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Sahar Joakim is Iranian-Armenian by heritage and American by birth. She lived in Los Angeles, California for twenty-three years until she moved to Missouri for graduate school at St. Louis University. While studying for her Ph.D. in the Philosophy Department, she served as Secretary and President of the Philosophy Graduate Student Association, served as a Representative of the Philosophy Department for the university's Graduate Student Association, she taught six undergraduate philosophy courses, sat on the Graduate Student Council of the American Philosophical Association for three years, published two research papers in philosophy, earned a Certificate in University Teaching Skills from The Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning, and was honored with the The James Veltrie, S.J. Cura Personalis Faculty Excellence Award. After five years at SLU, she successfully defended her doctoral dissertation demonstrating ways in which knowledge is not a kind of belief.