

# Blake Francis

Philosophy Department  
University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
Humanities and Performing Arts 467  
1000 Hilltop Circle  
Baltimore, MD 21250

+01 (650) 461-4100  
bfrancis@umbc.edu  
blakefrancis.com  
pronouns: he/him/his

## EDUCATION

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

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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

## HONORS RECEIVED

2016	Centennial Teaching Award, Stanford University
------	--

## RESEARCH SUPPORT AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022	\$6,000, Summer Research Faculty Fellowship, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
2016-2017	Geballe Dissertation Prize, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University
2014-2016	Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence Doctoral Fellowship Program, Stanford University
2010-2014	Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University

## PUBLICATIONS

“Climate Change Injustice,” *Environmental Ethics*, 44:1, Spring 2022, 4-24.

“In Defense of National Climate Change Responsibility: A Reply to the Fairness Objection.” *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 49: 2, 30 December 2020, 115-155.

- Selected by Wiley for curated collection, *Environmental Policy: 2022 U.S. Midterm Elections Research*, June 2022.

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, 26 June 2020, 1-15.

“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 Såde Hormio (eds). New York: Routledge, 2017, 141-162.

Dane Scott and Blake Francis (eds.), *Debating Science: Deliberation, Values, and the Public Good*, Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2011, 277pp.

### **WORKS IN PREPARATION**

“Between Luxury and Subsistence: An Ethics of Middle Emissions”

“Climate Change Reparations”

“When Should the Polluter Pay?”

“The Individual Denialist’s Playbook: Climate Change Ethics and Competing Conceptions of Harm”

“Private Property as Coercion: A Challenge for the Hayekian Liberal”

“What is a Constructed Preference?”

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Conference Presentations**

“Between Luxury and Subsistence: An Ethics of Middle Emissions,” Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society: Eighth Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 14, 2024 (Accepted for Presentation)

“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, 2023

“Between Luxury and Subsistence: The Ethics of Middle Emissions,” Environmental Ethics Symposium: Ethical Dimensions of Climate Change, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, March 2, 2023

“The Moral Significance of the Emissions of the Middle Class,” Climate Future Initiative Symposium, Princeton University, Princeton NJ, April 29, 2022

“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 (Take Two), University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK, online, May 26-28, 2021 (Rescheduled from May 2020 and moved online due to COVID)

“The Individual Denialist’s Playbook: Climate Ethics and Competing Conceptions of Harm,” Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, online, April 5-10, 2021

“Climate Change Injustice,” 17th Annual Meeting of the International Society for

Environmental Ethics, online, October 16-18, 2020

“Middle Emissions: Climate Ethics and the Global Middle Class,” Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, April 8-11, 2020 (Canceled due to COVID)

“Controlling Artificial Intelligence: Roles and Professional Ethics,” Artificial Intelligence Ethics: New Frontiers or Bioethics Revisited? Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, October 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, 2018

“Moral Asymmetries and Economic Evaluations of Climate Change,” Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, April 1-4, 2015

“Ethics and Adaptation: Who is Most Vulnerable to Climate Change?” Connecting the Dots: The Food, Water, Climate Nexus, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, April 18, 2014

“Moral Asymmetries and Economic Evaluations of Climate Change,” Ethical Underpinnings of Climate Economics Conference, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, FN, November 11-13, 2014

“Thinking, Identity, Politics: Finding Personal Identity in Feminist Projects,” University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Graduate Philosophy Conference, Urbana, IL, April 17-18, 2009

### **Invited Lectures**

“TBA” Facing the Anthropocene: Interdisciplinary Approaches, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, May 6, 2025 (invitation accepted)

“Between Luxury and Subsistence: An Ethics of Middle Emissions” Institute of Philosophy at Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, online, October 2023. (Cancelled due to Illness)

“Middle Emissions: A Case for Aggregative Climate Ethics,” Philosophy Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore Maryland, online, February 12, 2021

“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,” Philosophy Department, 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 12, 2019

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

**Seminars**

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

“Climate Change Injustice: Is Climate Change a *Natural* Disaster?” Conversations on the Environment, Responsible Energy, and Life, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, May 8, 2018

Mark Budolfson, Blake Francis, Hyunseop Kim (equal contributors), with an introduction by Debra Satz, “Ethics in an Energy Crisis: What Should We Do When Current Needs Conflict with Long-Term Sustainability?” The Energy Seminar, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, October 21, 2013

**Workshops**

Mark Berczynski and Blake Francis (equal contributors) “Socially Responsible Computing in the CS Classroom and Across the Undergraduate Experience,” Mozilla Training Program on Responsible Computing, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, July 23, 2024

“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

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

“Should the Polluter Pay?” Climate Change, Ethics, and Risk Workshop, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 14, 2018

