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Curriculum vitae

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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Stanford University, Philosophy, 2017  
M.A. University of Montana, Philosophy, 2009  
B.A. Northern Arizona University, Philosophy, 2000

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 2021- Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
2019-21 Postdoctoral Fellow for Faculty Diversity, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
2017-19 Postdoctoral Research Associate in Ethics and Climate Change, Princeton Environmental Institute and The University Center for Human Values, Princeton University

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

- in press Between Luxury and Subsistence: An Ethics of Middle Emissions, *Ethics, Policy & Environment*.  
2022 Climate Change Injustice, *Environmental Ethics*, 44/1:4-24.  
2020 In Defense of National Climate Change Responsibility: A Reply to the Fairness Objection. *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 49/2:115-155.  
Curated by Wiley for *Environmental Policy: 2022 U.S. Midterm Elections Research*.

- 2020 John Bistline, Mark Budolfson, and **Blake Francis** (equal contributors)  
Deepening Transparency about Value-Laden Assumptions in Energy and  
Environmental Modeling: Improving Best Practices for Both Modelers and  
Non-Modelers, *Climate Policy*, 21/1: 1-15.

### **Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**

- 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 S ade Hormio (eds.) New York:  
Routledge, 141-162.

### **Edited Volumes**

- 2011 Dane Scott and **Blake Francis** (eds.) *Debating Science: Deliberation, Values, and  
the Public Good*, Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books.

### **In Submission**

A paper defending climate change reparations against missing duty-bearer  
objections

### **In Preparation**

Against Strong Emissions Sufficiency

Why World Making is Not Enough: The Need for Climate Change Reconciliation

The Individual Denialist's Playbook: Individual Climate Change Responsibility  
and Strong Conceptions of Harm

### **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

- 2022 Summer Research Faculty Fellowship, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- 2016-17 Geballe Dissertation Prize, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University
- 2016 Centennial Teaching Award, Stanford University
- 2014-16 Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence Doctoral Fellow, Stanford  
University

## INVITED TALKS

- 2025 Remember Wildness: The Role of Memory in Environmental Ethics and Activism, Philosophy in the Wild, Sideling Hill Creek State Park, MD, July 25-27 (Keynote)
- 2025 Why World Making is Not Enough: The Need for Climate Change Reconciliation, Facing the Anthropocene: Interdisciplinary Approaches, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, May 20
- 2024 Socially Responsible Computing in the CS Classroom and Across the Undergraduate Experience, w/ Mark Berczynski, Mozilla Training Program on Responsible Computing, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, July 22-30
- 2023 Between Luxury and Subsistence: An Ethics of Middle Emissions, Institute of Philosophy at Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, online, October 17 (Canceled due to illness)
- 2023 Between Luxury and Subsistence: An Ethics of Middle Emissions, Environmental Ethics Symposium: Ethical Dimensions of Climate Change, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, March 2
- 2022 Normative Dimensions of Climate Change Including Emerging Connections to Litigation and Reparations, w/ Ewan Kingston, Climate Futures Initiative Symposium, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 29
- 2021 Climate Science from Different Perspectives, w/ April Anson, Andrew Linke, Isabel Rivera-Collazo, Virtual Climate Talks, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, online, April 13
- 2021 Middle Emissions: A Case for Aggregative Climate Ethics, Philosophy Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore Maryland, online, February 13
- 2019 Should the Polluter Pay? Corrective Justice and Anthropogenic Climate Change, Philosophy Department, University of Florida, March 18
- 2019 Should the Polluter Pay? Corrective Justice and Anthropogenic Climate Change, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, March 2
- 2019 Civic Liability and Climate Change Damages: Why Citizens Should Pay When Their Nation is Morally Responsible for Climate Change, Philosophy Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, February 23

2019        Should the Polluter Pay? Corrective Justice and Anthropogenic Climate Change, Philosophy Department, University of Kentucky, January 23

