

Homage to Dr. Arsène Richard

Dr. Arsène Richard, leader in the solidarity movement for the improvement of the working conditions of faculty members and the promotion of public post-secondary education, whether at the local, provincial or national level, passed away on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at the age of 91.

Born at Mont Carmel, Prince Edward Island, he pursed his postsecondary studies at, among others, Collège Saint-Joseph de Memramcook, Université de Louvain in Belgium and at the Institut Catholique de Paris, in France.

Professor of philosophy for 34 years at the Moncton Campus of l'Université de Moncton and activist, he was granted by the Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations (FNBFA) the *Prix Nicole Raymond Award* in 1990 in recognition of his significant contributions as President of the FNBFA for three consecutive years (1976, 1977, 1978) and President (1976-1977 and 1977-1978) of the brand new association certified as a union at the Moncton Campus of l'Université de Moncton, ABPUM. Dr. Arsène Richard was also the federation's representative at the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) Council until it was restructured in 1987. Later, he sat on the Liaison Committee for the CAUT agreement with the then Quebec provincial federation, the FAPUQ, as well as for the renewal of this agreement.

The FNBFA salutes Dr. Richard for his many services and accomplishments in promoting postsecondary education and expresses its deep gratitude to him for leading the path that we continue to chart and follow today.

Rest in peace, Dr. Richard.