

March 2021

ND Philosophy

Philosopher in Print

This month's 'Philosopher in Print' is HPS alum, Jude Galbraith. His article, "Values in early-stage climate engineering: The ethical implications of "doing the research"", is available in the April edition of *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*.



Abstract

Calls for research on climate engineering have increased in the last two decades, but there remains widespread agreement that many climate engineering technologies (in particular, forms involving global solar radiation management) present significant ethical risks and require careful governance. However, proponents of research argue, ethical restrictions on climate engineering research should not be imposed in early-stage work like in silico modeling studies. Such studies, it is argued, do not pose risks to the public, and the knowledge gained from them is necessary for assessing the risks and benefits of climate engineering technologies. I argue that this position, which I call the "broad research-first" stance, cannot be maintained in light of the entrance of nonepistemic values in climate modeling. I analyze the roles that can be played by nonepistemic political and ethical values in the design, tuning, and interpretation of climate models. Then, I argue that, in the context of early-stage climate engineering research, the embeddedness of values will lead to value judgments that could harm stakeholder groups or impose researcher values on non-consenting populations. I conclude by calling for more robust reflection on the ethics and governance of early-stage climate engineering research.

[Full article found here](#)

Get to know our Philosophers!

[Mike Zhao]

1. What would you sing at Karaoke night? *Moon River*
2. What did you want to be when you were small? *A TV weatherman (as an adult I have no clue why)*
3. If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? *Hand-pulled noodles*
4. What's the worst gift you've received? *I once brought a book on whiskey as a gift to Yankee swap, and ended up getting it myself. It was a pretty good gift, though!*
5. Who would you want to play you in a movie? [The guy who plays Jung on Kim's Convenience](#)

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March

- 05 Pedagogy Workshop**
Josh Seachris: "Designing Course Syllabi"
10-11 am
[Zoom link](#)
- Colloquium: Susan Brower-Toland**
"Deflecting Ockham's Razor"
2-3:45 pm
[Zoom link](#)
Grad Student only town hall to follow
- 12 History of Philosophy Forum Spring Forum Inaugural Lecture**
Christof Rapp
"Some Queries Regarding the Naturalism of Aristotle's Ethico-Political Thought"
12-2pm
[Register here](#)
- Colloquium: Otavio Bueno**
Title TBA
3-5 pm
[Zoom link](#)
- 19 Pedagogy Workshop**
Josh Seachris: "Designing Course Syllabi"
10-11 am
[Zoom link](#)
- History of Philosophy Forum Book Launch**
Katharina Kraus
"Kant on Self-Knowledge and Self-Formation"
12-2 pm
[Register here](#)
- Colloquium: Robert Pasnau**
"A Tale of Two Determinisms"
3-5 pm
[Zoom link](#)
- 26 Colloquium: Joel Hamkins**
"Potentialism and implicit actualism in the foundations of mathematics"
12-2 pm
[Zoom link](#)
- 30 Virtual Graduate Recruitment Days**
March 30-31

philosophy.nd.edu for an up-to-date listing

Around Campus March

- 06** **Junior Parents Weekend**
March 6-7
jpw.nd.edu
- 14** **Daylight Savings Time**
Spring Forward!
- 17** **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**
- 26** **Mass Vaccination Clinic**
March 26-27
8am-8pm
[register here](#)

events.nd.edu for full list

News and Announcements

- **Undergrad and Grad Students!**
Want to tell the world why you love our department? Drop Christine a short video (we're talking just a couple seconds) on why you do! She is collecting them to make into a Reel.
- **Podcast**
Graduate Student, Fr. Philip Neri, was a guest on the popular podcast "Classical Theism Podcast" in February. Check out the bonus episode on Apple Podcasts or wherever you get your podcasts.
- **Spring Semester Office Hours**
Just a reminder that the Philosophy office (100 Malloy Hall) will be open Monday-Thursday.
- **Love Memes?**
Interested in creating funny philosophy memes for our social media pages? Contact [Christine](#)! And be sure to follow up on social media!
- **Philosophy Merch!!!**
Womens size XS-L and Men's S-M are available. We also have phone wallets for \$1! They make great St. Paddy's gifts!

- Do you have any suggestions for our newsletter or have news that you want featured? Fill out [this form](#) to tell us!

Meme of the Month



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