

# WADE MUNROE

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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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Assistant Professor	Department of Philosophy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2024-)
Postdoctoral Fellow	Department of Philosophy and Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science, University of Michigan (2019-2024)

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D.	Philosophy (Psychology Minor), Indiana University, Bloomington (2019)
M.A.	Philosophy, Western Michigan University (2012)
B.A.	Philosophy (Physics Minor), Vassar College (2009)

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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AOS:	Philosophy of Cognitive Science; Epistemology; Philosophy of Language
AOC:	Philosophy of Psychology; Philosophy of Mind

## RESEARCH

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### PUBLISHED ARTICLES

1. "What's So Special About Reasoning? Rationality, Belief Updating, and Internalism" *Ergo* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.5182>
2. "Misleading Higher-Order Evidence and Rationality: We Can't Always Rationally Believe What We Have Evidence to Believe" *Episteme* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1017/epi.2023.45>
3. "Echo Chambers, Polarization, and 'Post-truth': In Search of a Connection" *Philosophical Psychology* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2023.2174426>
4. "Semiotics in the Head: Thinking About and Thinking through Symbols" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 107.2 (2022): 413-438
5. "What it Takes to Make a Word (Token)," *Synthese*. 200.4 (2022): 287-307
6. "Thinking Through Talking to Yourself: Inner Speech as a Vehicle of Conscious Reasoning," *Philosophical Psychology*. 36.2 (2022): 292-318
7. "Evidentialism and Occurrent Belief: You Aren't Justified in Believing Everything Your Evidence Clearly Supports," *Erkenntnis*. 88.7 (2021): 3059-3078
8. "Why Are You Talking to Yourself? The Epistemic Role of Inner Speech in Reasoning," *Noûs*. 56.4 (2021): 841-866
9. "The Challenge of Heritability: Genetic Determinants of Beliefs and Their Implications," *Inquiry*. 63.8 (2020): 831-874
10. "Reasoning, Rational Requirements, and Representation," *Synthese*. 198.9 (2020): 8323-8345
11. "Rationality, Reasoning Well, and Extramental Props," *Res Philosophica*. 96.2 (2019): 175-198
12. "Words on Psycholinguistics," *The Journal of Philosophy*. 113.12 (2016): 593-616
13. "Testimonial Injustice and Prescriptive Credibility Deficits," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*. 46.6 (2016): 924-947

## RESEARCH CONTINUED

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### BOOK CHAPTERS

1. “Unconscious Inference Theories of Cognitive Achievement,” with Kirk Ludwig, In *Inference and Consciousness*, edited by Timothy Chan and Anders Nes, Routledge (2019)
2. “Talking to Ourselves: Inner Speech and Natural Language as the Language of Thought,” In *Neurocognitive Foundations of Mind*, Routledge (forthcoming)

### OTHER MEDIA

1. “The Causal Antecedents of Mental and Motor Imagery,” blog post for *The Brain Blog*, <https://philosophyofbrains.com/> (forthcoming)

### WORK IN PROGRESS

1. *Talking to Ourselves: The Cognitive and Moral Dimensions of Inner Speech* (Book Manuscript)
2. “Why Can’t We Just Believe What We Want? Metacognition, Cognitive Control, and Functional-M Tagging” (Under Review)
3. “Are Large Language Models Language Users?” (In Progress)
4. “Suggestion Systems as Extended Rumination” (In Progress)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (\* INDICATES INVITED)

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1. “Slips of Belief”
  - \*Midwest Epistemology Workshop, Oklahoma University, October 10-11, 2025
2. “Mental Action and Inner Speech Acts”
  - \* *How Can We Think in Language*, Osnabrück University, May 30, 2025
3. “Inner Speech: What are We Talking About?”
  - *Mental Imagery*, Centre for Philosophical Psychology, Antwerp, May 28, 2024
  - *Inner Speech Symposium*, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, March 21, 2024
  - \* *Inner Speech Colloquium*, University of Barcelona, December 11, 2023
4. “The Voice Inside Our Head: Responsibility, Control, and Inner Speech”
  - \* *Inner Speech and Moral Cognition Workshop*, June 21, 2024
  - \* Osnabrück University, Colloquium Series, November 15, 2023
  - \* Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg, Colloquium Series, October 27, 2023
  - \* University of Cincinnati, Colloquium Series, October 6, 2023
5. “Why Can’t We Just Believe What We Want?”
  - *Congress of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science and Technology*, July 24-29, 2023
  - *Agency and Intentions in Language*, March 8-10, 2023
6. “Neuroscientific Study of Persons with Aphasia: Insights for Language and Reasoning”
  - *Neurocognitive Foundations of Mind*, October 21-22, 2022
7. “Echo Chambers and Epistemic Bubbles”
  - *6<sup>th</sup> Annual Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Meeting*, November 3-5, 2022
  - *Institutional Epistemology Workshop*, University of Helsinki, June 21-22, 2022
  - \* California Polytechnic State University, Colloquium Series, February 25, 2022
8. “Comments on Nathan Ballantyne’s ‘Do Your Own Research’”
  - *The Cologne Knowledge Router*, University of Cologne, May 13, 2022

