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Message From the Chair

Deana Rohlinger
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Because of our excellent CBSM membership we had a productive and intellectually stimulating year! We hosted several informal Ask A Social Movement Scholar Anything sessions, launched a zoom featuring the recently published books of some of our younger scholars, used ASA Connect to start new working groups, added a new feature to Critical Mass that featured undergraduate writing, and found more effective ways to advertise members' publications on social media. We have a slate of exciting sessions lined up at ASA, a record-number tables in our roundtable session, and will have our first CBSM Workshop in several years. None of this would have been possible without CBSM council, Jennifer Brown (our secretary and treasurer), and all our committee members as well as our dedicated volunteers. I want to give a shout out to Pam Oliver, who surveyed our membership and helped launch our working groups, and give a big THANK YOU to Kelsy Kretschmer (chair), Ruth Braunstein, Jeff Sheng, and Aisha Upton for all their work organizing the workshop. I would also like to recognize the now defunct Institute of Politics at Florida State University. The Institute provided the section with \$3,000, which made it possible for us to keep registration costs low particularly for graduate students.

I'm really looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones in Philadelphia. I extend a special invitation to my younger colleagues to reach out to me before or after the meeting, if they want to talk movements or just say hi. I hope to see you at our reception on (continued on page 2)

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Friday August 18th at the Marriott. We've joined forces with the Political Sociology, Human Rights, and Peace, War, and Social Conflict sections to ensure good food and good conversation for the event.

Job Market Candidates

René Becerra

University of California, Merced



Candidate Statement

I am a PhD candidate at UC Merced specializing in social movements, with a focus on veganism as a lifestyle movement. My research explores the recruitment, persistence, and disengagement phases of veganism, analyzing social ties, media influences, identity, and activist strategies at the micro level. I also have knowledge and background in environmental sociology, gender, sexuality, and interests in the sociology of culture and food.

Within the academy, I am primarily focused on teaching as I have completed three teaching pedagogy courses and participated in workshops on teaching pedagogy, including topics such as anti-racist pedagogy, critical thinking, community of practice, and online teaching. I have developed the skills to create inclusive learning environments and have taught my own course on Gender and Society

during the summer online sessions, from 2021-2023, and one in-person semester in the Fall of 2021. I am excited to bring my passion for teaching sociology and dedication to inclusive teaching to make a positive impact and inspire future generations.

Selected Publications

Kubal, Timothy and **René A. Becerra**. 2014. "Social Movements and Collective Memory." *Sociology Compass* 8(6): 865–875.

Works in Progress

Becerra, René A. "Becoming Vegan, Staying Vegan: The Role of Social Ties and Media."

A co-authorship with Dr. Nella Van Dyke and two other grad students on right-wing coalitions.

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Alessandro Giuseppe Drago

McGill University



Candidate Statement

I am a Ph.D. candidate who studies far-right social and political movements. My dissertation project focuses on the white supremacist movement in the United States and Canada using a mixed methodology of both inductive qualitative coding and computational text analysis (namely, sentiment and network analysis). I am primarily interested in explaining how and why individuals come to join and participate in far-right organizations.

My other projects look at how far right political parties and candidates have used populism to hinder democratic rights and erode their countries' democratic foundations. My post-doctoral work will look at the intersections between far-right communities online, the role of disinformation networks and their spillover effects into the "real" world, meaning actions such as the January 6th insurrection, the 2022 Freedom Convoy protests, and more.

Selected Publications

Torelli, Julien & **Alessandro Giuseppe Drago**. 2023. "Cross-National Variations in

Motivational Framing: Mobilizing National Identity and Foreign Policy Discourses in the Global Solidarity Movement for East Timor." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*. 28 (2): 161–187.

Guay, Emanuel & **Alessandro Giuseppe Drago**. 2023. "Liens sociaux, initiatives collectives et processus conflictuels : le cas des mobilisations contre la gentrification à Parc-Extension, Montréal ». *Recherches Sociographiques*. 64(1): 119-141.

Drago, Alessandro Giuseppe. 2021. "Strikes, general assemblies and institutional insurgency: explaining the persistence of the Québec student movement," *Social Movement Studies*, 20(6): 652-668, DOI: 10.1080/14742837.2020.1837100

Drago, Alessandro Giuseppe. 2018. "Towards a New EU: Why Populism Can Save the European Union." *The Review of European and Russian Affairs (RERA)*. 12(1): 1-7

Works in Progress

Drago, Alessandro Giuseppe. From the Bedroom to the Streets: Exploring the Mechanisms Which Explain White Supremacists Engagement in High Risk Activism. Manuscript in Preparation.

