Sahar Joakim, Ph.D.

YouTube Channel
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Specialization: Epistemology
Competencies: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, World Religions, Ethics, History of Philosophy (especially Plato, Aquinas, Descartes, Kant, Hobbes, and Dewey)

Employment

Assistant Professor   (2021- current)
St. Louis Community College, Meramec

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy (2020)
        Saint Louis University

                Dissertation Title: *Knowledge Beyond Belief*
                Dissertation Advisor: John Greco

M.A. in Philosophy (2017)
        St. Louis University

B.A. in Philosophy (2014)
        University of California, Los Angeles

A.A. in Liberal Arts (2011)
        Santa Monica College

Teaching

Saint Louis Community College, Meramec (St. Louis, MO)

- **Environmental Ethics**
    - Fall 2023 (1 in-person)

- **World Religions**

- Fall 2023 (1 in-person, Hy-Flex)
- Summer 2023 (1 hybrid, 1 in-person)
- Spring 2023 (1 Online, 1 in-person)
- Fall 2022 (1 Online, 1 LVL)
- Summer 2022 (2 Online)
- Spring 2022 (3 in-person; 2 Online)
- Spring 2021 (2 LVL)

- **Philosophy of Religion**
  - Spring 2022 (1 in-person)

- **Ethics**
  - Fall 2022 (one in-person)
  - Fall 2021 (1 in-person, 1 LVL)
  - Summer 2021 (1 LVL)
  - Spring 2021 (3 LVL)

- **Introduction to Logic**
  - Fall 2021 (1 LVL)
  - Fall 2021 (1 in-person)

- **Introduction to Philosophy**
  - Fall 2023 (1 online, 2 in-person)
  - Summer 2023 (2 online)
  - Spring 2023 (3 in-person)
  - Fall 2023 (1 online, 3 in-person)
  - Fall 2022 (1 online, 2 in-person)
  - Spring 2022 (2 in-person)
  - Summer 2021 (1 LVL)

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville (Edwardsville, IL)

- **Reasoning and Argumentation**
  - Fall 2020 (3 Online)

Jefferson College (Hillsboro, MO)

- **Medical Ethics**
  - Spring 2021 (2 online)

- **Logic**

- Fall 2020 (1 Online)

- **World Religions**
    - Spring 2021 (1 online)
    - Fall 2020 (1 Online)
    - Spring 2020 (1 in-person moved Online)

Saint Louis University (St. Louis, MO)

- **Ethics**
    - Fall 2020 (co-taught/cross-listed, in-person)
    - Spring 2020 (1 in-person then Online after spring break)
    - Fall 2019 (2 in-person)
    - Summer 2019 (1 in-person)

- **Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality**
    - Spring 2017 (1 in-person)
    - Fall 2016 (1 in-person)

Teaching Award:

The Father James Veltrie, S.J. *Cura Personalis* Faculty Excellence Award (2017)
    Student Government Association, Saint Louis University
    (won in competition with University faculty)

Training in Teaching:

Hybrid-Flexible (HyFlex) Course Design (2022)
    Online Learning Consortium

Certificate in Applying the QM Rubric (2021)
    Quality Matters (QM)

Introduction to Online Teaching (2020)
    The Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning

Mentoring the Mentors (2019)
    The APA Central Division Meeting with facilitator Mitzi Lee (CU Boulder)

Certificate in University Teaching Skills (2017)
    The Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning

Teaching Seminar (2015-2016)
        Scott Ragland, Saint Louis University

Conference Presentations on Pedagogy:

"Instructor-Led Collaborative Notes During Class (with Variations)"
        Focus on Teaching & Technology Conference (2021)
        a St. Louis Regional Conference

"Teaching Lesson Plans that Humanize: On Friendship"
        AAPT-APA Teaching Hub Poster Session (2020)
        The APA Central Division Meeting

Pre-Collegial Teaching:

Long-Term Substitute Teacher, A-C Central High School
    -    Western Literature; Communications (Fall 2020)

Instructor, Johns Hopkins University, Center for Talented Youth
    -    Philosophy of Mind (Summer 2018)

Substitute Teacher, State of Missouri (Expires Dec. 16, 2026)
    -    Pre-kindergarten through grade 12

