

# Sahar Joakim Resch, Ph.D.

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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)

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## Employment

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

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## Education

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

Dissertation Title:	<i>Knowledge Beyond Belief</i>
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; Major: Philosophy (2011)  
Santa Monica College

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## Teaching

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

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

- Summer 2024 (2 Online, 1 in-person)
- Spring 2024 (1 Hyflex, 2 online)
- Fall 2023 (1 HyFlex)
- 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**
  - Spring 2024 (2 in-person)
  - Fall 2021 (1 LVL)
  - Fall 2021 (1 in-person)
  
- **Introduction to Philosophy**
  - Summer 2024 (1 in-person, hybrid)
  - Spring 2024 (1 in-person)
  - 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 [Governor's Award](#) for Excellence in Teaching (2024)  
STLCC, Meramec

The Father James Veltrie, S.J. *Cura Personalis* Faculty Excellence Award (2017)  
Saint Louis University

### **Training in Teaching:**

QM Rubric Update Seventh Edition (2023)  
Quality Matters (QM)

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

### **Publications on Pedagogy:**

[“The Transformative Power of Philosophy”](#)  
Professor Reflection Series (2023)  
Blog of the APA

[“Putting the Community back into Philosophy”](#)  
Teaching Series (2023)  
Blog of the APA

### **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
  - Logical Reasoning and Critical Thinking
  - Philosophy of Religion
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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.

### **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:**

“Broadening the Limits of Knowledge”  
Philosophy Workshop (Spring 2024)  
Georgetown University

“In the Crosshairs of Ethics: Rights and Responsibilities in Gun-Free Zones”  
Philosophy Colloquium (Spring 2024)  
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

“Getting Philosophical about Human History”  
The Philosopher’s Forum (Spring 2024)  
University of Missouri, Saint Louis

“Philosophical Perspectives on Iranian History”  
International Education Week (2023)  
Global Studies and International Education Committee, STLCC  
<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/x2sKPIq9I90>

“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)

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## **Service**

Committee Member

Chair (2025-2028)

Associate Chair (2024-2025)

Committee on Philosophy in Two-Year Colleges (2022-2027)

American Philosophical Association

Organizing Committee

Co-Chair (2024-2025)

Conference Program Committee

2025 Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association

Faculty Advisor

Socratic Society, (Fall 2021- current)

Club Advisor of the Year (2023-2024)



Organizer of STLCC-UMSL Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Spring 2024)  
Organizer of Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Spring 2023)  
Socratic Society at St. Louis Community College, Meramec

#### Hiring Committee

for Philosophy Professor at STLCC Meramec (Summer 2024)  
for Music Professor at STLCC Meramec (Summer 2024)  
for Biology Professor at STLCC Meramec (Spring 2024)  
for Dean & Director at STLCC South County (Spring 2024)  
for Philosophy Professor at STLCC Florissant Valley (Spring 2022)  
for Humanities Chair at STLCC Meramec (Spring 2021)

#### Organizing Committee

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

Organizer and Panel Facilitator:

[Human-Machine Discrimination](#) (2023)

[The Ethics of AI in Philosophy](#) (2023)

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

[Underrepresented Perspectives on Pursuing Academic Philosophy](#) (2021)

#### Committee Member: STLCC, Meramec

- Faculty Professional Development Advisory Committee (2023-2024)
- AI Governance Committee (Spring 2024-current)
  - Chair of Subcommittee on AI Innovation (Spring 2024)
- A&OER (Spring 2023- current)
  - Presenter (Service Week, Spring 2024)
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (Fall 2021- current)
  - Chair (2023-2024)
- Governance: Local Senate (Fall 2021- current)
- Governance: College Senate (Fall 2021- current)
  - Bylaws Review Team Subcommittee (Spring 2024)
  - Innovation of the Year Selection Committee (Spring 2024)
- Global Studies and International Education Committee (Fall 2021- Spring 2022)

#### Interviewee: Alumni Interviews (2022)

[UCLA's Being in the World](#)

[Recording of Interview](#)

Chair, Women's History Month Organizing Committee  
(2022, 2023, 2024)  
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)

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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, 2024)

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**

#### 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

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### **Associations**

American Philosophical Association (2014-current)

Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion (2020-2021)