Drago, Alessandro Giuseppe. "Explaining the Emergence of the "Alt-Right" Movement in the U.S.: Threats, Political Opportunities and the "Trump Effect." Manuscript in Preparation.

Karim, Sakeef M. & **Alessandro Giuseppe Drago**. "Democratic Strain and Populist Fervor in India, America and Beyond." Manuscript in Preparation.

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Candidate Statement

I am a Ph.D. candidate in Sociology & Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. I hold an M.A. in Sociology from Notre Dame and B.A. degrees in Sociology and Political Science & International Relations from Bogazici University (Turkey). My research primarily centers on political, cultural, and organizational factors influencing social movement mobilization and outcomes under authoritarian repression and uncertainty. Previously, I investigated how protests impact the implementation of housing and disaster preparation policies in authoritarian regimes, focusing on urban transformation projects affecting marginalized communities in Turkey.

Currently, I examine how intergenerational and contemporary influences on young activists shape their strategic and moral evaluations of risk-taking in anti authoritarian struggle through a recent student movement in Turkey. Additionally, I explore patterns of power and representation in knowledge production, both in multi-sectoral transnational fields and in academia itself. As part of this agenda, I have studied inequality in academic publication structures, and the role of political interest in creating and disseminating future narratives of sociopolitical change. My ongoing work includes an examination of how classical sociological theory classes impact

graduate students' belonging and development within the discipline. I pay particular attention to the practical applications of my research findings.

Selected Publications

Johnson, A. K., Lechartre, J., **Mart, Ş. G.**, Robison, M. D., and Hughes, C. (2022). "Peace scholarship and the local turn: Hierarchies in the production of knowledge about peace." *Journal of Peace Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221088035>

Mart, Ş. G., other Foreign Policy contributors. (2023). "[6 Books to Understand Turkey](#)". *Foreign Policy*.

Mart, Ş. G., Taş, A. (2023). "[Turkey's Government Uses Disaster for Profit](#)". *Foreign Policy*.

Mische, A., Carmi, R., Johnson, A., **Mart, Ş. G.**, Steelman, C. (2021). "[What's Sociological about Peace Studies?](#)" *Conflict(ed)*.

Works in Progress

Mart, Ş. G. "At What Cost? The Strategic and Moral Dilemmas of Anti-Authoritarian Struggle."

Mart, Ş. G. "Public Responsiveness in Authoritarian Regimes? How Protest and Aspirational Peers Shape Bureaucratic Discretion."

Mart, Ş. G. and Heldreth, L. "The Students Denied: Classical Sociological Theory and the Professional Development of Graduate Students."

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Elle Rochford, PhD

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Candidate Statement

I am a sociologist currently working as a postdoctoral researcher with the University of Delaware's Center for the Study and Prevention of Gender-Based Violence. I earned my PhD at Purdue University. My dissertation work examines racial inequalities within social movements related to reproductive health using social media data. I have published on digital sociology, gender, social movements, and reproductive health. At Purdue, I taught eight unique courses and received the University's highest teaching award for a graduate instructor. In addition to my academic publications, I engage in public sociology through podcasting and blogging. I host two social science podcasts: Proofing and Lies, a science literacy, current events, and baking podcast, and Measuring Violence, a podcast on violence and violence prevention research and practices.

Selected Publications

Palmer, Zachary and **Elle Rochford**. Forthcoming. "Organizing Beyond Gender After Roe," in *Handbook of Gender and Social Activism*, edited by Jo Reger, Rachel L.

Einwohner, and Kelsy Kretschmer. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Rochford, Elle, Baylee Hudgens, and Rachel Einwohner. 2023. "Instant Archives: Methodological Strategies for Using Social Media Data." *Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change (RSMCC)*. Volume 47.

Rochford, Elle and Zachary Palmer. 2022. "Trans on TikTok: Sharing Information and Forming Community." In *TikTok Cultures in the United States*, edited by Trevor Boffone. London, UK: Routledge.

Rochford, Elle. 2021. "Influencers and Activists: Political Performances in an Increasingly Online World." In *Social Media in the 21st Century: Perspectives, Influences, and Effects on Wellbeing*, edited by Walter J. Khan. New York: Nova Science Publishers, Inc.

