

May 19, 2022

Prof. Sarah Clairmont
Faculty of Arts

Thank a Prof



Remercie ton prof

Re: 2021/2022 Thank a Prof Program

Dear Prof. Clairmont,

Congratulations! A student has thanked you in our Thank a Prof program. Teaching and Learning Services (TLS) developed this initiative to provide students with a way to thank professors who have made a difference, big or small, in their lives.

You were thanked for the following reasons:

Sarah has time and time again demonstrated exceptional care and attentiveness to each of her students. What I really like about her as an educator is that she tries to connect to each student (such as remembering names after the first day - even over zoom and takes thought into how she's pronouncing it), and makes sure they feel comfortable enough to share their thoughts. Personally, she has taken the time to sit down with me and discuss the term paper in detail and provided incredibly thorough input and made it a point to be invested in our work and ideas. In particular, I appreciate the fact that she doesn't try to rush anything (lectures, office hours or even an email), she really takes the time to understand and respond the best way possible and her attentiveness goes such a long way when it comes to making our work better. This isn't to say that other professors and TA's have not demonstrated this, but Sarah has demonstrated it to a level where she pays attention to each person as an individual and goes more than the extra mile to make sure she achieves this.

During the beginning of the term during COVID, she made it a point to make a google form addressing how each of us feel about our preferred teaching methods (in person, virtual) and made sure that she integrated those preferences (even the slightest of details).

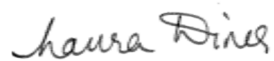
At large, Sarah creates a comfortable space for each of her students where we can thrive academically. She is particularly apt at fostering a philosophically rich environment where she is thorough and clear in her lectures enough to ask the right questions to create the right dialogue in which everyone can participate it. I personally appreciated feeling like my thoughts were valued as a student, individually. It is also worth noting that she's an incredibly kind person which translates seamlessly into her teaching. I truly hope to see her teaching more philosophy classes at McGill in the future.

Please feel free to share this student's recognition of the impact of your teaching with your Chair, Director, and/or Dean. Please note that we will be posting the names of all professors recognized on the [Thank a Prof website](#). If you prefer that your name not appear, please email tls@mcgill.ca by **June 10, 2022**.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing contributions to student learning at McGill. If you have any questions regarding teaching and learning or about the Thank a Prof program, please do not hesitate to contact us at tls@mcgill.ca or visit the [Teaching and Learning Services website](#).

Once again, congratulations on making a difference.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Winer".

Laura Winer
Director