

# Denish Kaur Jaswal

Curriculum Vitae  
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## Education

Saint Louis University

May 2018

B.A. Philosophy, with Honors

*Senior Capstone:* “Do We Believe the Prejudiced Professor?” under the direction of Dr. John Greco

B.S. Neuroscience, with Honors

*Senior Capstone:* “The role of Interleukin-1-beta in the modulation of high voltage sleep in Parkinsonian model rats” under the direction of Dr. Michael Anch

Harvard University—Philosophy (PhD)

May 2024

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## Academics

Undergraduate Coursework:

Philosophy: Introduction to Philosophy: Self & Reality, Honors Ethics, Symbolic Logic, Honors Ancient Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Honors Philosophy of Biology, Honors Philosophy of Science: Gender & Science, Philosophy of Feminism, Philosophy of Emotions, Love & The Human Condition

Neuroscience: Behavioral & Cognitive Neuroscience, Molecular, Cellular, and Systemic Neuroscience, Neuroscience Lab, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Cell Structure & Function, Principles of Genetics, Physics, Organic Chemistry I, Organic Chemistry Lab, Social Psychology, Learning & Memory, Psychopharmacology, Brain, Mind and Society

Graduate Coursework:

Taken at—

Saint Louis University: Formal Epistemology, The Transmission of Knowledge, Belief & Knowledge

Harvard: 1<sup>st</sup> Year Colloquium (Fall & Spring), The Good, Critical Epistemologies, Modal Logic, Philosophy of Mind, The Understand Seminar (w/ Mahzarin Banaji)

Presentations:

- (1) “Do You See What I See? Integrating Hallucinogenic Drug Effects with Haack’s Foundherentism”  
University of Windsor Undergraduate Philosophy Conference 2016  
Saint Louis University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference 2016  
GVSU/Calvin College Undergraduate Philosophy Conference 2016 (accepted)  
Saint Louis Area Undergraduate Research Symposium 2016 (accepted)
- (2) “From Kant to Karuṇā: Moral Agency in Action”  
Saint Louis University Annual Undergraduate Theology Conference 2016

- (3) "The role of Interleukin-1-beta in the modulation of high voltage sleep in Parkinsonian model rats"  
 Saint Louis Area Undergraduate Research Symposium 2017  
 Sigma Xi Research Symposium 2017  
 Saint Louis University Senior Legacy Symposium 2017  
 Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference 2017 (accepted)
- (4) "The effect of taurine on rat cortical neuronal growth"  
 Neuroscience Lab Seminar Final Presentation 2017 (under direction of Dr. Fenglian Xu, SLU)
- (5) "Intrastriatal administration of 3,4-dihydroxyphenylacetaldehyde (DOPAL) induces aggregation of alpha-synuclein and a microglial response in the rat: A potential pathogenic mechanism for Parkinson's disease?"  
 Saint Louis Area Undergraduate Research Symposium 2016  
 Sigma Xi Research Symposium 2016
- (6) "Effective Education: Mitigating Impacts of Stress and Trauma Across STL Elementary Schools"  
 Saint Louis University Political Science Symposium 2017
- (7) "Do We Believe the Prejudiced Professor?"  
 Saint Louis University Senior Legacy Symposium 2018

#### Workshops/Panels:

- (1) Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy at Brown University (SIPP@Brown) July 2017  
 Two-week residential program geared towards prospective philosophy graduate students from underrepresented groups in the field; attended two daily Philosophy seminars led by Brown faculty on Philosophy of Time and Global Justice; discussed the field and preparation for graduate study with current Brown graduate students; prepared (2) final research papers and presentations for end-of-program conference
- (2) Invited Panelist, Political Discourse in the Classroom October 2017
- (3) Missouri Jobs with Justice Strategy Session August 2016

#### General Published Works:

- (1) "Allowing Hate Speech Conflicts with the Jesuit Mission"  
 Published in The University News, October 2016
- (2) "An Inclusive Campus is a Campus that Communicates"  
 Published in Just Mission, January 2016
- (3) "Political Round Table Hosts Event on the State of St. Louis"  
 Interviewed/Quoted by The University News, December 2016
- (4) "SLU Working Group to Approve Campus Speakers"  
 Interviewed/Quoted by The University News, March 2017
- (5) "Upcoming Special Elections and You"  
 Interviewed/Quoted by The University News, November 2017

### Lab Work

**The Understand Seminar** January 2019-present

Participates in the weekly lab meetings of Dr. Mahzarin Banaji's Implicit Social Cognition lab. Topics of presentation and discussion include all aspects of implicit social cognition, primarily questions of methodology, attitude and belief change, attitude and belief development, the accuracy and inaccuracy of stereotypic knowledge, and evaluation of organizational programs that teach about implicit associations

**Saint Louis University Neuroscience Department Researcher** June 2014-May 2018

Researched causes & potential treatments of Parkinson's Disease (PD) under the direction of Dr. Michael Anch through various projects with *in vivo* rat modeling; skilled in rat handling; proficiency in immunohistochemistry procedures, sleep scoring, rat stereotaxic neurosurgery, following and writing lab protocols, applying for grants; trained incoming members of lab on protocols, techniques, and PD theory

