#### RILEY FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE FUNDING REPORT

The Riley Fellowship conference funding was used to support 4 free public events at the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike Centenary Conference (<a href="http://1919-2019.com">http://1919-2019.com</a>) at the University of Winnipeg, 8-11 May 2019.

#### 1. Remembering 1919: Commemoration and the Winnipeg General Strike.

Opening reception and panel discussion, chaired by Rhonda Hinther and featuring:

- Sharon Reilly, "Curating the Winnipeg General Strike"
- Tom Monteyne, "The 1919 Marquee: A Monument to the Winnipeg General Strike"
- Noam Gonick, "Bloody Saturday Streetcar Monument"
- Danny Schur, "Stand! The Movie Musical"
- David Frank, "Putting History to Work: Public History and Commemoration"

## 2. Poverty and the Fight for a Material Existence (The Fight for a Better Life).

Roundtable, chaired by Maureen Morrison and featuring:

- John Clarke (Ontario Coalition Against Poverty)
- Victor Elkins (Former President, Hospital Employees' Union, Vancouver)
- Sean Smith (Toronto Airport Workers' Council)

## 3. Building an Inclusive Labour Movement (Solidarity Across Borders)

Roundtable, chaired by Leslie Spillett and featuring:

- Fred Hahn (President, CUPE Ontario)
- Yolanda McClean (Diversity Vice-President, CUPE)
- Chris Ramsaroop (Justice for Migrant Workers)
- Jerry Woods (Past Chair, MB Human Rights Commission and Indigenous Labour Rights Activist)

# 4. Making Labour a Social Force and Political Leader (Building a Working-Class Alternative)

Roundtable, chaired by David Bleakney and featuring:

- Scott Crichton (IBEW 424, Alberta Labour History Institute Board)
- Alia Karim (Fight for \$15 Movement, Toronto)
- Suzanne MacNeil (President, Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council)
- Basia Sokal (President, Winnipeg Labour Council)

The conference was attended by just over 300 delegates. The four free public events funded by the Riley Fellowship were very well attended; Riddell Hall was packed with people, with standing room only at times.

Janis Thiessen 8 July 2019