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## RESEARCH

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**Areas of specialization** Philosophy of mind, action, epistemology

**Areas of competence** Applied ethics (esp. animal ethics, epistemic injustice), philosophy of language, logic

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Visiting Assistant Professor** 2025-present  
Department of Philosophy, Grand Valley State University

**Lecturer** 2024-2025  
Liberal Arts Department, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

**Lecturer** 2021-2023  
Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago

## EDUCATION

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**PhD**, Philosophy, Northwestern University 2025  
Dissertation: *A Practical Guide to Know-How*  
Committee: Sandy Goldberg (chair), Jennifer Lackey, Baron Reed, Will Small (external, University of Illinois at Chicago)

**MA**, Philosophy, University of Missouri 2018

**BA**, Philosophy, Spanish, Summa Cum Laude, Evangel University 2015

## DISSERTATION SUMMARY

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I establish a novel perspective on the debate about knowledge-how and confront its core assumption: that knowing how to  $\phi$ , for any activity  $\phi$ , is or requires a *distinctively* practical kind of knowledge. I argue that there's no such thing as 'knowledge-how', or a distinctively practical kind of knowledge, and the reason is that ordinary propositional knowledge is already practical in all the ways we wanted 'knowledge-how' to be. I call this the 'Ordinary Knowledge View'. In a slogan: *ordinary knowledge is practical knowledge*.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- ‘Knowing how and being able’** 2024  
*Synthese* 204, no. 76: pp. 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-024-04707-8>
- ‘Epistemic Injustice and Performing Know-How’** 2021  
*Social Epistemology* 35, no. 6: pp. 608–20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02691728.2021.1882608>

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- ‘Intellectualism and Nonhuman Animal Knowledge’** (‘honorable mention’ for Philosophy of Animal Minds and Behavior Association Prize 2025; under review)
- ‘There’s No Such Thing as Knowledge-How’** (under review)
- ‘Must There Be Nonpropositional Knowledge?’** (under revision)
- ‘A Problem for the Philosopher’s Concept of Knowledge’** (early draft written)

## INVITED TALKS

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- ‘Intellectualism and Nonhuman Animal Knowledge’** November 2025  
Harper College Speaker Series, Palatine, Illinois

## PRESENTATIONS

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- (peer reviewed)
- ‘Knowing How to Play a Game’** February 2026  
Fourth Annual Philosophy of Video Games Conference, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton
- ‘Intellectualism and Nonhuman Animal Knowledge’** 2025  
Philosophy of Animal Minds and Behavior Association, University of California, Santa Barbara
- ‘How Knowledge-How Is Practical: Two Theses’** 2024  
Submitted Symposium, American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting, New Orleans
- ‘What Should an Account of Knowledge-How Be an Account Of?’** 2024  
Submitted Symposium, APA Eastern Division Meeting, New York
- ‘Propositions in Action: The Problem of Over-Intellectualizing Know-How’** 2023  
Rule-Following: Between Nature and Culture, University of Hradec Králové
- ‘Propositions in Action: The Problem of Over-Intellectualizing Know-How’** 2023  
Concepts in Action: Representation, Language, and Applications, Concordia University
- ‘Ryle’s Regress from Category Mistake’** 2022  
Normative Guidance Workshop, Australian National University

**'Epistemic Injustice and Intellectualist Know-How'** 2019  
Submitted Symposium, APA Central Division Meeting, Denver

#### INVITED COMMENTARIES

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Kyoungmin Cho, 'Against Subjectivism about Final Ends: The Fickleness Argument' 2023  
Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP), Northwestern University

Ian Dunkle, 'Can an Action be Difficult beyond Compare?' 2023  
APA Central Division Meeting, Denver

Keshav Singh, 'The Paradox of Consequentialism' 2022  
NUSTEP, Northwestern University

Ben Henke, 'Degree Encroachment' 2021  
12th Annual NU/ND Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Notre Dame

Ofra Magidor, 'Meaning Transfer Revisited' 2018  
Kline Workshop on Semantics and Logic, University of Missouri

Bob Fischer, 'Veganism, Vegetarianism, and the Duty to Signal' 2018  
Kline Workshop on Animal Ethics, University of Missouri

#### AWARDS

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Philosophy of Animal Minds and Behavior Association (PAMBA), travel funding 2025

American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT) 2024  
(\$300 to participate in the AAPT Teaching and Learning Seminar and conference)

