

# Curriculum Vitae

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**Associate Professor of Philosophy**  
**Fairfield University**

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## Academic Appointments

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Fairfield University, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy (2017-)  
Fairfield University, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy (2012-2017)

## Education

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Pennsylvania State University, 2007-2012 (PhD in Philosophy)  
Marquette University, 2002-2006 (BA in Philosophy, 2006)

## Areas of Study

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**Areas of Specialization:** Ethical Theory, Environmental Ethics

**Areas of Competence:** Applied Ethics, Kant, Social and Political Philosophy

## Scholarship

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### Books (peer reviewed)

1. *A Philosophical Defense of Misanthropy* (Routledge, 2022)
2. *The Ethics of Climate Engineering: Non-Ideal Justice and Solar Radiation Management* (Routledge, 2017)
3. *Duties Regarding Nature: A Kantian Environmental Ethic* (Routledge, 2015)

### Articles in Professional Journals (peer reviewed)

1. "Thoreau's *Walden*: Epicureanism or Stoicism?" *The Concord Saunterer* 29 (2021): 132-146
2. "The Role of Reasoning in Pragmatic Morality," *Contemporary Pragmatism* 18:1 (2021): 1-17
3. "Foucault on Correspondence as a Technique of the Self," *Genealogy + Critique* (formerly *Le foucauldien*) 6:1 (2020)
4. "Climate Change, Individual Emissions, and Agent-Regret," *Analysis* 80:1 (2020): 84-89

5. "A Place for Kant's Schematism in *Glauben und Wissen*," *Idealistic Studies* 48:3 (2018): 237-256
6. "Climate Engineering and Human Rights" (authors: **Toby Svoboda**, Holly Jean Buck, Pablo Suarez), *Environmental Politics* 28:3 (2019): 397-416
7. "The Potential for Climate Engineering with Stratospheric Sulfate Aerosol Injections to Reduce Climate Injustice" (authors: **Toby Svoboda**, Peter Irvine, Daniel Callies, Masa Sugiyama), *Journal of Global Ethics* 14:3 (2018): 353-368
8. "Is Climate Change Morally Good from Non-Anthropocentric Perspectives?" (authors: **Toby Svoboda** and Jacob Haqq-Misra), *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 21:2 (2018): 215-228
9. "Why Moral Error Theorists Should Become Revisionary Moral Expressivists," *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 14:1 (2017): 48-72
10. "Environmental Philosophy as a Way of Life," *Ethics & the Environment* 21:1 (2016): 39-60
11. "Aerosol Geoengineering Deployment and Fairness," *Environmental Values* 25:1 (2016): 51-68
12. "Geoengineering and Non-Ideal Theory," *Public Affairs Quarterly* 30:1 (2016): 85-104 (authors: David Morrow and **Toby Svoboda**)
13. "Geoengineering, Agent-Regret, and the Lesser of Two Evils Argument," *Environmental Ethics* 37:2 (2015): 207-220
14. "Ethical and Technical Challenges to Compensating for Harm Due to Solar Radiation Management Geoengineering" (authors: **Toby Svoboda** and Peter Irvine), *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 17:2 (2014): 157-174
15. "A Reconsideration of Indirect Duties Regarding Non-Human Organisms," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 17:2 (2014): 311-323
16. "Is Aerosol Geoengineering Ethically Preferable to Other Climate Change Strategies?" *Ethics & the Environment* 17:2 (2012): 111-135
17. "Towards Integrated Ethical and Scientific Analysis of Geoengineering: A Research Agenda" (authors: Nancy Tuana, Ryan Sriver, **Toby Svoboda**, Roman Tonkonojenkov, Peter Irvine, Jacob Haqq-Misra, and Klaus Keller), *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 15:2 (2012): 136-157
18. "Duties Regarding Nature: A Kantian Approach to Environmental Ethics," *The Kant Yearbook* 4 (2012): 143-163
19. "The Ethics of Geoengineering: Moral Considerability and the Convergence Hypothesis," *The Journal of Applied Philosophy* 29:3 (2012): 243-256
20. "Why There is No Evidence for the Intrinsic Value of Non-humans," *Ethics & the Environment* 16:2 (2011): 25-36
21. "Sulfate Aerosol Geoengineering: The Question of Justice" (authors: **Toby Svoboda**, Klaus Keller, Marlos Goes, and Nancy Tuana), *Public Affairs Quarterly* 25:3 (2011): 157-179
22. "Hybridizing Moral Expressivism and Moral Error Theory," *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 45:1 (2011): 37-48

### **Other Articles in Professional Journals (non-refereed)**

1. “Response to Commentaries on ‘Ethical and Technical Challenges in Compensating for Harm Due to Solar Radiation Management Geoengineering’” (authors: **Toby Svoboda** and Peter Irvine), *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 18:1 (2015): 103-105

### **Book Chapters (invited)**

1. “Plato’s *Ion* as an Ethical Performance,” in Garry Hagberg (ed.), *Fictional Worlds and the Moral Imagination* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021): 3-18
2. “Solar Radiation Management and Comparative Climate Justice,” in Christopher Preston (ed.), *Climate Justice and Geoengineering: Ethics and Policy in the Atmospheric Anthropocene* (Rowman and Littlefield International, 2016): 3-14

### **Book Reviews**

1. On *Fellow Creatures: Our Obligations to the Other Animals*, Christine Korsgaard, in *Environmental Values* (forthcoming)
2. On *Engineering the Climate: The Ethics of Solar Radiation Management*, Christopher Preston (ed.), in *Environmental Ethics* 39:1 (2017): 101-104

