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Employment

Postdoctoral Fellow for Faculty Diversity, Philosophy Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2019-present

Postdoctoral Research Associate in Ethics and Climate Change, Princeton Environmental Institute and The University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2017-2019

Areas of Research

Specialization: Environmental Ethics; Social and Political Philosophy

Competence: Ethics (Normative and Applied); Ethics of Technology; History of Political Philosophy

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, Stanford University (degree conferred 2017)

Dissertation: "Wrongful Harm by Emitting: Individual and Collective Agents in the Context of Climate Change"

Committee: Debra Satz (chair), Juliana Bidadanure, John Broome, Chris Field, and Tamar Schapiro

M.A. Philosophy, University of Montana (degree conferred 2009)

Thesis: "Guidelines for a Pluralist Society: How Rawls Could Help with Struggles Over Identity"

Advisor: Albert Borgmann

M.S. coursework, Wilderness Management, University of Montana (2006-07) (transferred to philosophy)

Thesis: "Shoreline Recreation Experience and Visitor Perception of Cruise Ships in Tracy Arm-Ford's Terror Wilderness, Alaska"

Advisor: Perry Brown

B.A. Philosophy, Northern Arizona University (degree conferred 2000) (*magna cum laude*)

Thesis: "Binary Concepts in Feminist Thought"

Publications

Francis, Blake. (forthcoming) "In Defense of National Climate Change Responsibility: A Reply to the Fairness Objection." *Philosophy and Public Affairs*.

Bistline, John; Budolfson, Mark; Francis, Blake (2020) "Deepening Transparency about Value-Laden Assumptions in Energy and Environmental Modeling: Improving Best Practices for Both Modelers and Non-Modelers." *Climate Policy*, 1-15.

Francis, Blake (2017) "Moral Asymmetries and Economic Evaluations of Climate Change: The Challenge of Assessing Diverse Effects." *The Ethical Underpinnings of Climate Economics*. Adrian Walsh, Duncan Purves, and Säde Hormio; (eds). New York: Routledge, 141-162.

Scott, Dane; Francis, Blake (eds.) (2011) *Debating Science: Deliberation, Values, and the Public Good*. Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books. (This anthology was a product of an NSF sponsored program for Ethics Education in Science and Engineering.)

Refereed Conference Presentations

"What is a Constructed Preference?" Conference on Preferences, Commitments and Choice, University of Zurich, Switzerland, 2021

"The Individual Denialist's Playbook: Climate Ethics and Competing Conceptions of Harm," Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 2021

"Climate Change Injustice," 17th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, 2020

"Middle Emissions: Climate Ethics and the Global Middle Class," 6th Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of Global Ethics, University of Birmingham, 2020 (Postponed)

"Middle Emissions: Climate Ethics and the Global Middle Class," Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 2020 (Canceled)

"Why Citizens Should Pay for their Nation's Wrongful Emissions," MANCEPT Workshop in Political Theory, University of Manchester, 2018

"Moral Asymmetries and Economic Evaluations of Climate Change," Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 2015

"Moral Asymmetries and Economic Evaluations of Climate Change," Ethical Underpinnings of Climate Economics Conference, University of Helsinki, 2014

"Thinking, Identity, Politics: Finding Personal Identity in Feminist Projects," University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2009

Invited Presentations

"Private Property as Coercion: A Challenge for the Hayekian Liberal," Department of Philosophy Faculty Workshop, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2020

"Trees as Climate Solutions: A Roundtable Debate," University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2020

"Should the Polluter Pay?" Department of Philosophy Faculty Workshop, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2019

"Controlling Artificial Intelligence: Roles and Professional Ethics," Artificial Intelligence Ethics: New Frontiers or Bioethics Revisited? Princeton University, 2018

"Climate Change Injustice: Is Climate Change a *Natural* Disaster?" Conversations on the Environment, Responsible Energy, and Life, Princeton University 2018

"Should the Polluter Pay?" Climate Change, Ethics, and Risk Workshop, Princeton University, 2018

"Does Contributing to Climate Change by Emitting Greenhouse Gases do Harm?" Human Values Forum, Princeton, 2017

"Making Climate Research Interdisciplinary," (with Maddalena Ferranna, Noah Scovronick, and Mark Vardy) Climate Futures Initiative, Princeton, 2017

"Climate Change and the Moral Significance of Harm," Stanford Humanities Center, 2017

"Ethics and Adaptation: Who is Most Vulnerable to Climate Change?" Connecting the Dots: The Food, Water, Climate Nexus, Stanford University, 2014

"Ethics in an Energy Crisis: What Should We Do When Current Needs Conflict with Long-Term Sustainability?" (with Mark Budolfson, Hyunseop Kim, and Debra Satz) The Energy Seminar, Stanford University, 2013

"Thinking, Identity, Politics: Finding Personal Identity in Feminist Projects," The University of Montana Philosophy Forum, 2008

Commentaries

Allison Fritz, "The Virtue of Shallow Environmentalism," 17th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, 2020

Kian Mintz-Woo and Justin Leroux, "What Do Climate Winners Owe?" Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2020.