Substitute Teacher, State of Illinois (License #2477821)
    -    Pre-kindergarten through grade 12

Continuing Education, STLCC

Courses Taught:
    -    Ethics-The Right Way to Live
    -    Religion and Its Role in World History
    -    Eastern Religions
    -    Western/Monotheistic Religions
    -    Forgiveness: The Key to Happiness

Research

Published Articles:

Joakim, Sahar & Ragland, C. P.. (2018). "Is Hobbes Really an Antirealist about Accidents?", *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy.* Vol.14, No.2.: pp. 11-25. https://doi.org/10.31820/ejap.14.2.2

Joakim, Sahar. (2017). "A Pragmatic Solution to The Value Problem of Knowledge," *Philosophical Investigations.* The University of Tabriz-Iran. Vol. 11, No. 21. Pages 53-67.

Published Book Reviews:

The Epistemic Innocence of Irrational Beliefs by Lisa Bortolotti, *Metapsychology Online Reviews*, Vol. 24, No. 38 (2020). https://metapsychology.net/index.php/book-review/the-epistemic-innocence-of-irrational-beliefs/

God and Morality by Anne Jeffrey *Religious Studies Review,* Vol. 46, No. 3 (2020). Wiley Blackwell. https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/rsr.14754

We Know it When We See It by Richard Masland, *Metapsychology Online Reviews*, Vol. 24, No. 32 (2020). https://metapsychology.net/index.php/book-review/we-know-it-when-we-see-it/

Awards for Academic Merit:

Collins Award for Graduate Student Excellence (2020)
        Philosophy Department, Saint Louis University

Award for Graduate Research in Humanities (2016)
        University-Wide Graduate Research Symposium, Saint Louis University

Lectures and Conference Participation:

"Philosophical Perspectives on Iranian History"
        International Education Week (2023)
        Global Studies and International Education Committee
        https://youtu.be/CCoVfR3EMGE

"The Meaning, Value, and Practice of Critical Thinking"
        STLCC Libraries' Speaker Series (2023)
        https://youtu.be/eghMcGlbTSc

"Injustice in Iran and Globally"
　　　Global Education Lecture (2023)
　　　STLCC, Forest Park
　　　https://youtu.be/x2sKPlq9l90

"Trigger Warning: Huemer, Active Shooters, and the Trolley Dilemma"
　　　Illinois Philosophical Association Conference (2022)
　　　Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

"Knowledge with and without Belief"
　　　Philosophy Colloquium Series (2022)
　　　University of Missouri - St. Louis

"Belief-irrelevant Knowledge"
　　　Central Divisional Meeting (2022)
　　　The American Philosophical Association

"Lessons from COVID: Utilitarian in Theory and Egoist in Practice"
　　　Philosophical Perspectives on COVID-19 (2021)
　　　Philosophy of Medicine
　　　The Institute for the Future of Knowledge, University of Johannesburg

"Dharmottara and Gettier's Cases Against Knowledge"
　　　Session of The Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion,
　　　Knowledge and Justification: East and West
　　　Central Divisional Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (2021)

"Dharmottara and Gettier's Cases Against Knowledge"
　　　SIUE Philosophy Department Colloquium (Spring 2021)

"A Novel Epistemology in light of Aquinas and Anscombe"
　　　Eastern Divisional Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (2021)

Chair, Colloquium Paper Session
　　　Central Divisional Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (2020)

"How Can One Assert what one does not Believe without Lying?"
　　　The Central States Philosophical Association (2019)
　　　Washington University in Saint Louis

"Pasnau on Hobbes and Antirealism about Accidents" with Scott Ragland
　　　Philosophical Collaborations Conference (2019)

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

"Improving Graduate Studies in Philosophy"
    Central Divisional Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (2019)

"Putting Belief in its Place"
    The CUNY-Milan Workshop on Belief (2018)
    City University of New York

"Putting the Philosophiae in Ph.D."
    The 23rd Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium, SLU (Spring 2017)

"Teaching Philosophy as an Iranian Woman"
    The Middle Eastern Student Association, SLU (Spring 2017)

"Reconciling (Mental) Powers and (Epistemic) Principles in Aquinas's Epistemology"
    The Northwest Philosophy Conference (2016)
    Gonzaga University