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

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9. "Semiotics in the Head: Thinking About and Thinking Through Symbols"
  - \* National University of Córdoba, Colloquium Series, August 23, 2022
  - *American Philosophical Association*, Eastern Division, January 5-8, 2022
  - *Speaking Through Doing, Inner Speech and Its Connection to Thought*, Tübingen University, July 28-30, 2021
  - *Bochum Early Career Workshop in Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science*, July 20-22, 2021
  - *12th Dubrovnik Conference on Cognitive Science*, May 20-21, 2021
10. "The Genetic Determinants of Religiosity"
  - *Philosophy of Religion Incubator*, Rutgers University/Princeton University, May 17-18, 2021
11. "What's so Special About Reasoning? Rationality, Belief Updating, and Internalism"
  - *American Philosophical Association*, Eastern Division, January 8-11, 2019
12. "Reasoning, Basing, and Arithmetic Calculation"
  - \* University of Houston, Colloquium Series, October 11, 2019
13. "What Did You Just Say? Slips of the Tongue, Intention, and Word Production"
  - *The Metaphysics of Words*, University of Genoa, June 3-4, 2019
14. "Rational Requirements and Occurrent Belief"
  - *American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division, April 17-20, 2019
15. "What Is It About Death? Mortality Salience and Worldview Defense"
  - *International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying*, Uppsala University, August 8-10, 2018
16. "The Threat of Heritability: Genetic Determinants of Beliefs and Their Implications"
  - *American Philosophical Association*, Central Division, March 1-4, 2017
17. "Words on Psycholinguistics"
  - *American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division, April 16-20, 2014
  - *Indiana Philosophical Association*, Fall Meeting, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, October 11-12, 2013
  - *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Pacific University, October 4-6, 2013
18. "The Methodological Assumptions of Experimental Philosophy"
  - *Philosophical Insights Conference*, Senate House London, June 21-23, 2012

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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1. University of Michigan Postdoctoral Association Travel Award (2020)
2. Selected Discussant for *International Interdisciplinary Summer School: The Neurobiology of Moral Conscience* with Patricia Churchland, Tübingen University (2018)
3. College of Arts and Science Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Indiana University (2018)
4. APA Graduate Travel Award (2019, 2017, 2014)
5. James B. Nelson Dissertation Fellowship, Indiana University (2016)
6. College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award, Indiana University (2013)
7. Bo and Lynn Clark Memorial Essay Prize, Indiana University (2013)
8. College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowship, Indiana University (2012)
9. Heraclitean Essay Prize, Western Michigan University (2012)

## TEACHING (\* INDICATES GRADUATE COURSE)

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### FULL INSTRUCTOR

1. *Philosophy of Psychology*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Spring 2024)
2. \* *Philosophy of Psychology*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Fall 2024)
3. *Logic and Critical Thinking*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
4. \* *Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives in Cognitive Science*, University of Michigan (Spring 2022, 2023, 2024)
5. *Moral Psychology*, University of Michigan (Spring 2023)
6. *Intuition and Inquiry*, University of Michigan (Fall 2021)
7. \* *Moral Psychology*, University of Michigan (Spring 2021)
8. *Minds and Machines*, University of Michigan (Spring 2020)
9. *Introduction to Ethics*, Indiana University (Fall 2017)
10. *Introduction to Logic*, Western Michigan University (Summer 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012)

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

1. *Introduction to Ethics*, Indiana University (Spring 2015, Spring 2016)
2. *Introduction to Philosophy*, Indiana University (Fall 2015)
3. *Symbolic Logic*, Indiana University (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)
4. *Thinking and Reasoning*, Indiana University (Fall 2014)
5. *Introduction to Logic*, Western Michigan University (Fall 2010, Spring 2011)

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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1. Placement Director, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2024-)
2. Speaker Committee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2024-)
3. Weinberg Graduate Certificate Committee, Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science, University of Michigan (2023-2024)
4. Organizer and facilitator of “Foundations & Frontiers” speaker series, Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science, University of Michigan (2020-2024)
5. Organizer and facilitator of “Cognitive Science Seminar Series,” Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science, University of Michigan (2021-2024)
6. Panelist for Workshop on Postdoctoral Fellowships, University of Michigan (Spring 2020)
7. Co-organizer and facilitator of “Undergraduate Philosophy Writing Seminar,” Indiana University (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
8. Organizer and facilitator of “Daniel Dennett Reading Workshop for Undergraduates,” Indiana University (Fall 2016)
9. Co-organizer and treasurer of “5<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference,” Western Michigan University (2011-2012)
10. Vice President and treasurer of Graduate Student Association of Philosophers, Western Michigan University (2011-2012)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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1. Article Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind & Language*, *Erkenntnis*, *Inquiry*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthese*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Routledge*
2. Book Referee for *Bloomsbury Publishing*
3. Co-organizer of “Transcending Borders: International Philosophy Seminar of the Americas” speaker series (2023-)
4. Judge for Michigan Ethics Bowl (Spring 2022)

## REFERENCES

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