

# Jessica R. Adkins

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## Interests

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AOS: Medical Ethics, Ethical Theory

AOC: Gender Studies, History & Philosophy of Medicine, Applied Ethics (esp. art and technology)

## Education

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### PhD Philosophy, Minor Women And Gender Studies

May 2020

Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO

- Dissertation Committee: Jeffrey Bishop (director), Dan Haybron, Carolyn Korsmeyer (SUNY Buffalo)

### MA Social And Applied Philosophy

2014

Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

### BA with Honors, Philosophy

2011

Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

## Academic Employment

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### Southern University Illinois Edwardsville

Fall 2020-current

Adjunct

- Reasoning and Argumentation (3x)

### Saint Louis College Of Pharmacy

Fall 2020-current

Adjunct

- Introduction to Ethics (1x)

### University Of Missouri- St. Louis

Spring 2020

Adjunct

- Sexual Ethics (1x, co-taught with Eric Wiland)

### Saint Louis University

Fall 2015- Spring 2020

Instructor

- Medical Ethics (1x)
- Self & Reality (2x)
- Ethics (6x)
- Feminist Philosophy (1x)

## Related Employment

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### Complexly

March 2020-current

Freelance writer

- I pitch video topic ideas and write scripts for the new educational program, Under Your Skin, a show about anatomy. Due to COVID-19, the show is currently on hiatus. Complexly is a video production company by John and Hank Green and includes other shows such as Crash Course, SciShow, and Eons.

## **Publications: Journal Articles**

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3. Adkins, J. (2018). "Thinking Epistemically about Gender and Physician Assisted Death." *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 32 (2):197-208.
2. Adkins, J. (2018). "Understanding And Resolving Conflicting Traditions: A MacIntyrean Approach To Shared Deliberation In Medical Ethics." *HEC Forum* 30(1), 57-70.
1. Adkins, J. (2017). "Authenticity in Anatomy Art." *Journal of Medical Humanities* 40 (1):117-138.

## **Publications: Book Reviews**

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Adkins, J. (2017). Review Of "Teresa Margolles And The Aesthetics Of Death" by Julia Banwell. *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 76(1).

## **Books Under Review**

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**The Disgust Of Anatomy**

Liverpool University Press

## **Research Experience**

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<b>Graduate Research Asst., Saint Louis University</b> To Dan Haybron	2014-2015
<b>Intern, The University Of Minnesota Center For Bioethics</b> To Joan Liaschenko	2013
<b>Graduate Research Asst., Marquette University</b> To Margaret Urban Walker	2012-2014

## **Conference Presentations**

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### **Anatomical Philosophy And Philosophical Anatomy**

- 2019. SLU Graduate Student Conference. Saint Louis, MO.

### **Aesthetic Value Of Anatomical Displays Of Plastinated Bodies**

- 2019. APA Eastern Division. New York, NY.
- 2017. 7th Annual Medical Humanities Conference. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI.

### **Being And Bodyworlds: A Heideggerian Critique Of Body Plastinates**

- 2017. *Anatomy of the Image: perspectives of the (bio)medical body in science, literature, culture and politics*. Melbourne, Australia.

### **Postmodern Jazz And The Ontology Of Improvisation: Should Jon Benjamin Really Have Learned To Play The Piano**

- 2018. APA Pacific Division. San Diego, CA.
- 2017. SLU Graduate Student Conference. Saint Louis, MO.

### **Understanding And Resolving Conflicting Traditions: A MacIntyrean Approach To Shared Deliberation In Medical Ethics**

- 2016. American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Washington D.C.

### **Robbed Of Life: A Thomistic Position On Terminal Sedation**

- 2017. American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Kansas City, MO.

- 2016. UFFL. Milwaukee, WI.

### **Bostrom's Posthuman Dignity**

Invited speaker

- 2015. SLU Undergraduate Philosophy Club Disputed Speaker Session. Saint Louis, MO.

### **Authenticity And Anatomy Art**

- 2015. American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Houston, TX.
- 2015. SLU Graduate Student Conference. Saint Louis, MO.

### **Donor Anonymity And Identity In Bodyworld's Exhibits**

- 2014. 4th Annual Medical Humanities Conference. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

### **Defending Physician Assisted Death Of The Akratic Agent**

- 2014. Philosophy, Personhood, and Virtue Graduate Conference. Loyal University, Chicago, IL.
- 2014. New Frontiers in Ethics. University of Toronto, Toronto, CAN.

