

**Ben Marley**  
*Curriculum Vitae*

Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Michigan State University  
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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Department of Sociology, Binghamton University, 2018  
Dissertation Title: *Agricultural Revolutions in America's Heartland: The Corn Belt and the Making of American Capitalism*
- M.A. Sociology, Binghamton University, 2014
- M.A. Geography, Syracuse University, 2013
- B.A. Sociology, Syracuse University, 2008

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2018-present Michigan State University, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology.

**RESEARCH & TEACHING FIELDS**

Political economy, globalization, environmental sociology, food and energy studies, gender and economy, social theory, qualitative methods

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

- R&R Marley, Benjamin. "Agrarian Transition in the Heart of America's Heartland," *Journal of Agrarian Change*. (in preparation for resubmission)
- forthcoming Liu, Shiwei, Zhang, Pingyu, **Marley, Benjamin**, and Liu, Wenzin. "The Factors Affecting Farmers' Soybean Planting Behavior in Heilongjiang Province, China" *Agriculture*.

- 2016 Marley, Benjamin. "From War on Poverty to War on Coal: Nature, Capital, and Work in Appalachia," *Environmental Sociology*, 1 (2), 88-100.
- 2016 Marley, Benjamin. "The Coal Crisis in Appalachia: Commodity Frontiers, Crises, and the Geographies of Capital," *Journal of Agrarian Change*, 16 (2), 225-254. (winner of the Terence K. Hopkins Award for best paper, Political Economy of the World-System section of the ASA).  
Reprinted for Virtual Special Issue: "Political Ecology of Agrarian Change," *Journal of Agrarian Change*. 2016.
- 2014 **Marley, Benjamin** and Samantha Fox. "A World-Ecological Perspective on Socio-Ecological Transformation in the Appalachian Coal Industry," *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 20 (2), 54-277.

### Book Reviews

- 2014 Marley, Benjamin. "Mining Away the Company Town". *Santa Rita Del Cobre: A Copper Mining Community in New Mexico. Capitalism, Nature, Socialism*, 20 (3), 117-119.
- 2011 Marley, Benjamin. *Killing for Coal: America's Deadliest Labor War. Labor Histories*, 52 (3), 358-359.

### Manuscripts in Preparation

- Ezra, Serrins, **Marley, Benjamin**, and Ahlquist, Daniel. "A Corporate Food Regime: the TPP and TPP-11"
- Marley, Benjamin. "A Theory of Crisis, Accumulation, and Reproduction and the American Agrarian Question," *Critical Sociology*.

### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Dr. Delia Koo Endowment Research Award-Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University
- 2018 Graduate Student Excellence Award in Teaching, Binghamton University
- 2017 Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities Doctoral Fellowship
- 2017 Dissertation Year Award, Sociology Department, Binghamton University
- 2017 Certificate in College Teaching - Composition
- 2017 Eastern Sociological Society Travel Grant
- 2017 Graduate Student Excellence Award in Research, Binghamton University

- 2016 Terence K. Hopkins Student Paper Award, Political Economy of the World-System
- 2016 Article Reprinted for Special Issue, "Political Ecology of Agrarian Change," *Journal of Agrarian Change*.
- 2016-2017 Teaching Assistantship. Binghamton University, Writing Initiative
- 2013-2016 Teaching Assistantship. Binghamton University, Sociology
- 2013 Syracuse University Graduate Student Organization Conference Fund \$200
- 2012 Geography Dept. Syracuse University Research Fund \$3,600
- 2011-2013 Teaching Assistantship. Syracuse University, Geography
- 2008 Golden Key International Honour Society-Syracuse University
- 2008 Alpha Kappa Delta: International Sociological Honor Society-Syracuse University

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Conferences Organized

- 2015 World Society, Planetary Natures: Crisis and Sustainability in the Capitalocene and Beyond, Binghamton University. Binghamton, NY, July 10-11.
- 2014 Fourth Biennial SUNY Binghamton Graduate Conference on World Historical Social Science. Binghamton, NY, April 25-27.

### Panels Organized

- 2018 PEWS Roundtable. American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 11.
- 2014 "Capital, Resources, and the Crisis of Our Times." Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD, February 23.

### Papers

- 2019 The Agrarian Question: Marx, Gender, and Ecology. American Sociological Association, New York City, New York. August 10-13.
- 2019 Teaching Progressive Sociology. Spring Conference on Student Learning and Success at Michigan State University. May 6-8.
- 2019 The American Corn Belt: Household, Ecology, and Capitalism. Midwest Sociological Society. April 17-20.

