Jason Farr, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Focus

Areas of Specialty | Applied Ethics | Metaethics

Areas of Competency | Normative Ethics | Political Philosophy | Philosophy of Language

Employment

Georgetown University | Kennedy Institute of Ethics   *July 2022-Present*
Assistant Teaching Professor and Senior Ethicist, Ethics Lab

- Build and implement strategic vision for Ethics Lab and provide counsel on advancement, development, and operations

- Oversee Ethics Lab's educational portfolio, including strategic development of courses, embedded ethics modules, and Ethics Lab's Student Fellowship Program

- Facilitate Ethics Lab's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program and serve as lead teaching mentor for all postdoctoral fellows

Georgetown University | Kennedy Institute of Ethics   *August 2021-June 2022*
Postdoctoral Fellow, Ethics Lab

- Co-designed and taught courses in technology ethics, including piloting a flagship course for new major and minor in Technology, Ethics, and Society

- Co-designed and co-facilitated embedded ethics modules in Data Science and Computer Science courses

- Co-designed and co-facilitated virtual sprints and provided ethics counsel for funded projects in data and technology ethics

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   *May 2015*

BA   University of Virginia | Political Philosophy, Policy, & Law   *May 2009*

Funded Projects

Ethical Design for Distributed Social Networks   *2021-2024*
Ethics Co-Lead
Project Liberty Labs (link) | Service agreement, funding confidential

Project Lead: Margaret Little, PhD, Professor, Philosophy Department
and Director of Ethics Lab, Georgetown University

- Guide Project Liberty Labs' leadership and product teams in
  ethical technical design for decentralized social networking
  protocols, developer-facing services, and user-facing applications

- Co-design and co-facilitate virtual salons and sprints for
  development of Project Liberty Labs' ethics white paper and
  ethics processes

- Provide counsel on strategic vision for the project and its
  implementation

Ethical Use of Novel HIV Data and Analytics in HIV   *2022-2023*
Prevention & Treatment
Co-facilitator and Engagement Design Support
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation | $997,446

Co-Principal Investigators: 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

- Advise on strategic vision for and co-facilitate virtual sprints with experts in data science, computer science, philosophy, epidemiology, and those living with HIV

Responsible Computer Science Curriculum Development   *2021-2022*
Embedded Ethics Co-Lead
Mozilla Foundation | $64,800

Co-Principal Investigators: Margaret Little, PhD, Professor, Philosophy Department, and Director of Ethics Lab, Georgetown University; Ray Essick, PhD, Assistant Teaching Professor, Georgetown University, Department of Computer Science

- Co-redesigned and facilitated embedded ethics modules inside computer science courses for export to external universities

Programmatic Curricular Development

Co-Lead | Ethics Curricular Design for BS in Environment in Sustainability, Georgetown University   *2023-Present*

- With senior designer, lead strategic design and implementation of ethics curricular elements across new BS in Environment and Sustainability

- Design, pilot, and iterate required, foundational Environmental Ethics course for new BS

- Co-design and facilitate embedded ethics activities, assignments, and lectures for science courses in new BS

Co-Lead | Embedded Ethics Program, Ethics Lab, Georgetown University   *2021-Present*

- Identify potential courses and faculty for embedded ethics modules that fit Ethics Lab's curricular vision

- Co-design and facilitate embedded ethics activities, assignments, and lectures

Embedded ethics modules co-designed/facilitated:
(* indicates for Mozilla Foundation Project)

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*

- Advise on strategic vision for new undergraduate major, minor, and certificate program at Georgetown
- Co-design and pilot foundational course for Tech, Ethics, and Society to fit strategic vision

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)   *May 2020-May 2021*

- Awarded an interdisciplinary fellowship at the Georgetown Initiative on Tech and Society, in association with Georgetown University's Computer Science department, to study the ethics of conducting social media research with machine-learning algorithms

Teaching Experience

Georgetown University | Instructor of Record

PHIL 1101: Intro to Environmental Ethics	*Fall 2024, Spring 2025*
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, 2023*
PHIL010: Introduction to Ethics	*Summer 2018, 2016*
PHIL020: Introduction to Philosophy	*Summer 2017*

Academic Service

Co-Lead | Ethics Lab Student Fellowship Program   *2022-2023*

- Co-design an innovative research fellowship for six undergraduate students on ethics at the intersection of tech and the environment

- Mentor and instruct fellows in technology and data ethics and environmental ethics

- Co-design and facilitate two collaborative workshops with ten faculty and external mentors and one public poster session for Tech & Society Week at Georgetown

Lead | Ethics Lab Faculty & Visiting Fellowship Program   *2022-2023*

- 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 Presentations

- "A Social Account of the Game of Assertion"   *2019*
  Gateway Graduate Conference: Philosophy in a Social World

- Comments on Yarran Hominh's "Oppressive Social Practices   *2018*
  and the Explanation of Individual Action"
  Georgetown University, MAP Conference: Understanding Oppression

- "Quasi-Realism and Objectivity"   *2015*
  Northern Illinois University, JoAnne Rafalson Memorial Colloquium

- "Courses of Action and Consequences"   *2014*
  University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate Philosophy Conference

- Comments on Tatyana Kostochka's "Just Another Epistemic   *2013*
  Goal: The Value of Truth and the Disengaged Standpoint"
  Northern Illinois University, 7th Annual Northern Graduate Conference

Other Service

Nature Camp Foundation (link)

Vice President, Board of Directors   *2024-Present*
At-Large Member, Board of Directors   *2018-2023*

Nature Camp, Inc. (link)
Adult Session Instructor   *2013-Present*