

The Blog Pod: 2021

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Parr Heel Blog



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What We Do: We explore a number of ethical issues and educate the larger community about them through our blog posts.

Editing Process

2019-2020: Two designated editors provided timely feedback and comments to ensure our posts were typo-free and engaging.
2020-2021: Unlike last year, we did not have designated editors. Instead, after a week of writing drafts, students swapped with a partner to edit the following week.

Every member of the pod published a post this year - a historic first for the Blog Pod!

Scheduling Cycle

<u>Week 1</u> Brainstorming	<u>Week 2</u> Publish fall pieces	<u>Week 3</u> Collab drafting	<u>Week 4</u> Collab revising
<u>Week 6</u> Collab peer editing	<u>Week 7</u> Collab posting	<u>Week 9</u> Drafting new ideas	<u>Week 10</u> Writing
<u>Week 12</u> Peer editing	<u>Week 13</u> Publish remaining pieces	<u>Week 14</u> Poster creation	<u>Week 15</u> Poster show!

DEI Collaboration Blog Posts

In the Spring semester, the Blog Pod collaborated with the new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Pod to produce blog posts centered around DEI issues. This is our pod's *first* collaboration, and follows the Parr Center's and fellows' ambitions to create an inclusive space, as well as an increased awareness of social issues.

Studentification - Is it ethical for UNC students to live in Northside?

Sita explored this question about Northside, a historically Black neighborhood (edited by Rali & Julia).

(Not So) Hidden Bias in Hiring

Rali discussed the ethical obligations for DEI in business and the relation of fairness principles to hiring process biases (edited by Christina).

Incorporating DEI into Ideas about the South

Maddie wrote about incorporating DEI into ideas about the American South, challenging unflattering stereotypes (edited by Julia).

Creole Languages and Discrimination

Christina wrote about language discrimination, particularly against creole speaking populations (edited by Rali).

Underdiagnosing ADHD in Women

Emily, a junior in the DEI pod, contributed a piece about the neglect of research and treatment for ADHD in women.

Privilege and Defensiveness

Julia wrote about privilege and defensiveness, with a focus on race and psychology (edited by Sita & Maddie).

Women in STEM

Ash wrote about women in STEM fields and the ethical imperative for more representation (edited by Julia).

Model Minority Myth and Implications in Mental Health

Divya wrote about the model minority myth and its negative impact (edited by Joe).

Space Women

Joe wrote about the impact of Henrietta Swan Leavitt and Jocelyn Bell Burnell on space research (edited by Divya).

Diversity in STEM

Shatorupa, a senior from the DEI pod, contributed a piece about different POVs on diversity (edited by Julia).

What is in a Label?

Emily from the DEI pod also contributed a piece about properly labeling those who live with disabilities.

Other Blog Posts this Year

One of the great things about the Parr Heel Blog is that fellows get to explore ethical issues that are most interesting to them. Beyond the DEI Collaboration, there was a wide diversity of subjects that the fellows chose to write about.

[Is Effective Altruism Compatible with My Volunteer Work?](#)

By: Julia Eccleston

[Are Combative Sports Violent?](#)

By: Joe Nieto

[Ethics and Mount Everest](#)

By: Maddie Purser

[Pandemic Ethics in Prisons](#)

By: Divya Mehta

[Ethics in Academia: The Professor](#)

By: Christina Oh

[Exploring the Ethical Obligations for DEI in the Workforce](#)

By: Rali Sloan

[Who's to Blame for Rising Coronavirus Rates on College Campuses?](#)

By: Sita Tayal

Meet the Fellows!

Thank you to our Executive Board member Julia for leading our pod this year!



Rali Sloan



Christina Oh



Ash Huggins



Divya Mehta



Sita Tayal



Joseph Nieto



Julia Eccleston



Maddie Purser



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Next Steps

- 1) We plan to work with the Marketing Pod in the future to better advertise the blog and gain a solid readership.
- 2) We will pursue more inter- and intra-pod collaborations with:
 - The DEI pod again next year for DEI themed posts
 - The Carolina Forum for Ethics to write about their speakers
 - “Guest writers” from other pods
 - Pro/Con collaborations between pod members about controversial topics
- 3) We aspire to release more interview style pieces, sharing the wealth of knowledge that is on our campus. We plan to do this by:
 - Interviewing speakers from Carolina Forum for Ethics
 - Interviewing other fellows about interesting work they’re involved with
 - Interviewing professors, students, and employees around campus about different ethical topics and perspectives

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