

# 1919 WINNIPEG GENERAL STRIKE CENTENARY CONFERENCE

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BUILDING A BETTER WORLD: 1919-2019





# FINANCIAL APPEAL

**THE WINNIPEG GENERAL STRIKE OF 1919** was a landmark moment in North American working-class history. In May and June that year, over 30,000 workers ceased work for six weeks.

Provoked by the inequities of industrial capitalism, the authoritarianism of their workplaces, the brutal experiences of the First World War, rising prices and stagnating wages, an insecure economic outlook, intransigent employers, and a federal state that responded to their demands with growing repression, the city's workers stood together in an astounding display of unity.

This was also an era filled with hope; the horrors of industrialization and militarism encouraged many to think of ways of constructing a better world. The combination of anger and hope was infectious. In 1919, Winnipeg workers displayed an inspiring unity, facing hunger, threats of permanent dismissal and blacklisting, and violence at the hands of authorities, most notably in the vicious assault they unleashed on "Bloody Saturday," killing two workers and injuring many more.

**A century later, as we desire to understand and commemorate these events, we convene the WINNIPEG GENERAL STRIKE CENTENARY CONFERENCE: BUILDING A BETTER WORLD (1919-2019)!**

Indeed, we are currently in the process of inviting and programming a range of scholars, trade unionists and social justice activists to share their knowledge and experiences over the course of our May 9-11, 2019 conference in Winnipeg. We envisage presentations and discussions by historians, labour studies scholars, and unionists about the General Strike, the subsequent history of labour's attempts to address these themes, as well as contemporary struggles.

In our efforts to host this critically important conference and gathering of ideas, we seek **YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT in carrying-out our event's activities. To that end, we are looking to fundraise monies in respect of: speakers' fees; hosting, travel and airfare accommodations; venue bookings; promotion costs; and the like.**

We hope that you will consider financially contributing to our efforts, here, and, in doing so, heralding the 1919 WINNIPEG GENERAL STRIKE CENTENARY CONFERENCE (MAY 9-11, 2019 | WINNIPEG, MANITOBA) as a landmark Canadian event and celebration, which speaks to the history of Canada's Trade Union activism movement and the advancement of labour and human rights, altogether.

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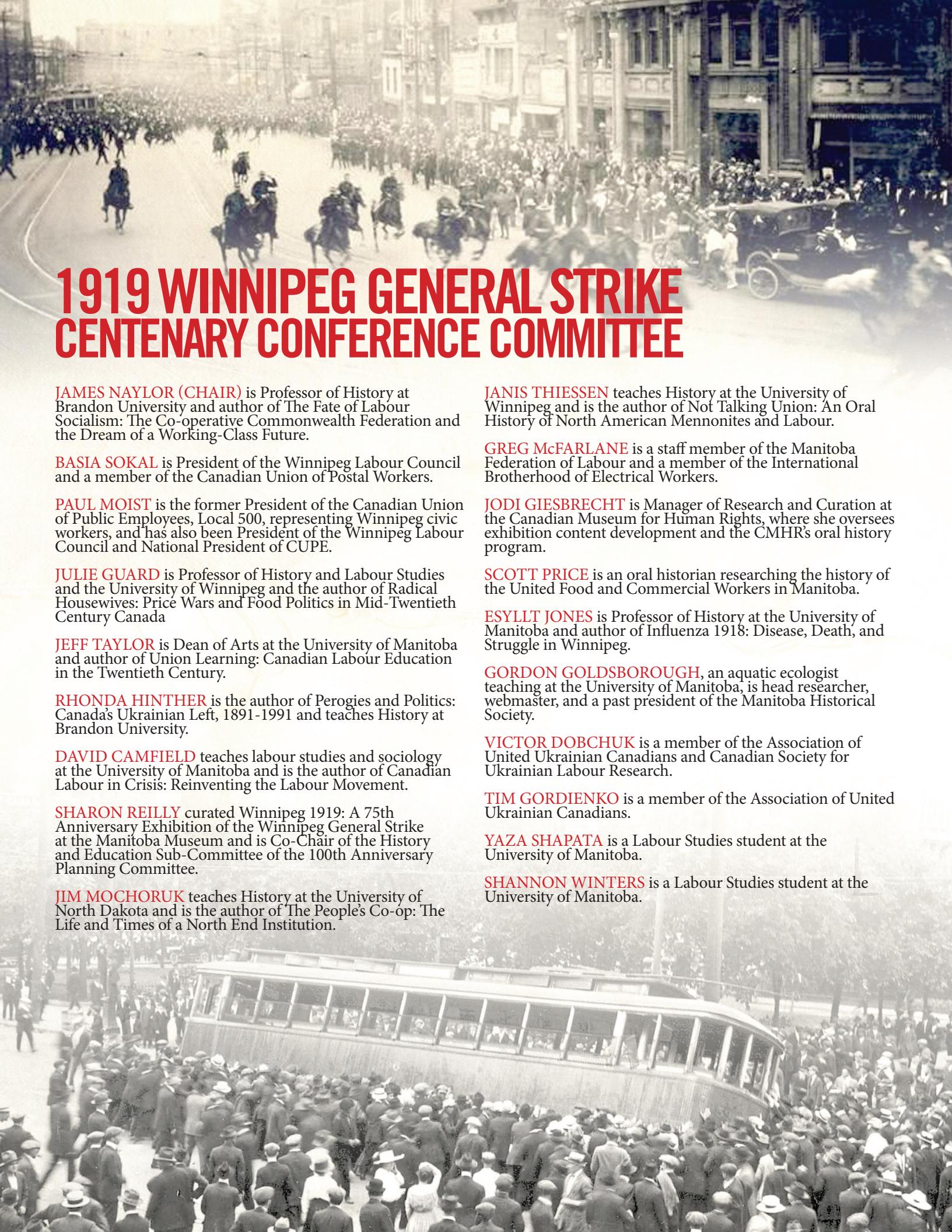
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