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### **Professors with a Passion: 1919 Winnipeg General Strike Tour**

WINNIPEG— The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association presents the 5th Annual 1919 Winnipeg General Strike Tour with Professor Nolan Reilly, chair of UWinnipeg's History Department. The tour includes a film and presentation followed by a hands-on bus tour to some of the prominent sites related to the strike. It is designed to give participants a sense of what Winnipeg was like socially and politically in 1919 during the General Strike—the largest community strike to ever occur in Canada.

**Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2007**

**Location: UWinnipeg's Duckworth Centre, Room 2D12 (followed by Bus Tour)**

**Time: 5:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$15 (includes light supper)**

**Presented By: Dr. Nolan Reilly -Chair, University of Winnipeg Department of History**

**To register, please call the Alumni office at 204.786.9711, fax 204.783.8983 or email [alumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:alumni@uwinnipeg.ca)**

Professor Reilly will explain the events leading up to the strike, the main players involved, its broader implications for labour across the country and the historical significance of Winnipeg's General Strike. Sites on the tour include the CPR Station on Higgins; the Ukrainian Labour Temple; Portage and Main: the site of "Bloody Saturday"; plus neighbourhoods in the North End (and South End if time permits).

A nationally known expert in labour history, Professor Reilly has a keen interest in the public presentation of history and in making history accessible. He was instrumental in developing a permanent display about the General Strike inside the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa and has taken hundreds of people, including labour leaders, politicians and visitors, on his Strike Tour.

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