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

### **Papers Presented**

- 2025        Why World Making is Not Enough: The Need for Climate Change Reconciliation, Summer Meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Missoula, MT, June 12
- 2024        Between Luxury and Subsistence: An Ethics of Middle Emissions, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society: Eighth Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 15
- 2023        Climate Change Reparations, Philosophy in the Wild, Poe Paddy State Park, PA, July 15
- 2023        Climate Change Reparations, 20th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Allenspark, CO, June 29
- 2021        What is a Constructed Preference? Conference on Preferences, Commitments, and Choice, University of Zurich, Zurich, CH, online, September 9-11
- 2021        Middle Emissions: Climate Ethics and the Global Middle Class, 6th Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of Global Ethics: Ethics in a Global Environment, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK, online, May 26-28
- 2021        The Individual Denialist's Playbook: Climate Ethics and Competing Conceptions of Harm, Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, online, April 5-10
- 2020        Middle Emissions: Climate Ethics and the Global Middle Class, Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, April 8-11 (Canceled due to COVID)
- 2020        Climate Change Injustice, 17th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, online, October 2020 16-18
- 2018        Why Citizens Should Pay for their Nation's Wrongful Emissions, MANCEPT Workshop in Political Theory, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK, September 10-12

- 2015 Moral Asymmetries and Economic Evaluations of Climate Change, Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, April 1-4
- 2014 Moral Asymmetries and Economic Evaluations of Climate Change, Ethical Underpinnings of Climate Economics Conference, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, FN, November 11-13
- 2009 Thinking, Identity, Politics: Finding Personal Identity in Feminist Projects, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Graduate Philosophy Conference, Urbana, IL, April 17-18

### **Discussant**

- 2024 Luke Elson, Voting for Emissions Rights, 21st Annual Meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Fribourg, CH, June 23-27
- 2023 Timothy Williamson, Consequentialism, Collective Action, and Cyclicity, 20th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Allenspark, CO, June 29
- 2020 Allison Fritz, The Virtue of Shallow Environmentalism, 17th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, online, October 16-18
- 2020 Kian Mintz-Woo and Justin Leroux, What Do Climate Winners Owe? Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, Boulder, CO, online, August 13-16
- 2018 Maddalena Ferranna, Age Dependency and the Value of Mortality Risks, Laurance S. Rockefeller Fellows Lunch Seminar, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 13
- 2016 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, Nottingham, UK, April 12-15
- 2015 Corey Katz Does the Current Generation Dominate Posterity and Should Neo-Republicans Care? The Intergenerational Domination Workshop, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, April 17
- 2014 Aaron Maltais, Making Our Children Pay for Mitigation One Way or Another, Ethical Underpinnings of Climate Economics Conference, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, FN, November 11-13

2014 Alan Patten, Accommodating Religion, Stanford Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, May 30

2012 Pedro Jimenez, Pluralism and Public Justification, Stanford Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, January 11

### **CAMPUS TALKS & DEPARTMENTAL TALKS**

2024 Between Luxury and Subsistence: An Ethics of Middle Emissions, Department of Philosophy Faculty Workshop, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, online, October 11

2024 Doing Away with Missing Duty-bearer Problems: A Defense of Climate Change Reparations, Department of Philosophy Faculty Workshop, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, online, May 3

2024 Between Subsistence and Luxury: An Ethics of Middle Emissions, Climate Change Teach-in University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, online, April 2024

2023 Climate Change Reparations, Climate Change Teach-in University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, online, March 28

2020 Private Property as Coercion: A Challenge for the Hayekian Liberal, Department of Philosophy Faculty Workshop, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, online, October 23

2020 Teaching Online: Hits and Misses, w/ Lindsay DiCuirci, Sarah Fouts and Timothy Phin, Humanities Teaching Lab, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, online, May 14

2020 Trees as Climate Solutions: A Roundtable Debate, w/ Erle Ellis, Matthew Fagan, Susan Sterett, and Fernando Tormos-Aponte, Center for Social Science Scholarship, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, online, April 21

2019 Should the Polluter Pay? Department of Philosophy Faculty Workshop, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, November 21

2018 Climate Change Injustice, Conversations on the Environment, Responsible Energy, and Life, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, May 8

