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Areas of Interest

SPECIALIZATION: Epistemology; Philosophy of Mind

COMPETENCE: Logic; Metaethics; Philosophy of Language; Philosophy of Action

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, [Northwestern University](#), 2025 – *present* (expected 2030)

Certificate, Cognitive Science, [Northwestern University](#), 2025 – *present*

B.A., *cum laude*, Philosophy, Creighton University, 2025

Papers

Peer-Reviewed Publications

[†] = undergraduate journal

3. **Larson, Maddox**. 2025. "Responsibility to Reflect: Reflection as an Epistemic Responsibility in Democratic Society." *The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Review* 4: 5-14.[†]
2. **Larson, Maddox**. 2024. "Epistemic Vulnerability & Tolerance in Society." *The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Review* 3: 15-28.[†]
1. Graham, Kevin M. Graham, Anaja Arthur, Ali Griswold, Beau Kearns, Quinlyn Klade, **Maddox Larson**, and Suraya Wayne. 2023. "Black Trust in White Allies: Insights from Slave Narratives." *Social Philosophy Today* 39: 183-195. DOI [10.5840/socphiltoday202369106](https://doi.org/10.5840/socphiltoday202369106).

Works in Progress

An essay on allyship & standpoint epistemology [draft available [here](#)]

An essay on knowing someone [draft available [here](#)]

An essay on motivated reasoning

Presentations

All presentations listed were refereed. Most recent title is listed.

"On Allyship & Standpoint Achievement"

2027 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting (Denver, CO), February 2027
(*scheduled*)

43rd International Social Philosophy Conference, University of Waterloo (Waterloo, CAN), July 2026
 “Trust, Epistemic Norms, & Vaccine Hesitancy in Black Communities”
 2025 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting (online), February 2025
 Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Creighton University (Omaha, NE), April 2023
 “Epistemic Unbelonging: Civic Trust in a Post-Truth Democracy” (with Anne C. Ozar and Maddey King)
 41st International Social Philosophy Conference, Creighton University (Omaha, NE), July 2024
 “Descending to Democracy: Problems for the Soul in *Republic 8*”
 12th Mid-Hudson Valley Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Marist College (Poughkeepsie, NY), April 2024
 “Resistance to Oppression in Slave Narratives” (with Kevin M. Graham, Dana Snider, and Mackenzie Spigner)
 40th International Social Philosophy Conference, University of Portland (Portland, OR), July 2023
 “Religion Has Failed... Now What? Defining & Redefining the Purpose & Presence of Religious Ideals in the 21st Century”
 Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Creighton University (Omaha, NE), May 2022

Presented Comments

Comments on Violeta Lopez Molina’s “Interpellation in the Colonial Context,” Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Creighton University (Omaha, NE), April 2025
 Comments on Olivia Wiegel’s “The Intrinsic Value of Knowledge in *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*,” Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Creighton University (Omaha, NE), April 2025
 Comments on Izzy Clarke’s “Better to Not Believe: *Prima Facie* Belief as a Form of Epistemic Injustice,” Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Creighton University (Omaha, NE), April 2024

Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

Sophia Award for Outstanding Performance in the Major, Department of Philosophy, Creighton University, awarded 2025
 Praxis Award for Outstanding Service to the Department, Department of Philosophy, Creighton University, awarded 2025
 Eruditio Award for Outstanding Research in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Creighton University, awarded 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
 Rising Scholar Award in Humanities, Center for Undergraduate Research & Scholarship, Creighton University, awarded 2025
 College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, \$4,000, Center for Undergraduate Research & Scholarship, Creighton University, funded 2024
 Gail Werner Robertson Research Fellowship, \$3,000, Menard Family Center for Economic Inquiry, funded 2023

Teaching

As Teaching Assistant at Northwestern University

Elementary Logic I (PHIL110)

Sean Ebels-Duggan F2026

As Grader at Creighton University

Calculus I (MTH245)

Randall Crist F2024

Applied Linear Algebra & Differential Equations (MTH350)

Lance Nielsen S2025

Graduate Coursework

* = audit; otherwise for credit. All courses at Northwestern University.

LING317	Experimental Pragmatics	Ester Ronai	F2026
PHIL401	Proseminar 1: 18th-Century Philosophy of History	Rachel Zuckert	F2025
PHIL410-1	Epistemic Wrongs & Epistemic Repair	Jennifer Lackey	S2026
PHIL410-1	Iris Murdoch's Ethical Theory	Kyla Ebels-Duggan	F2026
PHIL410-2	Normative Dimensions of the Common Ground	Sandy Goldberg	F2025
PHIL410-2	Protest & Resistance	José Medina	F2026
PHIL410-3	Feminist Philosophy of Science	Morgan Thompson	W2026
PHIL410-4	Address*	Megan Hyska	S2026
PHIL426	Philosophy of Mind	Peter van Elswyk	F2025
PSYCH461	Reasoning & Representation	Lance Rips	S2026
PSYCH489	Self-Regulation & Motivated Thinking	Daniel Molden	W2026

Professional Activities & Service

President, Northwestern University Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2026 – *present*

Member, Graduate Student Council, American Philosophical Association, 2026 – *present*

Co-Organizer, Social Ontology Reading Group, Northwestern University, 2026 – *present*

Judge, Midwest Regional Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, 2025

Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society (Nebraska Beta Chapter), Creighton University

Chapter President, 2024–2025

Vice President, 2023–2024

Co-Organizer, Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, 2023–2025

Conference Review: Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (2026); Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (2023–5)

Summer School Participation

“Collective Moral & Intellectual Virtues,” directed by Mark Alfano, Central European University (Budapest, HUN), July 2026

Pittsburgh Summer Program, directed by Edouard Machery, The Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, PA), July 2024

Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (PIKSI), directed by Hil Malatino, Rock Ethics Institute at Pennsylvania State University (University Park, PA), June 2024

Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law Summer School, directed by Mary L. Rigdon, University of Arizona's Center of Philosophy of Freedom (San Diego, CA), June 2023

Professional Affiliations

American Philosophical Association

North American Society for Social Philosophy

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