Einwohner, Rachel L., and **Elle Rochford**. 2019. "After the March: Using Instagram to Perform and Sustain the Women's March." *Sociological Forum* 34(S1): 1090-1111.

Shura, Robin, **Elle Rochford**, and Brian K. Gran. 2016. "Daughters and Sons for Sale? The Blurred Boundary between Intercountry Adoption and Sale of Children." *Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* 36(5/6): 319-334.

Rochford, Elle. 2023. "Book Review: Dying to Count: Post-Abortion Care and Global Reproductive Health Politics in Senegal by Siri Suh." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/23326492231160792>

Rochford, Elle, Maria Paula Mendoza, and Angela J. Hattery. 2023. "Book Review: Researching Gender-Based Violence: Embodied and Intersectional Approaches by April D. J. Petillo and Heather R. Hlavka." *Gender & Society*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/08912432231179445>

Works In Progress

Mendoza, Maria Paula, **Elle Rochford**, Angela J. Hattery, Kate Derr, and Zarah Zurita.* “Anti-Carceral Feminism and Intimate Partner Violence: Working Outside the System”

Rochford, Elle, Reilly Kincaid, and Vasundhara Kaul. 2022. “Allyship: How White Organizations Discursively Disconnect Racist State Violence from Reproductive Justice.” (under review)

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Candidate Statement

Emre Sahin is a participant and researcher of social movements, particularly the Kurdish movement, and a Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Sociology and Gender, Race, Identity (GRI) at the University of

Nevada, Reno. His work is grounded in contemporary political sociology and his current research explores the expansion of prefigurative mobilization in Rojava (NE Syria) and across the world, with a focus on women’s autonomous spaces and economic organizing. He designed and taught the “From Occupy to BLM: Horizontal Movements in the US,” “Contemporary Social Movements,” and “Introduction to Sociology” courses (twice for each course) during his doctorate studies at Binghamton University.

Selected Publications

Sahin, Emre, 2024 (forthcoming). “Communal Care in Rojava and Chiapas: Alternative Economy and Justice” in *Cultivating Ecologies of Solidarity and Care beyond capitalism, patriarchy, racism, and the state* (Pluto Press, co-author)

Sahin, Emre. 2023 (forthcoming). “Experiences of Political Autonomy in Kurdistan” in peer-reviewed book *Kurds and the Republic*

Sahin, Emre. 2023 (forthcoming). “From Contention to Prefiguration: PKK and Rojava Revolution” in peer-reviewed *Ephemera* journal

Sahin, Emre. 2023 (forthcoming). “Seeds of Another World: *Jinwar* Women’s Commune in Rojava” in peer-reviewed book *Social Movements and Everyday Acts of Resistance: Solidarity in a Changing World* (Routledge: London)

Sahin, Emre. 2021. “Komünal Cankurtaran: Rojava’da Doğrudan Demokrasi” in *Pandemi Dayanışması* (Kaldırac Press, ISBN: 9786055172152, co-author)

Sahin, Emre. 2020. “Communal Lifeboat: Direct Democracy in Rojava (NE Syria)” in *Pandemic Solidarity* (Pluto Press, ISBN: 9780745343167, co-author)

Sahin, Emre. 2012. "Cultural and Class-based Encounters in the Hierarchy of the Others: Perception of Gypsies in Kurdish Society and Social Exclusion Practices" in *Society and Theory* journal (Berdan Print, Issue 6-Spring, ISBN: 9786056067556, co-author)

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Jessica L. Schachle

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Candidate Statement

I am a Ph.D. candidate in sociology at Oklahoma State University, where I am expecting to graduate in spring 2024. I obtained a Master of Arts from Wichita State University where my quantitative thesis explored how the intersection of gender, race, and participation in extracurricular activities impacted student academic success among high school girls.

My research focuses on education, social movements, race and ethnicity, and gender and sexuality. Currently, my research projects (1) examine student activism at U.S. colleges and universities, and (2) explore the multidimensionality of K-12 teacher activism in

Oklahoma. My research on teacher activism has been recognized and awarded by the Women's Faculty Council at Oklahoma State University. My qualitative dissertation expands on prior conceptualizations of *occupational activism* by developing a typology that examines how K-12 Oklahoma teachers navigate instruction on race, gender, and sexuality in the wake of harmful and suppressive legislation.

