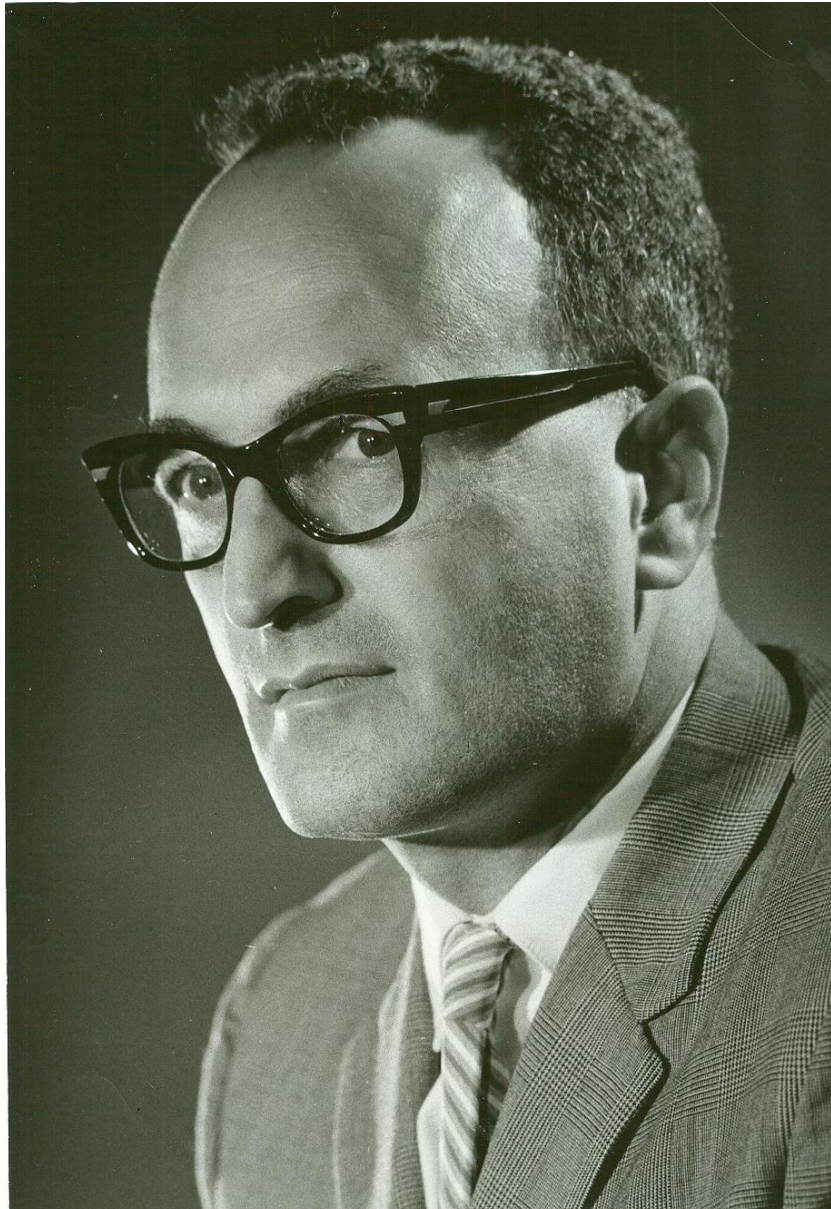


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Philippe Garigue
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I am here to speak to you of a very deep personal friendship and to give thanks to a man who, in my experience, embodied the highest qualities and the loftiest ideals found in the academic profession. I was not alone in appreciating him in this way; his election to a Fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada and his appointments as Officer of the Order of Canada and Officier de la Légion d'Honneur, among other distinctions, eloquently testify to a level of recognition in Canada and abroad that only those who pursue excellence achieve. Philippe Garigue was a perspicacious observer of the international scene, a critical analyst of events, a gifted pedagogue, an excellent administrator, and a very caring individual.

Our first encounter was a bureaucratic one and we both chuckled over it when I brought it to his attention many years later. He had sent me a letter in the fall of 1970 to advise me that, in his capacity as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Université de Montréal, he had approved my appointment as visiting professor for one course in the Department of Political Science. I traveled weekly to Montreal but during that academic year, I did not have the opportunity of meeting him. That would happen later, when he was a candidate for the position of principal of Glendon College in 1979, in the Senate Room, where he came to answer questions from faculty and students.