Maddalena Ferranna, "Age Dependency and the Value of Mortality Risks," Laurance S. Rockefeller Fellows Lunch Seminar, Princeton University, 2018

Fergus Green, "Nationally Self-interested Climate Change Mitigation: A Unified Conceptual Framework," Workshop in Climate Ethics and Climate Economics: How to Finance Well Below 2°C, University of Nottingham, 2016

Corey Katz "Does the Current Generation Dominate Posterity and Should Neo-Republicans Care?" The Intergenerational Domination Workshop, Stanford University, 2015

Aaron Maltais, "Making Our Children Pay for Mitigation One Way or Another," Ethical Underpinnings of Climate Economics Conference, University of Helsinki, 2014

Alan Patten, "Accommodating Religion," Stanford Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, 2014

Pedro Jimenez "Pluralism and Public Justification," Stanford Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, 2012

University and Departmental Service

Panelist, "Teaching Online: Hits and Misses," Humanities Teaching Lab, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, May 2020

Coordinator, Climate Futures Initiative Post Doc Community, Princeton University: 2018-19

Northeast Alliance for Business Ethics: 2017-present

Research Assistant to Professor B. Douglas Bernheim, Department of Economics, Stanford University: 2016-2017

Residential Program Coordinator, City College of New York/Stanford Intensive Summer Research Program in the Humanities, Stanford University: Summer 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017

Graduate Student Mentor, COMPASS: An Undergraduate Philosophy Workshop for Women and Gender Minorities, Princeton University: 2016

Philosophy Department Liaison, Center for Teaching and Learning, Stanford University: 2013-2015

Head Community Associate, Escondido Village Graduate Housing, Stanford University: 2011-2015

Coordinator, Philosophy Graduate Student Workshop, Stanford University: 2013-2015

Co-President, The Hume Society of Philosophy Graduate Students, Stanford University: 2011-2012

Program Coordinator, The Center for Ethics, The University of Montana: 2008-2010

Teaching

Primary Instructor

Justice and Climate Change, University of Maryland, Baltimore County: Spring 2020

The Ethics of Technology: Engineering in the Real World, Princeton University: Fall 2018 (with Jay Benziger)

The Environmental Nexus: Ethics Track Precept, Princeton University: Spring 2018 (with Steve Pacala, Marc Fleurbaey, Rob Nixon, and Lori Gruen)

Climate Change Justice, Stanford University: Spring 2014, Summer 2017

Teaching Methods in Philosophy, Stanford University: 2013-2014 (Fall with Grant Rozeboom); 2014-2015, (Designed curriculum to introduce new TAs to best practices in teaching.)

Personal Responsibility, Stanford University: Spring 2013 (with Ben Miller)

College Composition, University of Montana: 2008-2009

Teaching Assistant

The Ethics of Climate Change, Stanford University: Winter 2016 (for John Broome)
Guest Lecture: "The Ethics of Geoengineering"

The Moral Limits of the Market, Stanford University: Winter 2013 (for Debra Satz)
Guest Lecture: "Markets in Healthcare and the Environment"

Justice, Stanford University: Fall 2011 (for Tom Dougherty), Fall 2012 (for Kristi Olson)

Philosophy of Technology, Stanford University: Summer 2012 (for Tobey Scharding)
Guest Lecture: "The Ethics of Geoengineering"

Mind, Meaning, and Matter, Stanford University: Spring 2012 (for Mark Crimmins)

Introduction to Logic, Stanford University: Spring 2011 (for Valaria De Paiva)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of Montana: Fall 2009 (for Fred McGlynn)

Introduction to Ethics, University of Montana: Spring 2008 (for Fred McGlynn)

Environmental Ethics Summer Institute, University of Montana: Summer 2008 (for Andrew Light)

Natural Resources Policy and Administration, University of Montana: 2006-2007 (for Martin Nie)

Race, Class, and Gender, (Online), Northern Arizona University: 2003 (for Jennifer Hoefle Olsen)

Teaching in the Community

Introduction to Ethics: Climate Change Ethics Unit, Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies Humanities Circle: Spring 2017 (with Willie Costello and Lindsey Chambers)

The Philosophy of Friendship, Hope House Scholars Program (a program teaching humanities classes to women just out of prison and in treatment for drug and alcohol addiction): Summer 2013 (with Sam Asarnow)

Pedagogical Training

Teaching Methods in Philosophy, Amanda Greene and Wes Holiday, Philosophy Department, Stanford University: 2011-2012

Teaching College-Level Composition, Kathleen Ryan, English Department, University of Montana: Fall 2008

Awards, Honors, Fellowships

Geballe Dissertation Prize Fellowship, Stanford University, 2016-2017

Centennial Teaching Award, Stanford University, 2016

Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence Fellowship, Stanford University, 2014-2016

Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University, 2010-2015

Other Work Experience

Field Crew Leader, Wilderness, Cabins and Trails, Admiralty Island National Monument/Kootznoowoo Wilderness, Tongass National Forest, Juneau, Alaska 2005-2008

Assistant Field Crew Leader, Wilderness, Trails and Developed Recreation, Sabino Canyon Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, Tucson, Arizona, 2003-2005

Field Crew Leader, Coconino Rural Environment Corps, Flagstaff, Arizona, 2001-2003