Graduate Writing Center Fellowship 2023-2024  
Northwestern University

Normative Guidance Workshop, travel funding 2022  
Australian National University

Scott T. Davey Memorial Prize for Excellence in M.A. Research 2018  
Awarded for 'Epistemic Injustice and Intellectualist Know-How', University of Missouri

#### TEACHING

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(\* = upcoming)

##### **Primary Instructor**

Grand Valley State University

Knowledge, Politics, and Media (x2 sections) 2026  
Introduction to Philosophy (x1) 2026  
Ethics (x1) 2026  
Introduction to Philosophy (x2) 2025

Ethics (x2) 2025

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Theory of Knowledge 2025  
Critical Thinking 2024

Loyola University Chicago

Philosophy and Persons (x2) 2022, 2023  
Judgment and Decision-Making (intermediate) 2021

University of Missouri

Introduction to Ethics 2018, 2019  
Introduction to Bioethics 2019  
Introduction to Philosophy 2018

**Teaching Assistant**

Northwestern University

Introduction to Moral Philosophy 2025  
Elementary Logic I 2024  
Modern Philosophy (intermediate) 2021, 2023  
Introduction to Philosophy 2023  
Theory of Knowledge (intermediate) 2023  
Elementary Logic II (intermediate) 2022  
Bioethics 2021

University of Missouri

Medical Ethics 2018  
Logic and Reasoning 2017  
Introduction to Philosophy 2017  
Introduction to Ethics 2016

**Fellow**

Northwestern University

Graduate Writing Center 2023-2024  
(advised graduate student and faculty writing, led writing workshops)

**GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

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(NU = Northwestern University; MU = University of Missouri)

*Language, Epistemology, Mind*

Reasoning and representation (audited; L. Rips, NU Department of Psychology); Higher-order evidence (S. Goldberg, NU); Philosophy of inquiry (S. Goldberg, NU); Legal epistemology (J. Lackey, NU); Seminar in language and mind (M. Glanzberg, NU); The modal future (F. Cariani, NU); Epistemic modality (P. Weirich, MU); Self-knowledge (M.

McGrath, MU); Knowledge-how (P. Markie, MU); Formal Semantics (A. Radulescu, MU); Semantics (A. Radulescu, MU); Pragmatics (C. Horisk, MU)

### *History*

Belief and doubt in early modern philosophy (B. Reed, NU); Creaturely life before—and against—Descartes (L. Shannon, NU Department of English); Knowledge, persuasion, and power in ancient philosophy (P. Marechal, NU); Understanding and reason in Kant (R. Zuckert, NU); Russell and Wittgenstein (D. Sievert, MU); Locke’s metaphysics (M. Folescu, MU); Aristotle’s ethics (N. Baima, MU)

### *Social and Political, Ethics, Value*

Group-based morality (S. White, NU); Derrida/Agamben (A. Ricciardi & I. Alfandary, NU Comparative Literary Studies); Topics in aesthetics: Sublimity, ugliness, and horror (R. Zuckert, NU); Critical phenomenology of race, gender, sexuality (J. Medina, NU); Ideal and non-ideal theory (K. Ebels-Duggan, NU); Habermas’s theory of communicative rationality (C. Lafont, NU); Political authority and anarchy (P. Vallentyne, MU)

### *Logic and Metaphysics*

The classical limitative results (S. Ebels-Duggan, NU); Seminar in logic (P. Weirich, MU)

## SERVICE

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**Referee**, Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Philosophia

**Co-organizer**, Northwestern/Notre Dame Graduate Epistemology Conference 2022-2025

**Co-organizer**, Graduate Works in Progress 2022-2024  
(graduate students present and discuss their developing work)  
Northwestern University, Department of Philosophy

**President**, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) 2022-2023  
Northwestern University

**Climate Committee Member** 2021-2022  
Northwestern University, Department of Philosophy

**Graduate Leadership and Advocacy Council Representative**, PGSA 2021-2022  
Northwestern University

**Tea-Time Coordinator**, PGSA 2021  
Northwestern University, Department of Philosophy

**President**, Philosophy Department Graduate Student Organization (GSO) 2018-2019  
University of Missouri

**Philosophy Department Representative**, Graduate Professional Council 2017-2018  
University of Missouri

**Treasurer**, Philosophy Department GSO 2017-2018  
University of Missouri

## LANGUAGES

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**English** - native

**French** - intermediate/advanced

**Spanish** - intermediate/advanced

**German** - beginning, in progress

**ASL** - beginning

## REFERENCES

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