

Department of Philosophy - Summer Session I Course Offering

## PHIL2000A - Disaster Ethics

Instructor: Eric Mathison

Day/Time: MW (6:00 - 8:50 p.m.)

Instructional Method: Online (via Zoom)
Recommended Background: PHIL1000

This course will explore some of the ethical challenges caused by disasters at both the individual and societal level. Some disasters, such as hurricanes and terrorist attacks, occur quickly. Others, including pandemics and droughts, can stretch on for months or years. How should states prioritize disaster response? Is price gouging ever okay? How should persistent racial and socioeconomic inequalities be accounted for in disaster response planning? And how should we balance the risk of catastrophic but less likely disasters with preventing foreseeable but less damaging ones?

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