- 2017 Agricultural Revolutions in America's Heartland: The Unpaid Work of Women, Children, and Soils. American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 12-15.
- 2017 The Agrarian Bourgeois Revolution in the Heart of America's Heartland. Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA, February 23-26.
- 2016 Agrarian Revolution from Above: The Corn Belt Family Farm. American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA, August 20-23.
- 2016 Globalization in American Agriculture: Agro-Industrial Revolutions in the Capitalist World-Ecology. 40th Annual PEWS Conference. University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 9-10.
- 2016 Agro-Industrial Revolutions in the Making of American Capitalism. Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA, March 17-20.
- 2015 Appalachia and the Hydrocarbon Sector in the Capitalist World-Ecology. American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL, August 21-25.
- 2015 From Food Frontier to Fuel Frontier: The Making and Un-Making of Appalachia. Revisiting Remaking Modernity: New Voices in Comparative-Historical Sociology. Evanston, IL, July 21.
- 2015 From Ecological Surplus to Surplus Humanity: Agrarian Change in the Long Twentieth Century. World Society, Planetary Natures: Crisis and Sustainability in the Capitalocene and Beyond. Binghamton, NY, July 10-11.
- 2015 The Centrality of Agriculture in the Capitalist World-Ecology. Sociology Graduate Student Research Day. Binghamton, NY, April 18-19.
- 2015 Returning to the Plains Frontier: Agrarian Class Relations and the Ecologies of Accumulation in the First Food Regime. Eastern Sociological Society. New York City, NY, February 26-March 1.
- 2014 The Rise and Fall of King Coal in the Long-Twentieth Century. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. Lexington, KY, February 27-March 1.
- 2014 Dethroning King Coal: Exhausting West Virginia's Socio-ecological Relations in the Rise of the Powder River Basin. Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD, February 20-23.
- 2013 The Crisis of Capitalism in the Coalfields: Conflict, Moments, and Beyond. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. Lexington, KY, February 28-March 2.
- 2012 Removing Mountaintops in the Mountaineer State: Spaces of Accumulation are Spaces of Contestation. Association of American Geographers. New York City, NY, February 24-28.

2008            Jobs For Sale: Polarization of Labor Market in Syracuse. MayFest-Syracuse University. Syracuse, NY, May 8.

### **CAMPUS TALKS**

2017            The Transition from Independent Production to Petty Commodity Production in the Making of the Corn Belt. Department of Sociology, Binghamton University. November 3.

2017            The American Agrarian Question. *Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities*, Binghamton University. October 25.

2016            How to Construct a Conference Presentation. “Scholarly Practices Workshop Series.” Department of Sociology, Binghamton University. November 8.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Michigan State University**

Society & the Individual (Fall '19)

International Development & Change (Spring '20)

Introduction to Environmental Sociology (Fall '18, Spring '19, Fall '19)

People & Environment (Fall '18, Spring '20)

Climate Change & Society (Fall '18, Spring '20)

Science, Technology, and Society (Spring '19, Fall '19)

#### **University of Southern Maine**

Introduction to Sociology (Spring '18)

Introduction to Food Systems (Spring '18)

#### **Binghamton University**

Introduction to Sociology (Spring '14, Fall '14, Spring '15)

Foundation of Social Theory (Fall '15)

Environment, Food, & Economy (Summer '15, '16, '17, '18)

First Year Composition-Research and Writing (Fall '16, Spring '17)

#### **Syracuse University**

America and the Global Environment (Spring '12, Summer '12-'13, Fall '12, Spring '13)

Environment and Society (Fall '13)

World Cultures (Fall '11)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2011            Research Assistant for Tod Rutherford, Syracuse University, “Small differences that (still) matter? Cross Border Regions and Work Place Governance in the Southern Ontario and US Mid-West Automotive Industry,” *Regional Studies*, 47 (1), 116-127.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE****Peer Review**

- 2019            Reviewer for *Environment, Development, and Sustainability*  
 2019            Reviewer for *Journal of World-Systems Research*  
 2018            Reviewer for *Journal of Historical Sociology*  
 2017            Reviewer for *Political Geography*  
 2017            Reviewer for *Journal of Peasant Studies*  
 2017            Reviewer for *Environment, Development and Sustainability*  
 2017            Reviewer for *Alpenglow*  
 2017            Editor, *Binghamton Writes*, Binghamton University  
 2016            Reviewer for *Journal of Agrarian Change*  
 2016            Reviewer for *Environmental Sociology*  
 2015            Reviewer for *Society & Natural Resources*

**To Profession**

- 2019-2021    Editorial Board Member, *Society & Natural Resources*  
 2018            Curriculum Design of Graduate Program in Food Studies Program, University of Southern Maine  
 2018            The Summer Writing Seminar on the Theory & Practice of Writing, University of Southern Maine  
 2017-2018    Newsletter Editor for Marxist section of the American Sociological Association  
 2017            Certificate in College Teaching, Binghamton University  
 2016            Council Member of Political Economy of the World-System Section of ASA  
 2016            Certificate in Online Teaching. Center for Learning and Teaching, Binghamton University  
 2015-2018    Member, Fernand Braudel Center, Binghamton University

- 2015-2017 Vice President of Graduate Student Organization
- 2015-2018 Newsletter Editor for *PEWS* section of the American Sociological Association
- 2015-2018 Publications Committee for *PEWS* section of the American Sociological Association
- 2015 Agroecology Certification: Community Agroecology Network, Santa Cruz, CA.
- 2014-2015 Sociology Graduate Student Representative
- 2014 Panel Participant in Publication Workshop for Graduate Students, Binghamton University
- 2013 Future Professoriate Project (FPP)-Syracuse University

## **AFFILIATIONS**

### *Research Affiliations*

- 2018- Gender in a Global Context, Core Faculty and Gender, Justice and Environmental Change Faculty, Michigan State University
- 2018- Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University
- 2014- World-Ecology Research Network
- 2015-2018 Fernand Braudel Center, Binghamton University

### *Professional Affiliations*

- American Sociological Association
- Eastern Sociological Society
- American Society for Environmental History

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

- Mandarin-Elementary
- Spanish-Elementary

## **REFERENCES**

- Jason W. Moore (advisor)
- Associate Professor of Sociology
- Binghamton University
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