My research has been published in outlets such as *Work and Occupations*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Focus*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, and *Social Sciences*.

Selected Publications

Coley, Jonathan, Daniel Morrison, Lexie Taylor, **Jessica Schachle**, and Gabby Gomez. "Internal Contradictions of Institutionalized Heteronormativity." Submitted for review.

Schachle, Jessica and Martha Sibley. "Heroes in the Spring, Enemies in the Fall: Differences in Emotional Labor among K-12 Teachers during the COVID-19 Pandemic." Revise and resubmit.

Coley, Jonathan and **Jessica Schachle**. 2023. "Occupational Activism and the New Labor Activism: Illustrations from the Education Sector and an Agenda for Future Research." *Work and Occupations* 50(3): 420-427. (Invited essay, editor reviewed).

Coley, Jonathan, Jericho McElroy, and **Jessica Schachle**. 2023. "Red Schools, Blue Schools? Republican and Democratic Student Groups at U.S. Colleges and Universities." *Sociological Forum* 38(1): 4-26. (Lead article).

Schachle, Jessica. 2022. "I think that's the Norma Rae in me": Teachers' Perceptions of Outcomes for the 2018 Oklahoma Teacher Walkout." *Sociological Focus* 55(4): 336-352.

Schachle, Jessica, and Jonathan Coley. 2022. "Making Space: Racialized Organizations and Student of Color Groups at U.S. Colleges and Universities." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 8(3): 386-402.

Coley, Jonathan and **Jessica Schachle**. 2021. "Growing the Green Giant: Ecological Threats, Political Threats, and U.S. Membership in Sierra Club, 1892-present." *Social Sciences* 10(6): 189.

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Andrew K. Thompson, PhD

College of the Holy Cross



Candidate Statement

Currently a Visiting Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the College of the Holy Cross, I am looking to find a permanent home in a department where critical scholarship and social engagement are valued. My research examines how

movements operate as sites of racial and cultural contestation. I approach my scholarship and teaching in a way that foregrounds my commitment to revolutionary social change.

I am the author of two books and the co-editor of three others. My work has been published in *Social Movement Studies*, *Contention*, and *Interface*, as well as in journals like *Lateral: Journal of the Cultural Studies Association*. I have also appeared in popular venues like *Boston Review* and the *Los Angeles Review of Books*.

My current research focuses on the decline of the social movement as the dominant mode of popular contention in the United States. Between the dissolution of democratic norms and the corresponding resurgence of violence, I hypothesize that we are entering an important period of transition. In this moment, the historical-tactical lessons of Black freedom struggles will become increasingly salient, since participants in these struggles have never been able to presuppose that the state would recognize them as legitimate claimants.

Selected Publications

AK Thompson. 2023. "The Life and Death of Autonomy: How Might Politics be Subverted Today?" Marcos Ancelovici and Francis Dupuis-Déri (eds.) *Subverting Politics: Autonomous Social Movements Today*. Montreal: Black Rose

AK Thompson and Florian Cord. 2022. "On Bringing the New World Into Being: Theory, Ontology, Politics, and Action – An Interview with AK Thompson." *Coils of the Serpent: Journal for the Study of Contemporary Power* No.10

AK Thompson. 2021. "Violence, Social Movements, and Black Freedom Struggles: Ten Theses Toward a Research Agenda for Scholars of Contention Today." *Contention: The Multidisciplinary Journal of Social Protest* Volume 9, No. 1

AK Thompson. 2019. “‘We Are Winning’: Ten Theses on Politics After Seattle.” *Seattle+20: Movements at the Millenium*, a special issue of *Socialism and Democracy*, Volume 33, No.3

AK Thompson. 2019. “Citing History,” *Time and Movement: Approaching Tempolarities in Understanding Contention*, a special issue of *Social Movement Studies*, Volume 19, No. 1-2

AK Thompson. 2018. *Premonitions: Selected Essays on the Culture of Revolt*. Chico: AK Press

Jason Del Gandio and **AK Thompson** (eds.), Foreword by Peter Marcuse (2017). *Spontaneous Combustion: The Eros Effect and Global Revolution*. Albany: SUNY Press

AK Thompson. 2017. “The Work of Violence in the Age of Repressive Desublimation.” Peter Funke, Andrew Lamas, and Todd Wolfson (eds.), *The Great Refusal: Herbert Marcuse and Contemporary Social Movements*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press

