## A TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY GOLDENBERG AT THE LAUNCH OF THE SHIRLEY GOLDENBERG SCHOLARSHIP March 31, 2017

The late 1960s and early 1970s were an exciting time to be studying industrial relations at McGill. In addition to Professor Goldenberg, the faculty included H.D. Woods, Frances Bairstow, Bill Westley, J.C. Weldon and Sid Ingerman. The faculty were all passionate about their subject, and conveyed that to their students.

But what set Shirley Goldenberg above all of the other faculty at McGill was that she was not only passionate about her subject, she was passionate about her students.

She invited us to her home and fed us.

She made sure that we met local labour relations practitioners, including leading lights of the time such as Roy Heenan, Alan Gold, Stanley Hartt and, of course, her husband, Carl. She encouraged us to get involved in the real day to day practice of industrial relations through assignments with unions and employers.

She wrote references for us when it was time to apply for positions in the real world and gave us leads on job opportunities.

Shirley cared about her students and she showed that care and concern in the most tangible ways.

Perhaps unknown even to her, was that Shirley also served as a stellar role model for young women interested in pursuing a career in labour relations. At that time, labour relations was still a very male dominated field. Shirley let us know that we could find our place in that milieu while still maintaining dignity and grace.

I am so delighted that this scholarship will not only recognize Shirley's outstanding academic contribution to the field of industrial relations, but will also memorialize her very special relationship with her students in a very tangible way.

Shirley, thank you so much for everything you have done for us over the years. Please accept my sincerest affection and greatest respect.

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