

## Scott P. Spiker

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“To be ‘liberally’ educated is to be freed from tyranny, a tyranny of the mind that results when conventional wisdom or one’s own established habits of thought replace rational scrutiny guided by the earnest desire for Truth. A liberally educated person knows how to think for herself, and how to do it well.”

“Such an education isn’t just for kids; adult learners can reap its benefits, too. In an age where one’s career path is likely to wend its way through different employers and fields, workers with a solid foundation in critical transferable skills—viz., the abilities to think, speak, and write well—are sure to continue to be highly prized.”

### Courses Taught

- PHIL 2310 Theory of Ethics
- PRST 1953 Foundations Seminar
- PRST 2110 Principles of Liberal Studies

### Education

- Cornell University, M.A., Philosophy
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.S., Philosophy, Psychology

### Research Interests

- Topics at the intersection of metaphysics and the philosophy of language

### Professional Experience

- Instructor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Honors College (2003-2007)
- Instructor, Cornell University, Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines (2001-2003)