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Dear Ms. Harris,

I apologize for my belatedness in answering your letter. I thank you very much for your kind words about my lectures. I am certainly interested in getting the students interested in the topics which we discuss.

I can assure you that I read very carefully your final paper, as well as the final papers of all the students. In a vast majority of cases I was the only one to read, and make comments, on the papers --this may explain why the general comments were not as detailed and elaborate as the mid-semester ones; I generally tend to see the papers as a whole rather than in their component parts. In the cases in which Mr. Eric van der Luft had talked with the student concerning the mid-semester paper, and in the assumption that the talk had been useful, I let him see and make a general comment on the paper. Needless to say, I read carefully the comments, as well as the paper, and, as you point out, I agreed with them. In this, of course, I may have been mistaken, but I also may have been mistaken in the appraisal which I made of all the other papers. I am very sorry to learn that you think that my appraisal or, in this case, reappraisal was unfair. I did not intend it to be so.

I will be happy to talk with on the subject if you feel that this may be helpful. In any case, your letter is useful to me in the sense that it seems to place more confidence on me as a reader of the students' papers than on any other person. This I will take carefully into account in the second semester segment of the course. I am very sorry to hear that you are unable to continue Philosophy 100 because of your career plans, but I am sure that your career plans have precedence on any Philosophy, 100, or 1000.

With best wishes,

Cordially,  
Hew Allaway