### **Refereed Conference Presentations**

1. “Is Climate Change Morally Good from Non-Anthropocentric Perspectives?” with Jacob Haqq-Misra, Thirteenth Annual Conference of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Pace University, July 2016
2. “Geoengineering and Non-Ideal Theory,” with David Morrow, Seventh Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, August 2014
3. “Geoengineering and Non-Ideal Theory,” with David Morrow, Eleventh Annual Conference of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Allenspark, Colorado, June 2014
4. “A Kantian Framework for Teleological Judgments Regarding Non-Human Flourishing,” Biennial Conference of the North American Kant Society, Cornell University, June 2013
5. “An Amelioration of Climate Change? Some Ethical Issues of Aerosol Geoengineering,” American Philosophies Forum Symposium, Pennsylvania State University, April 2012
6. “Ethics as an Integral Component of Geoengineering Analysis,” with Jacob Haqq-Misra, Nancy Tuana, Klaus Keller, Ryan L. Sriver, Roman Tonkonojenkov, and Peter J. Irvine, Fall Meeting of the American Geophysical Union, December 2011
7. “The Ethics of Aerosol Geoengineering,” fourth annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (poster session), University of Colorado, August 2011
8. “Geoengineering, Ethics, and Convergence,” 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology, University of North Texas, May 2011
9. “The Ethics of Geoengineering,” Seventh Annual Conference of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Allenspark, Colorado, June 2010
10. “Some Problems for Sustaining Entities with Intrinsic Value,” Political Ecology and Environmental Philosophy: Toward Ecological and Social Sustainability, Colby College, April 2010

11. "Natural Goods and the Moral Considerability of Non-humans," International Society for Environmental Ethics Panel, Annual Meeting of the Pacific Division of the APA, San Francisco, March 2010
12. "Thoreau in *Walden*: Epicurean or Stoic?" Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Annual Conference, Graduate Student Panel, Michigan State University, March 2008
13. "A Dogmatic Form of Cosmological Naturalism," Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Association, Bloomsburg University, October 2007
14. "The Ethics of the Couple in Irigaray's Critique of Hegel," DePaul University Annual Graduate Student Conference, DePaul University, March 2007
15. "The Ethics of the Couple in Irigaray's Critique of Hegel," Marquette University Philosophy Graduate Student Association Annual Conference, Marquette University, March 2007
16. "Falstaff in Hegel's Theory of Comedy," Indiana Philosophical Association, Purdue University, October 2006
17. "Hegel's Argument against Materialist Determinism in the *Phenomenology of Spirit*," Intermountain West Conference, University of Utah, March 2006
18. "Falstaff in Hegel's Theory of Comedy," Chicago Area Student Conference, DePaul University, March 2006

#### **Invited Presentations**

1. "Climate Engineering and Virtuous Agents," Seizing an Alternative: Toward an Ecological Civilization, Pomona College, June 2015
2. "Climate Engineering: Social, Political, and Ethical Issues," Seizing an Alternative: Toward an Ecological Civilization, Pomona College, June 2015
3. "Agent-Regret in Ethical Adaptation to Climate Change," Second Workshop on Ethics and Adaptation: Loss, Damage, and Harm, University at Buffalo, May 2015
4. "Teleology and Animal Flourishing," Tracking the Animal(s): An Interdisciplinary Conference, Trinity College, April 2015
5. "Solar Radiation Management and Human Rights," Climate Engineering Conference 2014, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Berlin, August 2014
6. "Geoengineering and Non-Ideal Theories of Justice," with David Morrow, Climate Engineering Conference 2014, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Berlin, August 2014
7. "Aerosol Geoengineering Deployment and Fairness," The Ethical Challenges of Climate Engineering, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam, Germany, May 2013
8. "What Makes Non-Human Organisms Flourish? An Account of Natural Goods," Fairfield University, February 2012
9. "What Makes Non-Human Organisms Flourish? An Account of Natural Goods," University of North Florida, January 2012
10. "The Ethics of Aerosol Geoengineering Deployment," Climate Ethics Works-in-Progress Conference (funded by the National Science Foundation), University of Alaska Anchorage, September 2011

### **Honors and Awards**

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1. Winner of Holmes Rolston, III Early Career Essay Prize Competition for “Geoengineering, Agent-Regret, and the Lesser of Two Evils Argument” (2015)
2. Crawford Family Fellowship in Ethical Inquiry, Pennsylvania State University (2011-12)

### **Teaching**

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#### **Fairfield**

AE 283: Environmental Justice  
AE 284: Environmental Ethics  
AS 350: Independent Study: Environmental Racism  
HR 202: Honors Seminar: Philosophy as a Way of Life  
PH 101: Introduction to Philosophy  
PH 224: Critical Thinking  
PH 211: American Philosophy  
PH 223: The Problem of God  
PH 250: Ethical Theory  
PH 252: Philosophy as a Way of Life  
PH 299: Special Topics: Philosophy as a Way of Life  
PH 310: Hume  
PH 350: Advanced Topics in Ethics  
PH 398: Independent Study: Ethics of Animals and the Environment

#### **Penn State**

PHIL 001: Basic Problems of Philosophy (spring 2009)  
PHIL 002: Philosophy, Politics, and Social Theory (TA) (fall 2008)  
PHIL 003: Persons, Moral Values, and the Good Life (summer 2010)  
PHIL 010: Critical Thinking (summer 2009)  
PHIL 013: Philosophy, Nature, and the Environment (spring 2010)  
PHIL 119: Ethical Leadership (spring 2011)

### **Language Skills**

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German, reading knowledge  
Latin, reading knowledge

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