"Stereotyping Speakers in Epistemic Exchanges"
    Invited Speaker for The Undergraduate Philosophy Club, SLU (Fall 2016)

"Is Seeing Believing, not Knowing?"
    The 22nd Annual Graduate Research Symposium, SLU (Spring 2016)

Comments on Kimbell Kornu's, "Aristotle's Divine Gaze: Anatomical Dissection as the Desire to Know" at The Summer Symposium of The International Academy for Bioethical Inquiry (2016)

Comments on Daniel Tigard's, "Taking the Blame: How Dilemmatic Wrongdoers Are Blameworthy" at The Graduate Philosophy Conference at Saint Louis University (2016)

"Knowing That We Do Not Know"
    Invited Speaker for The Undergraduate Philosophy Club, UCLA (Spring 2014)

Service

Faculty Advisor: STLCC, Meramec
    Socratic Society, (Fall 2021- current)

Organizing Committee
APA Live/APA On Demand (2021-current)

Committee Member
Committee on Philosophy in Two-Year Colleges (2022-2025)
American Philosophical Association

Organizer and Panel Facilitator
Human-Machine Discrimination: Consciousness, Ethics, and Epistemology
APA Live: October 4, 2023

Organizer and Panel Facilitator
The Ethics of AI in Philosophy
APA Live: October 12, 2023

Organizer: Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Spring 2023)
Socratic Society at St. Louis Community College, Meramec

Committee Member: STLCC, Meramec
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (Fall 2021- current)
- Governance: Local Senate (Fall 2021- current)
- Governance: College Senate (Fall 2021- current)
- Global Studies and International Education Committee (Fall 2021- Spring 2022)

Interviewee: Alumni Interviews (2022)
UCLA's Being in the World
Recording of Interview

Moderator: APA Webinar
Philosophy at Community Colleges (2022)

Chair, Women's History Month Organizing Committee
(2022, 2023)
STLCC, Meramec

Panelist
APA Committee Session: Two-Year College Job Application Workshop
APA Committee on Philosophy in Two-Year Colleges
Central Divisional Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (2022)

Panel Moderator: APA Webinar
Underrepresented Perspectives on Pursuing Academic Philosophy (2021)

Faculty Rater
       General Education Assessment of Student Learning
       St. Louis Community College (Spring 2021)

Panelist
       APA Committee Session: Two-Year College Job Application Workshop
       APA Committee on Philosophy in Two-Year Colleges
       Central Divisional Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (2021)

Assistant to the Editor
       American Philosophical Quarterly (2017-2021)

American Philosophical Association, Graduate Student Council
Elected in a nationally competitive process
- Councilmember (2017-2020)
- Elected Chair (2019-2020)
- Elected Secretary (2017-2018)

Graduate Student Representative of the Philosophy Department (2019-2020)
- Graduate Student Association, SLU

Judge: Regional Ethics Bowl Competition (2016, 2019, 2023)
       Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

Philosophy Graduate Student Association
- President (2017-2018)
- Vice President: (2016-2017)

Conference Organizing Committee:
- Co-Organizer "The Nature and Character of Self-Consciousness" (2018)
- XIth Annual Midwest Epistemology Workshop, SLU (2017)
- The First Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, UCLA (2014)
- The 2nd Conference of the American Pragmatics Association, UCLA (2014)

Event Organizer
       Undergraduate and Graduate Student Philosophy Mixer (2017)

Res Philosophica Conference Assistant
- "Race and Gender" (2017)
- "Bridging Formal and Traditional Epistemology" (2016)

Journal Referee Work
- *American Philosophical Quarterly* (University of Illinois Press)
- Philosophia: *Philosophical Quarterly of Israel* (Springer)

Assistantships

Research Assistant:
- John Greco, Leonard and Elizabeth Eslick Chair in Philosophy (2017-2019)
- Greg Beabout (2015-2016)
- Naomi Eilan, Collins Visiting Faculty from Warwick University (2015)

Teaching Assistant:
- Instructor of record for Ethics (2019-2020)
- Instructor of record for Introduction to Philosophy (2016-2017)

Administrative Assistant:
- Philosophy Department, Saint Louis University (Summer 2016)

Languages

English: native
Farsi: speaking fluency
Spanish: some speaking, reading, and translation competence

Associations

American Philosophical Association (2014-current)
Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion (2020-2021)