

Jason Farr, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Focus

Areas of Specialty | Metaethics | Normative Ethics

Areas of Competency | Environmental Ethics | Political Theory | Philosophy of Language

Employment

Georgetown University | The Earth Commons Institute
Assistant Teaching Professor | Fellow, Ethics Lab

July 2025-Present

Georgetown University | Kennedy Institute of Ethics
Assistant Teaching Professor | Senior Team, Ethics Lab

July 2022-July 2025

Georgetown University | Kennedy Institute of Ethics
Postdoctoral Fellow | Ethics Lab

August 2021-June 2022

Education

PhD Georgetown University | Philosophy

August 2021

Dissertation: *Metaethics is Social*

Committee Chair

Maggie Little | littlem@georgetown.edu

Committee Members

Mark Murphy | Mark.Murphy@georgetown.edu

Mark Lance | lancem@georgetown.edu

MA	Northern Illinois University Philosophy	<i>May 2015</i>
BA	University of Virginia Political Philosophy, Policy, & Law	<i>May 2009</i>

Leadership

Member Senior Team, Ethics Lab, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University	<i>2022-2025</i>
Lead Curricular Portfolio, Ethics Lab, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University	<i>2022-2025</i>

Funded Projects

Ethical Design for Distributed Social Networks Ethics Co-Lead Project Liberty Labs (link) Service agreement, funding confidential <i>Project Lead:</i> Margaret Little, PhD, Professor, Philosophy Department and Director of Ethics Lab, Georgetown University	<i>2021-2024</i>
Ethical Use of Novel HIV Data and Analytics in HIV Prevention & Treatment Co-facilitator and Engagement Design Support Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation \$997,446 <i>Co-Principal Investigators:</i> Margaret Little, PhD, Professor, Philosophy Department and Director of Ethics Lab, Georgetown University; Charles Holmes, PhD, Director of the Center for Innovation in Global Health, Georgetown University	<i>2022-2023</i>
Responsible Computer Science Curriculum Development Curricular Co-Lead Mozilla Foundation \$64,800 <i>Co-Principal Investigators:</i> Margaret Little, PhD, Professor, Philosophy Department, and Director of Ethics Lab, Georgetown University;	<i>2021-2022</i>

Ray Essick, PhD, Assistant Teaching Professor, Georgetown University, Department of Computer Science

Programmatic Curricular Development

Lead | Ethics Curricular Design, BS in Environment in Sustainability, Ethics Lab and Earth Commons Institute, Georgetown University

2023-Present

Co-Lead | Embedded Ethics Program, Ethics Lab, Georgetown University

2021-2025

Embedded ethics modules co-designed/facilitated:

(* indicates for Mozilla Foundation Project)

STIA-417 Sea Level Change and Coastal Adaptation

Megan Lickley | 8 students

Introduction to Sea Level Change Ethics

Ethics of Mitigation and Adaptation

Ethics of Sea Walls

ENST-3360 Environmental Remote Sensing

Taylor Jones | 25 students

Ethics of Environmental Remote Sensing

ERTH-3380 Environmental GIS

Taylor Jones | 8 students

Ethics and GIS

COSC-587 Introduction to Data Science (Graduate)

Lisa Singh | 30 students

Locating Ethics Across a Data Science Project

COSC-287 Introduction to Data Science (Undergraduate)

Lisa Singh | 30 students

Locating Ethics across a Data Science Project

COSC-150 Advanced Programming

Ray Essick | 2 sections | 80 students

Identifying Ethics in Computer Science*

Ethics of the Human-Computer Interface*

Ethics of Designing Networked Systems*

Privacy in Tech Design*

INAF 315 Design for Democracy

Kyla Fullenwider | 8 students

Ethical Landscape Mapping in Design Projects

PPOL 518 Ethics, Values, & Public Policy

Karen Huang | 2 sections | 40 students

Ethical Landscape Mapping in Fast Fashion

Member | Joint Working Group on [Tech, Ethics, and Society](#)
program design, Georgetown University

2021-2022

Publications

Lisa Singh, Agorista Polyzou, Yanchen Wang, and **Jason Farr**,
“[Social Media Data – Our Ethical Conundrum](#),” *IEEP Data Engineering Bulletin*, Special Issue on Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Fairness and Artificial Intelligence Systems, 2020

Awards & Honors

Fellow	Fritz Family Fellowship (link)	<i>May 2020-May 2021</i>
Distinction	Doctoral Comprehensive Examination, Georgetown University Philosophy Department	<i>2016</i>
Winner	JoAnne Rafalson Essay Contest (link), Northern Illinois University Philosophy Department, for “Quasi-Realism and Objectivity”	<i>2015</i>

Teaching Experience

Georgetown University | Instructor of Record

ERTH2905: Climate Change Ethics and Justice

Fall 2025

<i>PHIL 1101: Intro to Environmental Ethics</i>	<i>Fall 2024 - Fall 2025</i>
<i>PHIL109: AI Ethics</i>	<i>Fall 2023, Spring 2021</i>
<i>PHIL135: Introduction to Tech, Ethics, and Society</i>	<i>Spring 2022</i>
<i>PHIL110: Social Media and Democracy</i>	<i>Fall 2021</i>
<i>PHIL105: Bioethics</i>	<i>Fall 2020</i>
<i>PHIL148: Meta-Ethics</i>	<i>Spring 2020</i>
<i>PHIL124: Ethics & The Environment</i>	<i>Fall 2019, 2023</i>
<i>PHIL010: Introduction to Ethics</i>	<i>Summer 2018, 2016</i>
<i>PHIL020: Introduction to Philosophy</i>	<i>Summer 2017</i>

Academic Service

Teaching Mentor Kennedy Institute of Ethics Postdoctoral Fellows	2022-2025
• Minji Jang • Kate Wojtkiewicz • Shannon Brick • Joel de Lara • Alicia Patterson	
Co-Lead Ethics Lab Student Fellowship Program	2022-2023
Lead Ethics Lab Faculty & Visiting Fellowship Program	2022-2023
Committee Member Senior Honors Thesis Thania Tsimpri, “Are You for Real? Truth, Reality, and Democracy in the Digital Age”	2022
Chair American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division	2021
Organizer Georgetown MAP Conference: <i>Understanding Oppression</i>	2018
Volunteer American Philosophical Association, Central Division	2014

Presentations

- “Navigating the Ethics and Risks of Engineered Nature,”
Invited Panel at *Science Summit, UN General Assembly 80* 2025
- “Ethics of Data Farming and Decentralization on Social Media”
University of Virginia, School of Data Science 2023
- “A Social Account of the Game of Assertion”
Gateway Graduate Conference: Philosophy in a Social World 2019
- Comments on Yarran Hominh’s “Oppressive Social Practices
and the Explanation of Individual Action”
Georgetown University, MAP Conference: Understanding Oppression 2018
- “Quasi-Realism and Objectivity”
Northern Illinois University, JoAnne Rafalson Memorial Colloquium 2015
- “Courses of Action and Consequences”
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate Philosophy
Conference* 2014
- Comments on Tatyana Kostochka’s “Just Another Epistemic
Goal: The Value of Truth and the Disengaged Standpoint”
Northern Illinois University, 7th Annual Northern Graduate Conference 2013

Other Service

Nature Camp Foundation ([link](#))

- *Vice President, Board of Directors* 2024-Present
- *At-Large Member, Board of Directors* 2018-2023
- *Adult Session Instructor* 2013-Present