.

“A Method of Movement Building Analysis for Explaining Heightened Contention.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 2018.

Session President, “Capitalism and its Crises: Economic, political, and environmental.” ASA 2018.

Session Chair, “The Critical Search for Theoretical Relevance in Social Movement Studies: Considered Internationally.” World Congress of Sociology (ISA), Toronto, 2018.

“Movement Building Analysis as Method: The Case of the Wisconsin Uprising.” World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, 2018

“Popular constitutionalism in today’s USA: Activist praxis, strategic necessity and structural change.” Law and Society Association, Toronto, 2018.

“The Future of Sovereignty in a Blockchain World,” with Sarah Manski. Sixth Annual Conference on Governance of Emerging Technologies: Law, Policy, and Ethics, Phoenix, 2018.

“What We Gain by Centering Agency in Social Movement Epistemology.” Pacific Sociological Association, March 2018 as well as at the World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, 2018.

“Toward Climate Democracy.” Global Scholars Conference, UC Santa Barbara CA, 2018.

“On the Making of History: Restoring the Agency of Activists to Social Movement Studies.” Beyond Positivism Conference, Montreal, 2017.

“Super Polluters, Super Employers? Disproportionality in the production of pollution and the jobs versus environment debate,” with Mary Collins, Simone Pulver, and Dustin Hill. ASA Annual Meeting, Montreal, 2017.

“Why It Started in Wisconsin: The Role of Movement Building in Producing Protest Waves.” ASA 2017.

“The Role of Strategic Necessity: Constitutional Reform as a Social Movement Response to Structural Adjustment.” ASA 2017.

“Amend or Defend? What a crossnational analysis tells us about constitutional reform and democratization.” Law & Society International Meeting, Mexico City, 2017.

“Is a Post-Positivist Social Movement Theory Possible? The critical search for relevance in social movement studies.” Post-Positivist Sociology Workshop. UC Santa Barbara, 2017.

“The Role of Movement Building in Producing Uprisings.” First SDSU Conference on Social Movements and Protest, San Diego State University, 2017.

“When Uprisings Aren’t Spontaneous: The Lessons of Wisconsin.” ASA Annual Meeting, Seattle, 2016.

“Rethinking the Corporation, Rethinking Democracy: The mainstreaming of a radical discourse.” ASA 2016.

Session President, “Movement Relevant Research.” ASA 2016.

Session President, “A Scholar & Activist Gathering: From 1999 to 2016 and Beyond.” Labor Temple, Seattle, 2016.

“Constitutionalism, Deliberation, and Democracy.” West Coast Law & Society Retreat, UC Irvine, 2016.

“Social Movement Constitutionalism.” ASA Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2015.

“A Crossnational Longitudinal Analysis of Constitutionalism and Democratization.” Center for the Study of Democracy, UC Irvine, 2015.

#### **Keynote Addresses and Notable Lectures**

Democracy Convention	Madison WI, Minneapolis MN	2011, 2013, 2017
Arava Institute for Environmental Studies	Kibbutz Ketura, Israel	2012
Green Fest	Boston, Massachusetts	2012
Port Huron at 50	Santa Barbara, California	2012
Port of Humanity Sugihara Memorial	Tsuruga, Japan	2011
Education for the People Speaking Tour	Massachusetts, six campuses	2011
Conference on the Constitutional Convention	Harvard Law School	2011
Young Lawyers Division: Lawyers in Politics	Madison, Wisconsin	2011
Left Forum (keynote panel and other panels)	New York City	2011, 2012, 2013
Life & Law in the U.S.A. After Citizens United v. FEC	UW Law School	2010
Who Decides About War?	Georgetown Law School	2009
Power Shift 2009	Washington, D.C.	2009
Mayors for Peace Vision 20/20	Des Moines, Iowa	2008
Education for Democracy Conference	Storrs, Connecticut	2007
International Symposium on Participatory Democracy	Barcelona	2005
Democracy Summer	Tallahassee, Florida	2001
Alliance for Democracy Convention	Boulder, Colorado	1998
<i>400+ other appearances as listed speaker.</i>		

### Selected Interviews

- Cobb, David. "Where are the Greens in the Green New Deal? Longtime democracy activist Ben Manski reflects on the history, and possible futures, of a Green New Deal." *The Progressive*, Madison, WI, March 23 2019.
- Barrett, Patrick. "An Interview with Ben Manski of the Wisconsin Wave," in *It Started in Wisconsin: Dispatches from the Front Lines of the New Labor Protests*, ed. Mari Jo Buhle and Paul Buhle, Verso, Brooklyn, NY, 2012.
- Perl, Jacob. "Megaphone: An Interview with Ben Manski of the Liberty Tree Foundation." *Jewish Currents*, Brooklyn, NY, Spring 2012.
- Gramling, Jonathan. "The Legacy of Chiune Sugihara." *The Capital City Hues*, Madison, WI, August 25, 2011.
- Zielinski, Graeme. "Green and Growing?" *On Wisconsin Alumni Magazine*, Madison, WI, Fall 2004.
- Topical interviews on *CNN, NBC News, CBS News, BBC News, Fox News, Voice of America, Pacifica, National Public Radio (various), Washington Post, New York Times, Chronicle of Higher Education, etc*; regular guest on *Wisconsin Public Radio's Week in Review (2011-2013)*

### HONORS & AWARDS

- Graduate Division Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2018: \$7500
- Flacks Fund for the Study of Democratic Possibilities, 2017 Grant Recipient: \$2000
- Research Fellow, Next System Project, 2017 and 2018: \$6250
- Sociology Research Grant, UCSB, 2015 and 2016: \$1100
- American Association of Political Consultants, 2012 Pollie Award (Six in four categories)
- Finalist, Governor's Business Plan Competition, Wisconsin 2010
- Burrell Business Plan Competition Startup Grant, UW-Madison 2009
- Society of the Iron Cross, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 1999-2000
- Young Civil Libertarian of the Year, ACLU of Wisconsin, 1998