### **Finding The Good In Dying: A Virtue Theory Defense Of Voluntary Euthanasia**

- 2013. 3rd Annual Medical Humanities Conference. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

### **Defending Death With Dignity**

- 2013. Graduate Conference in Medical Humanities. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

## **Grants, Awards & Honors**

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### **2020**

- Dissertation defense- passed with distinction

### **2019**

- Mellon Foundation Seminar participant (Exploring the Life of Social Ideas) (\$2000)
- SLU Collins Award for Graduate Student Excellence (\$2000)

### **2018**

- Morgan Book Scholarship (\$900)
- APA Pacific Graduate Student Travel Stipend (\$400)
- SLU GSA Conference Travel Award
- SLU Philosophy Dept. Travel Award

### **2017**

- SLU2K Research Fellowship (2017-2018)
- Koch Research Grant (\$1000)
- SLU International Travel Research Grant (\$1000)
- SLU Philosophy Dept. Travel Award (\$1000)
- American Society for Aesthetics Graduate Student Travel Grant (workshop on Art, Perception, & History)

### **2016**

- SLU GSA Conference Travel Award
- Honorable Mention (research paper): UFFL Conference, Marquette University

### **2015**

- SLU Philosophy Dept. Travel Award
- SLU Graduate Conference: 2nd place paper in humanities
- SLU GSA Travel Award

## 2014

- SLU Philosophy Dept. Travel Award
- SLU Teaching Assistantship (2014-2019)
- Marquette Philosophy Dept. Travel Award

## 2008-2012

- Marquette Research Assistantship (2012-2014)
- EuroScholars Tuition Scholarship (2011)
- Marquette Academic Honors Scholarship (2008-2011)

## Professional Service

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<b>Referee</b> Journal of Medical Ethics	2018-present
<b>Co-Organizer: Henle Conference</b> Saint Louis University	2017-2018
<b>Graphic &amp; Poster Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Henle Conference</li><li>• Midwest Epistemology Conference</li></ul>	2017-2018
<b>Organizer/Co-creator</b> St. Louis Philosophy Forum	2016-2018
<b>Graduate Student Assoc. Philosophy Representative</b> Saint Louis University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member: 2017 GSA Conference Awards (Special Ad Hoc) Committee</li><li>• Reviewer: 2017 SLU Graduate Philosophy Conf.</li><li>• Co-Organizer: 2016 SLU Graduate Symposium</li><li>• Co-Organizer: 2016 Wellness Week</li></ul>	2015-2017, 2019-2020
<b>Session Chair: APA Central</b> Saint Louis, MO	2015
<b>Co-Organizer: Interdisciplinary Graduate Humanities Conf.</b> Marquette University	2014
<b>Philosophy Graduate Student Assoc. Representative</b> Marquette University	2013-2014
<b>Co-Organizer: Humanities Presentation Series</b> Marquette University	2013-2014
<b>Session Chair: Workshop On Animal &amp; Environmental Philosophy</b> Bowling Green University	2013
<b>Co-President: Undergraduate Philosophy Club</b> Marquette University	2010-2011

## Memberships

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American Society for Bioethics and Humanities // FEAST // American Philosophical Association // Int. Assoc. of the Phil. Of Death and Dying // American Society for Aesthetics // Society for the History of Technology

# Graduate Courses Taken

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## Ethics

- Feminist Theory (Amanda Izzo, SLU)
- Metaethics (Eric Wiland & Kathryn Lindemann, SLU)
- MacIntyre (Greg Beabout, SLU)
- Self, Agency, and Autonomy (Dan Haybron, SLU)
- Aristotle's Ethics (Susanne Foster, MU)
- Moral Responsibility (Susanne Foster, MU)
- Sociology of Sex and Gender (Dawne Moon, MU)

## Bioethics & Healthcare

- Anthropology, Technology, and Ethics (Jeff Bishop, SLU)
- Philosophical Foundation in Bioethics (Jeff Bishop, SLU)
- Internship in Bioethics (Joan Liaschenko, U of Minnesota/Susanne Foster, MU)
- Interdisciplinary Palliative Care (Susan Breakwell, MU)
- Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia Independent Study (Katherine Rickus, MU)

## Metaphysics And Epistemology

- Virtue Epistemology (John Greco, SLU)
- Feminist Epistemology (Penny Weiss, SLU)
- Contemporary Metaphysics and Plato (Scott Berman, SLU)
- Metaphysics of Art (Roger Pouivet, SLU)

## History of Philosophy And Logic

- Kierkegaard (Greg Beabout, SLU)
- Thomistic Synthesis (Eleonore Stump, SLU)
- Advanced Logic (Joe Salerno, SLU)
- Augustine (Jack Marler, SLU)
- Kant (Sebastian Luft, MU)
- Contemporary Analytic Philosophy (Michael Wreen, MU)
- Plato (Owen Goldin, MU)

## Languages

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### German

Intermediate reading, writing, speaking

### Italian

Basic reading, speaking

## References

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