

Jason Farr, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC FOCUS

Areas of Specialty: Technology and Data Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Metaethics

Areas of Competency: Normative Ethics, Political Philosophy, History of 20th Century Analytic Philosophy, History of Pragmatism

EMPLOYMENT

Georgetown University, Kennedy Institute of Ethics

Assistant Teaching Professor, Senior Team Member, Ethics Lab

July 2022-Present

- Lead Ethics Lab's educational portfolio, including curricular development and the educational wing of Ethics Lab's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program
- Serve on Ethics Lab's Senior Team in support of Ethics Lab's advancement, development, and operations
- Design, pilot, and iterate courses on emerging ethical issues, co-designing innovative activities and assignments with Ethics Lab designers and serving as instructor of record
- Co-lead Ethics Lab's Embedded Ethics program, including co-facilitation and design with instructors in Computer Science, Environmental Studies, and beyond

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: Margaret Little (littlem@georgetown.edu)

Committee Members: Mark Murphy (Mark.Murphy@georgetown.edu), Mark Lance (lancem@georgetown.edu)

MA Northern Illinois University

Philosophy

May 2015

PROGRAMMATIC CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENT

- [Earth Commons](#), Georgetown University *2022-Present*
 - Lead development of ethics curriculum for a new undergraduate program (planned to grow to 400 students over four years), including a foundational course on Environmental Ethics, embedded ethics modules within Environmental Science courses, mentorship for Ethics and Justice focused capstone projects, and future
- [Tech, Ethics, and Society](#), Georgetown University *2021-2022*
 - Member, Joint Working Group for the curricular design of a new major, minor, and certificate program

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

- [Fritz Family Fellowship](#) *May 2020-May 2021*
- Awarded an interdisciplinary fellowship at the Georgetown Initiative on Tech and Society, in association with Ethics Lab and the Georgetown University Computer Science department, to study the ethics of conducting social media research with machine-learning algorithms.
- Comprehensive Examination – Distinction** *2016*
- Awarded to Georgetown Philosophy PhD students with an exceptional performance in their comprehensive examination
- [JoAnne Rafalson Essay Contest](#) - Winner *2015*
- Awarded to one Northern Illinois University philosophy graduate student per year for outstanding achievement in philosophical essay writing.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgetown University

Instructor of Record

- *PHIL109*: AI Ethics *Fall 2023, Spring 2021*
- *PHIL135*: Introduction to Tech, Ethics, and Society *Spring 2022*
- *PHIL110*: Social Media and Democracy *Fall 2021*
- *PHIL105*: Bioethics *Fall 2020*
- *PHIL148*: Meta-Ethics *Spring 2020*
- *PHIL124*: Environmental Ethics *Fall 2019*
- *PHIL010*: Introduction to Ethics *Summer 2018, 2016*
- *PHIL020*: Introduction to Philosophy *Summer 2017*

Teaching Assistant

- *PHIL 099*: Political and Social Thought, Madison Powers *Spring 2018*
- *PHIL 099*: Political and Social Thought, Terry Pinkard *Fall 2017*
- *PHIL010*: Introduction to Philosophy, Judith Lichtenberg *Spring 2017*
- *PHIL020*: Introduction to Philosophy, James Mattingly *Fall 2016*
- *PHIL010 (Grader/Guest Lecturer)*: Introduction to Ethics, James Olsen *Spring 2016*
- *PHIL010*: Introduction to Ethics, Nancy Sherman *Fall 2015*

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Facilitator and Mentor, Student Research Fellowship in Ethics of Tech and the Environment 2023
 - Design and execute an innovative research fellowship for six undergraduate students with workshops on Technology/Data Ethics and Environmental Ethics, two collaborative workshops with ten faculty and external mentors, and one public poster session for Tech & Society Week at Georgetown.
- Facilitator, Faculty Fellows Salons 2023
 - Co-design virtual salons and in-person events for a group of 18 centered on pedagogy and research in the Ethics of Technology and the Environment
- Conference Presentation Chair, American Philosophical Association 2021
- Organization Committee, Georgetown MAP Conference: Understanding Oppression 2018
- Volunteer, Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association 2014
- Organizer, 7th Annual Northern Graduate Conference in Philosophy 2013
- Philosophy Graduate Student Advisory Council, *Northern Illinois University* 2013
- Facilitator, Northern Illinois University Bold Futures Workshops 2013

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "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, Rafelson 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

GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN

Georgetown University

<i>Spring 2020</i>	Special Topics in Bioethics (audit)	<i>Spring 2017</i>	Hegel Nicomachean Ethics Pragmatics and Social Reality
<i>Fall 2016</i>	Kant Rawls Ethics Proseminar	<i>Spring 2016</i>	Intermediate Logic (Meta-Logic) Social Epistemology Metaphysics Proseminar
<i>Fall 2015</i>	Epistemology Proseminar Aristotle's Biology Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein		

Northern Illinois University

<i>Spring 2015</i>	Global Justice (Audit) Metaphysics (Audit) Paradoxes (Audit)	<i>Fall 2014</i>	Disagreement Ethical Theory: Paternalism (Audit) Metaphysics: What Are You? (Audit)
<i>Spring 2014</i>	Philosophy of Logic: Truth Free Will Political Philosophy (Audit)	<i>Fall 2013</i>	Directed Readings: Climate Change and Moral Philosophy Consequentialism Philosophy of Mind: Challenges for Physicalism

Spring 2013

Truth Conditional Pragmatics
Practical Reasoning
20th Century Analytic Philosophy

Fall 2012

Intermediate Logic
Advanced Ethical Theory
Epistemology

University of Virginia

Fall 2011

Capitalism and Human Good
Thomas Reid

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Nature Camp Foundation

At-Large Board Member

2018-Present

- Develop Board Succession Committee Charter
- Collaborate in design and implementation of Camp events
- Vote on matters related to advancement

Nature Camp, Inc.

Adult Session Instructor

2013-Present

Assistant Director

2011

- Delegated daily tasks and responsibilities for a staff of 24
- Conducted training sessions and organizational meetings

Instructor/Counselor

2006-2011

- Designed and taught two-week courses for 6th through 12th grade students.

Courses Taught

- Introduction to Environmental Ethics
- Dendrology: Plant Communities & Migration in the Southern Appalachians
- Introduction to Botany
- Energy and Waste Systems in the United States
- Environmental Effects of Agriculture

Relayfoods.com

Jan 2010-Feb 2012

(An online grocery service geared toward local foods and sustainability)

Personal Assistant to COO and President, Charlottesville, Va

Aug 2011-Feb 2012

- Managed President's schedule and company-related expenditures.
- Wrote and edited emails for President.
- Coordinated meetings and interviews for President and CEO

- Redesigned and implemented website search queries, product trees, and product categorization for thousands of online products

Team Leader, Richmond, Va

Aug 2010-Aug 2011

- Managed team of 10 in daily operations of relayfoods.com Richmond.
- Oversaw transportation of goods from farms and stores to fulfillment center, sorting of products, and distribution to sites around the city
- Helped design methods and procedures for operations associates

Operations Associate, Charlottesville, Va

Jan 2010-Aug 2010

- Transported goods from farms and stores to fulfillment center and then out to sites around the city
- Sorted incoming products into outgoing customer bins
- Helped design and implement sorting and transportation processes for relayfoods.com

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Appalachian Trail Thru-Hike

Feb 2012-Jul 2012

- Planned and executed a 2,180 mile solo hike from Georgia to Maine.