## Service & Cocurriculars

**Member of Mind the Gap** September 2018-present

Participates in discussions hosted by Mind the Gap, a reading group of philosophers and scientists in the Cambridge area interested in topics in philosophy of mind, psychology, perception, cognitive science and neuroscience

**Organizing Committee Member of Minority and Philosophy (MAP) Association** September 2018-present

Coordinates meetings, meet-ups, speakers, and conferences as part of the 4-person Organizing Committee of the Harvard Chapter of MAP. Nationally, MAP aims to examine and address issues of minority participation in academic philosophy to ultimately contribute to improved department cultures and facilitate increased participation of underrepresented groups in academic philosophy

**President of Saint Louis University Philosophy Club** March 2016-May 2018

Hosted/moderated discussion at weekly club meetings (average attendance 15-20) on various philosophical topics (54 total); expanded organization from membership of 30 to membership of nearly 100; coordinated weekly Executive Board meetings; lead organizer for (2) Disputed Question Speaker Series; lead organizer for (2) Undergraduate Philosophy Conferences; lead organizer for (2) ATLAS week Speakers; set budgets and oversaw club finances per SLU Student Government Association (SGA) guidelines; past club Public Relations chair (2015)

**Undergraduate Outreach Coordinator for Happiness & Well-Being Project** September 2016-May 2018

Expanded goals of Happiness and Well-Being Project (\$5.1 million grant for interdisciplinary research into happiness and well-being, directed by Dr. Dan Haybron) through: hosting/moderating (2) movie series and subsequent discussions; operating as lead organizer for (2) "How to Be Happy" expert panel discussions; aiding in coordination of workshops; attending several related conferences; across the board PR assistance

**President of Saint Louis University Political Round Table (PRT)** March 2016-May 2018

Hosted/moderated discussion at bimonthly club meetings (average attendance 30-40) on "conversations that matter" with political underpinnings (18 total); coordinated weekly Executive Board meetings to plan for weekly club meetings and club events; lead organizer for (2) State of St. Louis events; lead organizer for 2016 SLU Voter Registration Drive (registering over 2000 new voters); lead organizer for (2) ATLAS weeks (4-5 events/week with guest speakers aimed at expanding SLU's mission to global issues in dialogue with students); lead organizer for (2) Panel Discussions featuring experts on Charlottesville & CLEAN MO Voter Initiatives; set budgets and oversaw club finances per SLU Student Government Association (SGA) guidelines; awarded SLU Leadership Honoraria scholarship in 2016 and 2017 for high impact on the SLU community

**Co-Chair of SLU Working Group on Speech, Expression, & Civility** December 2016-July 2018

Alongside SLU's Vice-President of Academic Affairs, coordinated/facilitated the function a 13-member Working Group charged by President of SLU with: reviewing current SLU policies & procedures regarding campus speech, expression, and civility; leading related campus conversations; and making recommendations to the President regarding future policy and practice at Saint Louis University

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## Work Experience

**Writing Consultant at Saint Louis University Writing Services** January 2016-May 2018

Helped develop writing skills of undergraduate & graduate students at SLU through one-on-one writing consultations; skilled in appreciative consulting, writing organization/structure, grammar, and brainstorming techniques; mentored new consultants past first year; maintained consistently positive student feedback

**Tutor, Chegg Tutors** May 2015-June 2016

Crew Member at Chipotle Mexican Restaurant (Bridgeton, MO)

June 2016-July 2017

Judge for Eastern Missouri Speech & Debate & St. Louis Urban Debate League

Fall 2014-2016

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### Grants, Honors, Awards

#### Grants

Knoedler Undergraduate Research Grant (\$500) for Philosophy Conference Presentation

March 2016

Knoedler Undergraduate Research Grant (\$500) for Neuroscience Capstone

February 2017

Campus Election Engagement Project Grant (\$500) for Voter Education Event

October 2016

#### Honors/Awards

James D. Collins Award for Student Excellence in Philosophy

2017-2018

Fr. Mario Ross Leadership and Service Award

2017-2018

Presidential Leadership Award of Political Round Table

2016-2017

Campus Election Engagement Project (CEEP) Fellow

November 2016

SLU Student Leadership Honoraria Book Scholarship (for leadership of SLU PRT)

April 2016

SLU Student Leadership Honoraria High Impact Scholarship (for leadership of SLU PRT)

April 2017

Dean's List

2016-2018

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### Certifications/Skills

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SafeZone Diversity Certified, HIPAA, Bloodborne Pathogen, CITI, CPR, IACUC Animal Handling Certified

#### Languages

English (fluent)

Punjabi (oral competency)

French (beginner's competency)

Hindi (oral competency)

#### Skills

public speaking, event planning/logistics, basic lab techniques, community outreach, public relations, leadership

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### References

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Edgar Pierce Professor of Philosophy

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