

Spring 2024 Newsletter

Notes from the Chair

Greetings SIUE Philosophy Community!

The 2023-2024 academic year continues apace. We wrapped up a successful Fall '23 term, highlighted by our annual undergraduate philosophy conference. More recently, we began the Spring '24 term by hosting our much beloved Ethics Bowl event on January 27th. Six teams from three area high schools honed their philosophical skills by engaging a range of contemporary ethical issues in this debate-like competition. A team from Edwardsville High School emerged as this year's champion.

As we move deeper into the spring term, we look forward to hosting the annual Fritz Marti Lecture as well as the Annual Graduates and Alumni Picnic. Additionally, we have been busy with a search to add a new full-time Instructor to our department. That search is ongoing, and we hope we'll be announcing a new member of the department in our fall newsletter.

Beyond our regular events, we continue to welcome new students to the philosophy program as well as deliver excellent philosophy instruction to our existing majors. As always, we are excited to celebrate with our graduating seniors this spring, and we are anxious to begin developing future cohorts of philosophy graduates. To all our graduates, we are proud to have you as alumni. We hope you'll stay in touch and perhaps to see you soon.

With warmest regards,

Chris Pearson

Current Events

Fritz Marti Lecture

On Friday, April 19th, we will welcome Muhammad Ali Khalidi to deliver the 47th annual Fritz Marti Lecture. The title of the talk is "The Mind-Dependent World."

Dr. Khalidi is Presidential Professor of Philosophy at City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center. His research area is the philosophy of science, particularly cognitive science and social science. Dr. Khalidi has also made contributions to classical Arabic-Islamic philosophy.

The lecture will take place in the SIUE Morris University Center and will begin at 4 PM. Please join us at 3:30 for a small reception preceding the lecture.

Title: **"The Mind-Dependent World"**

Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 at 4 PM

Location: Redbud Room of the MUC



The department regularly invites professional colleagues from other regional institutions to share projects they are actively working on to receive feedback while enriching our community. Dr. Sahar Joakim of St. Louis Community College gave our sole Spring 2024 colloquium talk: "In the Crosshairs of Ethics: Rights and Responsibilities in Gun-Free Zones." The talk took place on February 9, 2024, at 1:30 PM in the Lovejoy Library 3rd Floor Conference Room (LL 3021).

People in Philosophy

Alumni and Students

Scholarship Awards 2023-2024

Congratulations to Our Award Recipients!

Robert A. Gray Memorial Award: **Ana Tavarez**

Interdisciplinary Studies and Philosophy Recognition Award: **Drew Culpepper**

Dr. Carol A. Keene Scholarship: **Matthew Spiroff and Evelyn McGlasson**

John Mareing Philosophy Scholarship: **Craig Spearman**

Ben Ober Endowment: **Adell Hill**

Senior Assignment Recognition Award: **Michael Denn**

Alumni & Graduates Picnic



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Please join us for a picnic to celebrate graduates and to reconnect with the department on Thursday, May 2, 2024 in Miner Park (194 S. Main St., Glen Carbon) from 3 to 5 PM! Refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there!

People of Philosophy

Announcing the Carol Keene Community Outreach Fund

The SIUE Department of Philosophy is pleased to announce the creation of a new endowed fund made possible by the generosity of Professor Emeritus Dr. Carol Keene. Dr. Keene has for many years endowed a student scholarship fund, but with this new Outreach, Activities, and Events Fund, the department will be able to provide resources to support and expand philosophy programming beyond the classroom. After just 18 months of being established, the fund has already enabled us to host a visiting scholar and better support our annual Ethics Bowl event. Faculty, students, and the Edwardsville community are all beneficiaries of Dr. Keene's continued commitment to sharing the value of philosophy with others.

Supporting SIUE Philosophy

Whether it is support for student scholarships, the annual Fritz Marti lecture, or foundation funds used for hosting events such as Ethics Bowl, the department relies on financial support from its faculty, emeriti, alumni, and the broader community to continue to provide the resources necessary for SIUE to be a great place for philosophy.


The Philosophy Development Fund (3525) is the most general and flexible option.

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