IN MEMORIAM ALAN BOROVOY 1932 - 2015

It is with great sadness that we learned our colleague Alan Borovoy passed away late Monday May 11, 2015.

Alan worked on human rights issues for sixty years and we were honoured when he joined our graduate School five years ago, after having taught for several years in the Canadian Studies undergraduate program at Glendon College. He taught the School's popular seminar on human rights, and he gave regular colloquium presentations that were open to the public. As Alan would say, he did his best to "raise hell" on human rights, while staying within the confines of the law.

A dedicated teacher and true public intellectual, he often debated with the program director for many days before attributing student grades and he was already preparing his next colloquium presentation on a controversial question relating to civil liberties. It is not by chance that he spent part of the last years of his life at our School helping students examine western liberal values in a rational and pragmatic manner, while constantly challenging political correctness. Amongst the recent spontaneous reactions from his students, one alumnus captures effectively a purpose that would have pleased him: "He can be sure his students will continue fighting the good fight for justice!"

When we last spoke with him a week ago, he was going to see the doctor because he had lost his appetite and he was feeling weak. His health appears to have deteriorated rapidly since the beginning of the month.

Although he could be demanding and sometimes difficult, his playfulness, kindness and intellectual brilliance, along with the constant jokes expressed in his characteristic Borovian drawl, will be sorely missed at the School.

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