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## Areas of Interest

SPECIALIZATION: Epistemology (traditional and social); Cognitive Science

COMPETENCE: Metaethics; Logic; Philosophy of Language; Metaphysics (traditional and social)

## Education

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

**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.<sup>†</sup>
2. **Larson, Maddox**. 2024. "Epistemic Vulnerability & Tolerance in Society." *The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Review* 3: 15-28.<sup>†</sup>
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

An essay on knowing someone

An essay on epistemic responsibility

## Presentations

All presentations listed were refereed.

"Allyship, Standpoint Achievement, & the Identity Dilemma"

43rd International Social Philosophy Conference, University of Waterloo (Waterloo, CAN), July 2026

“Trust, Epistemic Norms, & Vaccine Hesitancy in Black Communities”

Diversity Institute Alumni Panel, 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 A.C. Ozar and M. 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 K.M. Graham, D. Snider, and M. 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*

Elementary Logic I (PHIL110) Sean Ebels-Duggan F2026

## Graduate Coursework

\* = audit; otherwise for credit.

### *Core (Epistemology, Mind, Language, Science)*

Normative Dimensions of the Common Ground (PHIL410-2)	Sandy Goldberg	F2025
Philosophy of Mind (PHIL426)	Peter van Elswyk	F2025
Feminist Philosophy of Science (PHIL410-3)	Morgan Thompson	W2026
Epistemic Wrongs & Epistemic Repair (PHIL410-1)	Jennifer Lackey	S2026
Address* (PHIL410-4)	Megan Hyska	S2026

### *History*

18th-Century Philosophy of History (PHIL401) Rachel Zuckert F2025

### *Cognitive Science*

Self-Regulation & Motivated Thinking (PSYCH489)	Daniel Molden	W2026
Reasoning & Representation (PSYCH461)	Lance Rips	S2026

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