

# Jacob Zionts

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## Education

**University of St Andrews** | St Andrews, Scotland

*MLitt in Moral, Political, and Legal Philosophy* (September 2019-August 2020)

- GPA: 17.2/20.0
- Philosophy coursework in: aesthetics; global justice; law; Williams

**George Washington University** | Washington, D.C.

*BA in International Affairs and Philosophy* (Class of 2019)

- GPA: 3.91/4.00
- International affairs coursework in: armaments; conflict resolution; cyber and security; diplomacy; gender; international micro/macroeconomics; religion
- Philosophy coursework in: ethics; global justice; human rights; law; nonviolence; Parfit; Schopenhauer

## Honors and Awards

### Distinction in Philosophy

*Awarded by the University of St Andrews Department of Philosophy*

- Awarded by Senior Lecturer Theron Pummer for my dissertation, "Against Population Talk."

### Gauss Prize for Excellence in Philosophy

*Awarded by the George Washington University Department of Philosophy*

- Offered to an undergraduate who has impressed the GW Department of Philosophy with their commitment to and understanding of the discipline of philosophy.

### Honors in Philosophy

*Awarded by the George Washington University Department of Philosophy*

- Awarded by Professor David DeGrazia for my senior thesis, "Does the Repugnant Conclusion compel us to abandon the Total View?"

## Work

**Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health** | Bethesda, MD

*Pre-doctoral Fellow* (September 2020-present | 40 hours/week)

- Researching the relationship between population ethics, reproductive healthcare, and priority-setting.

**The Elliott School of International Affairs** | Washington, D.C.

*Teaching Assistant and Peer Mentor* (August 2018-May 2019 | 4 hours/week)

- Facilitated and led workshops on professional development, ethics, and international affairs; helped teach the Elliott School's inaugural First-Year Experience course.

## **ConsenSys** | Washington, D.C.

*Researcher and Ethicist* (January-August 2018 | 20-40 hours/week)

- Lead researcher on the D.C. Lab's public finance project; used blockchain technology to improve access to and efficiency within the municipal bond market.
- Wrote two articles for ConsenSys Media on the misleading promise of "Blockchain Democracy" in Moscow and the moral dilemma posed by the presence of death pools on Augur, a decentralized prediction market protocol.
- Successfully advocated for the Solutions team to adopt a more ethical and risk-conscious business selection framework.

## **Lockheed Martin Corporation** | Bethesda, MD

*International Ethics Intern* (Summer 2017 | 40 hours/week)

- Investigated the integration status of ~200 legal entities into LMC's ethics program.
- Analyzed, edited, and modified the workflows of LMC's Gift Decision Tree.

## **Hudson Institute** | Washington, D.C.

*Non-resident Research Intern, Center for Political-Military Analysis* (Summer 2016 | 20 hours/week)

- Researched and analyzed Russian hybrid warfare, focusing on media and information manipulation.

## **Volunteer Organizing**

### **No Tech For Tyrants** | St Andrews, Scotland

*Organizer* (Fall 2019-Spring 2020 | 6 hours/week)

- Wrote op-eds, submitted FOI requests, hosted webinars, moderated panels, led teach-ins, created reading guides, and met with administrators in the service of working to sever the links between higher education institutions and technology companies that enable violence, particularly against migrant communities.

### **Open Hillel** | Remote

*Board Member* (Summer 2019- | 2 hours/week)

- Elected to Open Hillel's Board of Directors over the summer of 2019 to serve a three-year term.
- Liaise with the student-run Steering Committee to coordinate Open Hillel's national campaigns.

### **Jewish Voice for Peace at GW** | Washington, D.C.

*Co-founder and Organizing Committee Chair* (Fall 2017-Spring 2019 | 5 hours/week)

- Created a radically inclusive Jewish student organization centered around justice and liberation.
- Opened an interfaith prayer and meditation space in GW's multicultural student services center.

## **Extracurricular**

### **The George Washington Parliamentary Debate Society** | Washington, D.C.

*Debater* (Fall 2015-Fall 2017 | 5 hours/week)

- Competed for two years on the American Parliamentary Debate Association circuit.
- Highlights include: winning third place at the University of Chicago tournament and fifteenth at the Harvard Debating Championships.