

Sahar Joakim

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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)
St. Louis University

Dissertation Title:	<i>Knowledge Beyond Belief</i>
Dissertation Committee:	John Greco (Advisor) Kent Staley Scott Ragland

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)

- **Environment Ethics**
 - Fall 2022 (one section in-person)
- **World Religions**

- Fall 2022 (one section Online)
- Summer 2022 (two sections Online)
- Spring 2022 (three sections, in-person; two sections Online)
- Spring 2021 (two sections, Live Virtual Lecture)

- **Philosophy of Religion**
 - Spring 2022 (one section)

- **Ethics**
 - Fall 2022 (one section in-person)
 - Fall 2021 (one section in-person, one LVL)
 - Summer 2021 (Live Virtual Lecture)
 - Spring 2021 (three sections, Live Virtual Lecture)

- **Introduction to Logic**
 - Fall 2021 (Live Virtual Lecture)
 - Fall 2021 in-person

- **Introduction to Philosophy**
 - Spring 2022 (two sections in-person)
 - Summer 2021 (Live Virtual Lecture)

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville (Edwardsville, IL)

- **Reasoning and Argumentation**
 - Fall 2020 (three sections, online)

Jefferson College (Hillsboro, MO)

- **Medical Ethics**
 - Spring 2021 (two sections, online)

- **Logic**
 - Fall 2020 (online)

- **World Religions**
 - Spring 2021 (online)
 - Fall 2020 (online)
 - Spring 2020

Saint Louis University (St. Louis, MO)

- **Ethics**
 - Fall 2020 (co-taught/cross-listed)
 - Spring 2020 (online after spring break)
 - Fall 2019 (two sections)
 - Summer 2019

- **Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality**
 - Spring 2017
 - Fall 2016

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)

Certificates in Teaching Training:

Certificate in [Applying the QM Rubric](#) (2021)
 Quality Matters (QM)

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

Training in Teaching:

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

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)

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

Conference Presentation 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 Illinois (License #2477821)

- Pre-kindergarten through grade 12

Continuing Education, STLCC

- Religion and Its Role in World History
 - Eastern Religions
 - Western/Monotheistic Religions
 - Forgiveness: The Key to Happiness
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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.

Articles Under Review:

“Knowledge Without Belief”

Coauthored with John Greco and John Turri

submitted 4-4-2021

“Belief-Irrelevant Knowledge”

submitted 3-31-2021

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

Conference

Presentations and Participation:

“Belief-Relevant Knowledge”

Central Divisional Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (2022)

“Lessons from COVID: Utilitarian in Theory and Egoist in Practice”

[Philosophical Perspectives on COVID-19](#) (May 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

Committee Member: STLCC, Meramec

- Global Studies and International Education Committee (Fall 2021- current)
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (Fall 2021- current)
- Governance: Local Senate (Fall 2021- current)
- Governance: District Senate (Fall 2021- current)

Faculty Advisor: STLCC, Meramec

Socratic Society, (Fall 2021- current)

Organizing Committee

APA Live/[APA On Demand](#) (2021-current)

Moderator: APA Webinar

[Philosophy at Community Colleges](#) (2022)

Coordinator

Women's History Month (2022)

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)

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: [Ethics Bowl](#) (2016, 2019)

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)
- [Xlth 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)
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Assistantships

As Graduate Student

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)
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Languages

English: native

Farsi: speaking fluency

Spanish: some speaking, reading, and translation competence

Associations

American Philosophical Association (2014-2022)

Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion (2020-2021)