AK Thompson. 2017. “Occupation, Decolonization, and Reciprocal Violence.” Anna Feigenbaum et al. (eds.), *Protest Camps in International Context: Spaces, Infrastructures, and Media of Resistance*. Bristol: Policy Press

AK Thompson, Foreword by Bernardine Dohrn. 2010. *Black Bloc, White Riot: Anti-Globalization and the Genealogy of Dissent*. Oakland: AK Press

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Chie Togami

University of Pittsburgh



Candidate Statement

Broadly speaking, my research spans environmental sociology, social movements, and gender. My dissertation addresses the organizational dynamics of new climate change movements and the impact of funding sources on movements’ strategic decision-making. Specifically, I interrogate the role and impact of philanthropy, asking: what are the implications of climate movements relying on funding from philanthropic foundations? In addition to my dissertation project, I have researched and written about air quality, environmental justice, and epistemology in Western Pennsylvania. In 2021, I produced a limited series podcast about the social and environmental legacy of the U.S. Steel Corporation.

More recently, I have collaborated on a project examining the global environmental justice impacts of the Biden-Harris lead service line replacement initiative. At ASA, I will present a co-authored manuscript, “Environmental Justice Victory? Waste Colonialism and the Afterlife of Lead Water Pipes.” My work on gender explores the intersection of gender and environmental social

movements. In 2021, I co-authored a chapter “Women and Environmental Movements” for the Routledge Handbook of Environmental Social Movements. Presently, I am co-authoring an article that uses the example of climate activism to argue for the merits of thinking about gender and multiple masculinities as constituted by constellations of accountable situated practice.

Selected Publications

Togami, Chie and Suzanne Staggenborg. 2022. “Gender and Environmental Movements.” Pp. 419–33 in *The Routledge Handbook of Environmental Movements*, edited by M. Grasso and M. Giugni. New York, NY: Routledge.

Togami, Chie. 2022. “Book Review: Gender and Social Movements by Jo Reger.” *Gender & Society*.

Togami, Chie and Suzanne Staggenborg. 2019. “[New Hope for Climate Activism.](#)” *Mobilizing Ideas*.

Togami, Chie. 2021. “[Extraction: 120 years of U.S. Steel](#)” Produced by Chie Togami and the University of Pittsburgh’s World History Center, podcast (3 episodes). 1hr 52 min.

Works in Progress

Togami, Chie and Michael Murphy. “The Politics of Airing Grievances: An Analysis of Air Quality Knowledge and Ignorance in Pittsburgh.” (Journal: *Local Environment*)

Togami, Chie. “Raising the Alarm: Extinction Rebellion and the Fight to Declare a Climate Emergency.”

Togami, Chie, Caitlin Schroering, Talor Musil, and Marcela González Rivas. “Environmental Justice Victory? Waste Colonialism and the Afterlife of Lead Water Pipes.”

Togami, Chie, Lisa Brush. “Climate Change Frames, Social Movements, and Gendered Practice.” (Journal: *Men and Masculinities*)

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Stephen Wulff

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Candidate Statement

I am a PhD candidate in sociology at University of Minnesota with research interests in policing, punishment, law and society, and social movements. My dissertation, *Police Misconduct, Monetary Sanctions, and Insurance Models in the Modern Police Accountability Era*, employs Armstrong and Bernstein’s (2008) multi-institutional politics approach to social movements to examine the role of insurance in regulating police behavior.

My first sole-authored article, recently published in *Law & Social Inquiry* (the official journal of the American Bar Foundation), analyzes the innovative but ultimately unsuccessful 2016 ballot campaign of the Committee for Professional Policing (CfPP), a police accountability group in Minneapolis, Minnesota, which attempted to make

Minneapolis the first city nationwide to require police to carry professional liability insurance. I argue that CfPP's campaign can be situated within a wider fiscal justice movement that has emerged in the Black Lives Matter and modern police accountability era and has been spearheaded by activists and grassroots-focused research organizations seeking to hold police accountable along with the municipalities and financial institutions that financially immunize them. Currently, I am co-authoring a report examining all the financial costs stemming from George Floyd's murder.

My teaching interests include social movements, sociological theory, the criminal legal system, and ethnography.

Selected Publications

Wulff, Stephen. 2022. "Flipping the 'New Penology' Script: Police Misconduct Insurance, Grassroots Activism and Risk Management-Based Reform." *Law & Social Inquiry* 47(1): 162-204.