**Colloquia**

“Does Contributing to Climate Change by Emitting Greenhouse Gases Do Harm?” Human Values Forum, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, December 4, 2017

“Climate Change and the Moral Significance of Harm,” Stanford Humanities Center Forum, Stanford, CA, January 30, 2017

“Thinking, Identity, Politics: Finding Personal Identity in Feminist Projects,” The University of Montana Philosophy Forum, Missoula, MT, September 12, 2008

**Panel Presentations**

Blake Francis and Ewan Kingston, “Normative Dimensions of Climate Change Including Emerging Connections to Litigation and Reparations” Climate Futures Initiative Symposium, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 29, 2022

April Anson, Blake Francis, Andrew Linke, Isabel Rivera-Collazo, “Climate Science from Different Perspectives,” Virtual Climate Talks, Geography Graduate Student Association, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, online, April 13, 2021

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

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

Maddalena Ferranna, Blake Francis, Noah Scovronick, and Mark Vardy, "Making Climate Research Interdisciplinary," Climate Futures Initiative, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, October 10, 2017

### **Conference and Colloquia Commentaries**

Luke Elson, "Voting for Emissions Rights," 21st Annual Meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Fribourg, CH, June 24, 2024

Timothy Williamson, "Consequentialism, Collective Action, and Cyclicity" 20th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Allenspark, CO, June 29, 2023

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, CO, online, August 13-16, 2020

Maddalena Ferranna, "Age Dependency and the Value of Mortality Risks," Laurance S. Rockefeller Fellows Lunch Seminar, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 13, 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, Nottingham, UK, April 12-15, 2016

Corey Katz "Does the Current Generation Dominate Posterity and Should Neo-Republicans Care?" The Intergenerational Domination Workshop, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, April 17, 2015

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, 2014

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

### **SERVICE**

- 2024- Advisory Board Member, Center for Ethics and Value, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- 2023- Director, Human Context of Science and Technology Program, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

- 2023-2024 Institutional Partner & External Expert, Summer Training Program on Responsible Computing Education, Mozilla Responsible Computing Challenge, Northeastern University
- 2021-2023 Governing Committee Member, Human Context of Science and Technology Program, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- 2018-2019 Coordinator, Climate Futures Initiative Post Doc Community, Princeton University
- 2013-2017 Residential Program Coordinator, City College of New York/Stanford Intensive Summer Research Program in the Humanities, Stanford University
- 2016 Mentor, COMPASS: An Undergraduate Philosophy Workshop for Women and Gender Minorities, Princeton University
- 2013-2015 Philosophy Department Liaison, Center for Teaching and Learning, Stanford University
- 2013-2015 Coordinator, Philosophy Graduate Student Workshop, Stanford University
- 2011-2012 Co-President, The Hume Society of Philosophy Graduate Students, Stanford University, Co-President

## TEACHING

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

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

The Ethics of Technology (Fall 2023)

Harm in Morality and Law (Spring 2023)

Well-being and Happiness (Fall 2022)

Contemporary Moral Issues (Fall & Spring 2021, 2022, 2023)

### **Princeton University**

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

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

### **Stanford University**

Climate Change Justice (Spring 2014; Summer 2017)

The Ethics of Climate Change, TA to John Broome (Winter 2016)

Teaching Methods in Philosophy, (2013-2014; 2014-2015) (Graduate Course)

Personal Responsibility, with Ben Miller (Spring 2013)

The Moral Limits of the Market, TA to Debra Satz (Winter 2013)

Justice, TA to Tom Dougherty (Fall 2011) and to Kristi Olson (Fall 2012)

Philosophy of Technology, TA to Tobey Scharding (Summer 2012)

Mind, Meaning, and Matter, TA to Mark Crimmins (Spring 2012)

Introduction to Logic, TA to Valaria De Paiva (Spring 2011)

**The University of Montana**

Introduction to Philosophy, TA to Fred McGlynn (Fall 2009)

Environmental Ethics Summer Institute, TA to Andrew Light (Summer 2009)

College Composition, (2008-2009)

Introduction to Ethics, TA to Fred McGlynn (Spring 2008)

Natural Resources Policy and Administration, TA to Martin Nie (2006-2007)

**Teaching in the Community**

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

The Philosophy of Friendship, with Sam Asarnow, Hope House Scholars Program (a program teaching humanities classes to women in treatment for addiction) (Summer 2013)

**WORK EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE HIGHER EDUCATION**

- 2008-2010 Center for Ethics, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, Program Coordinator
- 2005-2008 Admiralty Island National Monument/Kootznoowoo Wilderness, Tongass National Forest, Juneau, Alaska, Field Crew Leader
- 2003-2005 Sabino Canyon Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, Tucson, Arizona, Assistant Field Crew Leader
- 2001-2003 Coconino Rural Environment Corps, Flagstaff, Arizona, Field Crew Leader