

Environmental Ethics

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Who We Are

Our team set out to increase engagement with environmental ethics on campus, with a particular focus on increasing engagement among Parr Center members.

To reach this goal, we provided our fellows with the opportunity to design and pursue their own projects. We hoped that doing so would allow for meaningful engagement with the topics that meant the most to them, and promote creative approaches to this realm of ethics.

These projects took on a variety of shapes, with some projects operating on a short-term basis, while others extended throughout the year. Some projects were carried out individually, while others were collaborative efforts between members of the team, or with others on campus. Overall, these projects aimed to educate ourselves and others on a variety of environmental ethics topics, including both theoretical and tangible work.

In the future, we hope that our work may be utilized by other members of the Parr Center and others on campus. If we are able, we hope to turn our focus to working as a team on one overarching project that spans the course of the year.

Meet the Team



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Our Footprint

Database – Motivated to provide diverse literature to their team, Ashikha, Joe, and Simone compiled a database of environmental ethics articles and resources accessible to all fellows and recruits. They furnished 8 genres of EE with 46 materials, which included journal entries, articles, and videos. This database can be found on the Parr Center's main notion page, or linked to the right.

Discussions – Joe and Simone utilized the database of resources to lead discussions about environmental ethics at our meetings. Topics included everything from Space Junk, Climate Urbanism, Outdoor Recreation, and more. Joe and Simone prepared slides and guiding questions for these 30 minute, bimonthly presentations. As a team, we educated ourselves about environmental ethics through thoughtful conversation.

Green Gears – In the fall, the team hosted a training session on sustainability using a training called Green Gears, linked to the right, that was developed by Jessica Reid of UNC student government. Following a self-led online training session, our team held a discussion session during which trainees considered ways to engage with sustainable practices on campus. After completing the course, participants received a certificate, pictured to the right, to recognize their efforts.

Thrift Sale – In the spring, Isha hosted a thrift sale for members of the Parr Center that raised \$100 for the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network.

Environmental Ethics Journal – Arnav worked on a series of articles exploring environmental ethics' intersections with other disciplines such as business, art, and anthropology. These included a piece on corporate ethics that was published in *Idiosyncrazy* and a set of anthropological interviews that became the first interview series published on the Parr Heel Blog, both of which are linked to the right.

Social Media Takeover – Eesha worked on a social media takeover, compiling helpful information about environmental ethics as well as sustainability tips into an accessible, wide-reaching format. The first takeover dealt with general sustainability tips from the EE fellows and the second one explored sustainability practices within the Parr Center, pictured right.

Collaborations

Blog Posts – Shatorupa worked with the Parr Heel Blog to explore the consequences of sustainability efforts on social mobility and urban environments. The essay can be found on the Parr Heel Blog website, linked to the left.

Documentary Screening – Simone and Joe worked with Parrtisan Ethics to host a screening and discussion of the film *Hillbilly*. Filmed after the 2016 Presidential election, this film illustrated how this history and prejudice has giant impacts on the rife polarization of our time. We chose this film because of its artistic examination of how biases toward the Appalachian region are tied to corporate exploitation of the environment. After the showing, we discussed how the reinforcement of class and race inequalities through discriminatory environmental treatment reinforces political division.

Bioethics Society Discussion Session – Maddie and Cailee worked with the Bioethics Society to host a joint discussion on environmental racism and waste disposal in the Rogers-Eubanks neighborhood of Chapel Hill. We had 20 people attend a one-night, one-hour event discussing bioethics, environmental ethics, and environmental justice and the ethics of the town's actions, as well as potential actions to repair the situation.



The EE
Database



Green Gears
Training



Corporate
Ethics Essay,
Idiosyncrazy



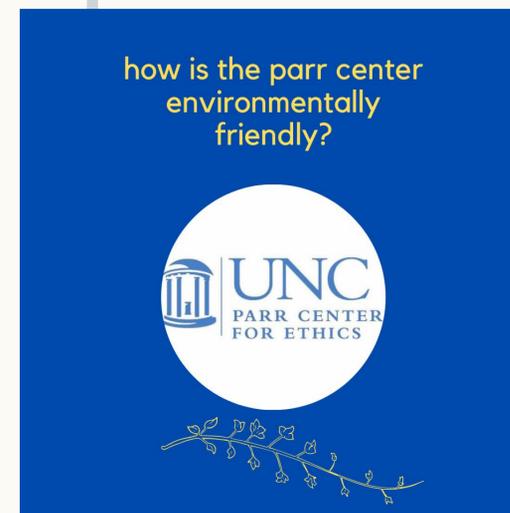
EE Journal
Interviews



The Parr
Heel Blog



Green Gears Training Certificate



A Social Media Takeover slide



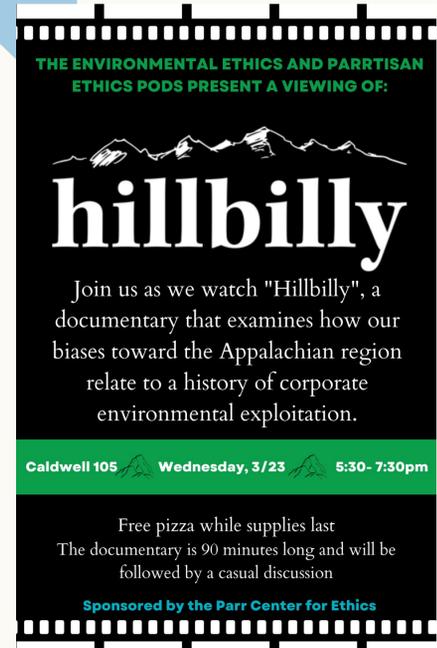
The Bioethics Society Discussion Session

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Thrift Sale Poster



Documentary Screening Poster