- 2018 Controlling Artificial Intelligence: Roles and Professional Ethics, Artificial Intelligence Ethics: New Frontiers or Bioethics Revisited? Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, October 18
- 2018 Should the Polluter Pay? Climate Change, Ethics, and Risk Workshop, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 14
- 2017 Does Contributing to Climate Change by Emitting Greenhouse Gases Do Harm? Human Values Forum, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, December 4
- 2017 Making Climate Research Interdisciplinary, w/ Maddalena Ferranna, Noah Scovronick, and Mark Vardy, Climate Futures Initiative, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, October 10
- 2017 Climate Change and the Moral Significance of Harm, Stanford Humanities Center Forum, Stanford, CA, January 30
- 2014 Ethics and Adaptation: Who is Most Vulnerable to Climate Change? Connecting the Dots: The Food, Water, Climate Nexus, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, April 18
- 2013 Ethics in an Energy Crisis: What Should We Do When Current Needs Conflict with Long-Term Sustainability? w/ Mark Budolfson, Hyunseop Kim, and Debra Satz, The Energy Seminar, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, October 21
- 2008 Thinking, Identity, Politics: Finding Personal Identity in Feminist Projects, The University of Montana Philosophy Forum, Missoula, MT, September 2008

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Instructor of Record**

Well-being and Happiness (fall 2022, fall 2024)

Justice and Climate Change (spring 2020, spring 2022, spring 2024)

The Ethics of Technology (fall 2023)

Harm in Morality and Law (spring 2023)

Contemporary Moral Issues (fall 2021, spring/fall 2022, spring/fall 2023)

### **Princeton University, Instructor of Record**

The Ethics of Technology: Engineering in the Real World w/Jay Benziger (fall 2018)

**Princeton University, Preceptor**

The Environmental Nexus: Climate, Biodiversity, Food, & Water, Ethical Thought and Moral Value Section, w/Lori Gruen (spring 2018)

**Stanford University, Instructor of Record**

Climate Change Justice (spring 2014, summer 2017)

Teaching Methods in Philosophy (graduate) (fall 2013 w/Grant Rozeboom, winter/spring/fall 2014, winter 2015)

Personal Responsibility w/Ben Miller (spring 2013)

**The University of Montana, Instructor of Record**

College Composition (fall 2008, spring 2009)

**Other Teaching, Instructor of Record**

Climate Change Ethics, Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies Humanities Circle (spring 2017)

The Philosophy of Friendship, w/Sam Asarnow, Hope House Scholars Program (summer 2013)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**To Profession**

Member, Screening Committee, Stanford Humanities Center, Next Generation Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, Stanford University, 2025

Member, Screening Committee, Stanford Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, Stanford University, 2024

Institutional Partner & External Expert, Summer Training Program on Responsible Computing Education, Mozilla Responsible Computing Challenge, Northeastern University, 2023-2025

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

### **Peer Review**

*Environmental Ethics*

*Ethics, Policy & Environment*

*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*

*Philosophies*

*Philosophy, Politics, Economics*

*WIRES Climate Change*

### **To University**

Member, Ethics Search Committee, Philosophy Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2024-present

Member, Advisory Board, Center for Ethics and Value, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2024-present

Elected Director, Human Context of Science and Technology Program, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2023-present

Member, Asian Philosophy Search Committee, Philosophy Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2023-2024

Editor, Academic Catalog, Philosophy Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2022-2023

Member, Governing Committee, Human Context of Science and Technology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2021-2023

Coordinator, Postdoctoral Group, Climate Futures Initiative, Princeton University, 2018-2019

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

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

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

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

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Program Coordinator, Center for Ethics, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 2008-2010

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

Assistant Field Crew Leader, Sabino Canyon Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, Tucson, Arizona, 2003-2005

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

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, 2024-present

NOMOS: American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, 2022-present

International Society for Environmental Ethics, 2019-present

American Philosophical Association, 2010-present

## REFERENCES

Debra Satz, Professor  
Vernon R. and Lysbeth Warren Anderson Dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences  
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