### PROFESSION

Assistant Professor of Sociology	2020-present	George Mason University
Teaching Associate	2016, 2019-2020	University of California Santa Barbara
Research Assistant	2017-2018	Earth Research Institute, UC Santa Barbara
Teaching Assistant	2014-2016, 2020	University of California Santa Barbara
Adjunct Faculty, Sociology	2009-2011	Madison Area Technical College

### Courses Taught

#### *George Mason University, Assistant Professor of Sociology:*

Internship and Graduate Practicum	Fall 2020, Spring 2021
Introductory Sociology	Fall 2020, Spring 2021
Environment and Society (Graduate Seminar)	(Summer 2021)
Power, Politics and Society	Spring 2021
Globalization and Social Movements (Graduate Seminar)	Fall 2020

#### *University of California Santa Barbara ~ Tea ching Associate (instructor of record):*

Sociology of Law	Spring 2020
Special Topics in Theory	Spring, Fall 2019
The Sociology of Social Movements	Summer 2016

#### *University of California Santa Barbara ~ Teaching Assistant:*

The Research Tradition	Winter 2020
Social Movements and Social Networks	Winter 2016, Winter 2018
Sociology of Law	Fall 2015
Research Methods	Spring 2015
Introduction to Sociology (Lead TA)	Winter 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016
Earth in Crisis	Fall 2014
Qualitative Field Methods	Summer 2014

#### *Madison Area Technical College ~ Lecturer (instructor of record):*

Social Problems	Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011
Contemporary American Society	Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011

### Research and Policy Labs

Democratizing NoVA, Director, George Mason University	2021-present
Center for Social Science Research, George Mason University	2020-present
Institute for a Sustainable Earth, George Mason University	2020-present

Next System Project, Washington D.C.	2014-present
Institute for Policy Studies Associate Fellow, Washington, D.C.	2008-present
Liberty Tree Foundation Fellow, Boston-Madison-Los Angeles	2004-present
Egregious Polluters Research Project, UCSB Earth Research Institute, SUNY-ESF	2016-2020
Critical Realism Network Associated Fellow	2017-2020
Broom Center for Demography, Graduate Associate, UC Santa Barbara	2014-2020

#### Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association, International Sociological Association, Law and Society Association, American Political Science Association, National Lawyers Guild, Society for the Study of Social Problems, DC Sociological Society.

## SERVICE

### Service to Profession

Reviewer, journal articles, books, 3-4 per year:		Routledge Books; Lexington Books; <i>Current Sociology</i> ; <i>Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture</i> ; <i>Socialism and Democracy</i>
Contributing Editor	2019-present	<i>Mobilizing Ideas</i>
Nominations Committee	2019-present	ASA Section on Marxist Sociology
Webmaster	2019-2021	Collective Behavior & Social Movements Section, ASA
Open Access Committee	2017-2018	ASA Sociology of Law Section
Praxis Award Committee	2017-2018	ASA Section on Marxist Sociology

### Service to Institution

Campus Childcare Advisory Committee	2018-2020	University of California Santa Barbara
Social Movements Workshop, Coordinator	2013-2018	University of California Santa Barbara
Critical Realism Workshop, Coordinator	2016-2018	University of California Santa Barbara
Shared Governance Committee Co-Chair	1997-1999	UW-Madison
Student Council Representative	1997-1999	Associated Students of Madison
Student Senator	1992-1994	Reed College
Founder	1993	Reed College Green Board (still operational)

### Service to Department

Director of Internships and Graduate Practicum	2020-present	George Mason University
Department of Sociology Executive Committee	2018-2019	University of California Santa Barbara
Colloquium & Community Committee	2013-2018	Sociology Department, UC Santa Barbara

### Selected Other Service and Professional Experience

President	2011-present	Liberty Tree Foundation
Director of Special Initiatives	2015-2016	Next System Project
Campaign Manager	2011-2013	Jill Stein for President
Chief of Staff	2013	Green Action, Inc.
Attorney at Law	2009-2012	Manski Law
Board of Directors	2010-2012	Ind. Rights & Responsibilities, State Bar of Wisconsin
Executive Committee and cofounder	2009-2012	Move to Amend
Executive Director and founder	2004-2011	Liberty Tree Foundation
Candidate, State Assembly, Green Party	2010	Partisan election, finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 4 with 30.7%
Board of Directors	2008-2010	Young Lawyers Division, State Bar of Wisconsin
President, Board of Directors	2004-2009	Press Connection Foundation
Associate Counsel – Project Assistant	2004	UW Neighborhood Law Project
Co-Chair	2001-2004	Green Party of the United States
Organizing Director	2001-2003	Progressive Dane
Midwest Field Director	1999-2000	Nader/LaDuke 2000
National Coordinator	1995-1999	Democracy Teach-Ins
Board of Directors	1996-1999	WI Community Action Center, Inc.
Rendezvous Committee	1997	Earth First! Round River Rendezvous
Administrative Director	1995-1997	Democracy Unlimited of WI, Coop
Anti-Mining Organizer, State Canvass Director	1995-1997	Wisconsin's Environmental Decade
Candidate, Dane County Board	1996	Non-partisan election, finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> with 49.8%
Student Affairs Commission	1991-1992	Madison Metropolitan School Board

### Hobbies

Soccer coach, hiking and rambling, kayak and canoe, songwriting (folk, Americana).