Wulff, Stephen, Mary Bernstein, and Verta Taylor. 2015. "New Theoretical Directions from the Study of Gender and Sexuality Movements: Collective Identity, Multi-Institutional Politics, and Emotions." Pp. 108-30 in *The Oxford Handbook of Social Movements*, edited by D. della Porta and M. Diani. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Bernstein, Mary and **Stephen Wulff.** 2014. "Community Policing, Workplace Structure and Attitudes Toward Lesbians and Gay Men and their Civil Liberties." *International Journal of Criminology & Sociology* 3: 284-99.

McQuarrie, Michael, Muriel Payraudeau, Michael Selmi, and **Stephen Wulff.** (Forthcoming). "Police Brutality Tax: Accounting for the Financial Costs of George Floyd's Murder," Arizona State University: Center for Work & Democracy.

Works in Progress

Wulff, Stephen. "Entrepreneurs of Punishment': Police Misconduct Insurance, Grassroots Activism, and the Limits of Linguistic Capital."

Wulff, Stephen. "From 2008 to Post-George Floyd: Fiscal Justice Activism, Police Misconduct Payouts, and the Reconstruction of Minneapolis's Self-Insurance Financial History."

Wulff, Stephen. "Police Misconduct Insurance in the Post-Ferguson Era?: Assessing US Public Support for a Novel Accountability Mechanism."

Wulff, Stephen. "Carceral State Crime: Contextualizing & Measuring Police Crime in an Era of Hyper-Punishment."

Wulff, Stephen. "Post-Ferguson Police Reform Era as Hegemonic Strategy."

Wulff, Stephen. "Policing Dissent Beyond Large Scale Demonstrations: Strategic Incapacitation, Police Brutality Activism, and Small-Scale Protest Efforts."

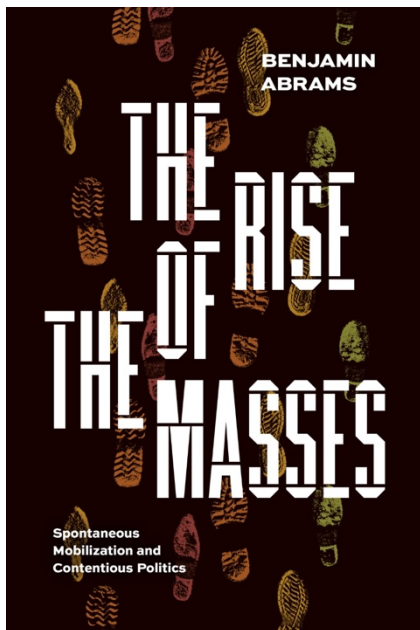
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Recent Publications

Abrams, Benjamin. 2023. *The Rise of the Masses: Spontaneous Mobilization and Contentious Politics*. University of Chicago Press.



Book Description (from publisher):

Between 15 and 26 million Americans participated in protests surrounding the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and others as part of the

Black Lives Matter protests in 2020, which is only one of the most recent examples of an immense mobilization of citizens around a cause. In *The Rise of the Masses*, sociologist Benjamin Abrams addresses why and how people spontaneously protest, riot, and revolt en masse. While most uprisings of such a scale require tremendous resources and organizing, this book focuses on cases where people with no connection to organized movements take to the streets, largely of their own accord. Looking to the Arab Spring, Occupy Wall Street, and the Black Lives Uprising, as well as the historical case of the French Revolution, Abrams lays out a theory of how and why massive mobilizations arise without the large-scale planning that usually goes into staging protests.

Analyzing a breadth of historical and regional cases that provide insight into mass collective behavior, Abrams draws on first-person interviews and archival sources to argue that people organically mobilize when a movement speaks to their pre-existing

dispositions and when structural and social conditions make it easier to get involved—what Abrams terms affinity-convergence theory. Shedding a light on the drivers behind large spontaneous protests, *The Rise of the Masses* offers a significant theory that could help predict movements to come.

Nichter, Matthew F. 2023. "From the Ashes of the Old: The Old Left and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 1957-1965." *Critical Historical Studies* 10(1):1-41.

Next Issue of Critical Mass

The Fall 2023 issue of the Critical Mass Newsletter will highlight the winners of the CBSM Section Awards. We will also be featuring essays on any topic related to social movements (max 750 words), new publications, and announcements.

Please email your submissions with clear subject line to: cbsmnews@gmail.com