Two things about Philippe Garigue impressed me on that day: the ease with which he dealt with every question and the understanding he had of the problems that the college was experiencing but also of the opportunities that lay ahead. In the eye of my memory, I can still see him standing there: His bearing was military, betraying a sense of discipline and order of his person and his thoughts. These qualities would always be in evidence as our friendship developed. We began to see each other regularly after he became principal, but initially our meetings were very formal, as are normally those requested by a young faculty member needing either assistance or advice from his dean. I soon became aware, however, that he was guiding me in a specific direction, very unclear at first, but one which made me understand that he was seeking to open doors for me, to direct me in areas where he felt that I had a professional future that I would find rewarding.

I was a member of the Department of Political Science where the majority of colleagues had, when Philippe Garigue arrived in Glendon, an ideological orientation that I did not share. At best, it was a department where peaceful coexistence was occasionally practiced. He understood the need for me to look for intellectual and collegial interaction elsewhere. He made it possible for me to attend the National Defence College of Canada in 1981-1982, a year that ended up being memorable in very many ways.

I remember the day when I went to ask him whether he would agree to nominate me; I can still see him sitting behind his desk, smiling at me, and answering: "Did you know that I am a graduate of NDC?" This is how my interest in international studies began, that is to say when I decided to adopt an intellectual approach that goes beyond the confines of the sub-discipline in political science known as international relations and that looks at the world and the international scene in an inter-disciplinary and multidisciplinary manner. He understood the appeal of such an approach and thereafter our encounters became more and more academic and less administrative; we were bouncing ideas off one another.

Philippe Garigue had an incredible network of acquaintances and friends all over the world. In the late 1980s, his interest was captivated by the emerging activities of la

Francophonie and in 1989 he made it possible for me to attend a conference on la *Francophonie* at the Université Sophia-Antipolis of Nice. He was opening another door, that of research collaboration with French academics. The following year, I organized a conference on France-Canada collaboration and maritime security at Glendon College, followed three years later by another one on collective security. From these conferences, which enabled a number of French and Canadian scholars to get to know one another, the Association France-Canada d'études stratégiques was born in Grenoble in 1995. The annual conferences that have been held since in Canada and in France and the impressive list of publications sponsored by the association owe a great deal to the largely unacknowledged godfathering of Philippe Garigue. Among the members today are also many of his former students and colleagues from Montréal.

Thankfully, Philippe and Nina Garigue remained in Toronto after he completed his tenure as principal. For a while he had an office here, so we had many opportunities to get together. Even after he severed his ties with the college, our intellectual collaboration continued, especially once the internet became an easy vehicle of communication. I would often send him a piece of writing, usually an article, when I felt it needed another critical eye. He was generous in his comments; if he felt that something was missing or not articulated appropriately, he would always say so by pointing out the greater context that required clarification. In the last few years, I made a point of visiting him at home on Don Mills Road where he welcomed me with a cup of coffee and a tray of biscuits. You were often there, Nina, and, as always, and also with you, our conversations first began with news about my daughters and my wife. I appreciated the solicitude you both showed my family and me.

From these encounters, it is perhaps the last one that took place last fall which I will remember most vividly. He always wanted to know what was going on in Glendon and he knew that I had very definite views and a particular way of describing the human comedy that goes on in any institution. Our conversation centered on his recollections of his principalship at Glendon. He filled in some of the details, confirming in my mind that his contribution to the college remains second to none. It was he, in the 1980s, who had obtained from the Ontario government the bilingual grant that, as far as I am concerned, saved the college. Only those of us who have been here for more than three decades know not only how serious were the existential uncertainties that the college continually faced, but also how the acrimonious were the debates on the meaning of bilingualism and especially its application to our curriculum. Consider this: I had been hired in 1970 because, among other reasons, I was able to teach in French; however, for the first five years, the department's expression of bilingualism was my being allowed to offer one half-course in French. Over time, that changed, especially after Philippe Garigue became principal. His successors did not need to struggle to strengthen the bilingual character of the college.

But Philippe Garigue had done more than just anchor the Glendon curriculum in the linguistic reality of Canada; he made Glendon visible in the Francophone community of Toronto and Ontario. Whether at the Club Richelieu or the Club Canadien, when I said I was from Glendon, there were always questions about him. And last, but not least, he helped establish the International Studies Programme by giving decanal approval to the creation of a Bachelor of International Studies degree, the first of its kind in Canada. He did not succeed in creating a Department of International Studies, not for a lack of trying, but because the intellectual approach that we were proposing had many hurdles to overcome, especially from the traditional social sciences disciplines. Yet again, he had set in motion a process; today there is a Department

of International Studies, it is one of the strongest departments at Glendon, and has the potential to make of our college a leading institution in the field.

From that conversation last fall, I remember one specific thing that he said about being dean: It goes something like this: “The successful dean is one who creates opportunities, encourages initiatives, and works with faculty, giving every member a chance to succeed.” That is indeed that kind of dean that he had been and today Glendon College and York University are the richer and the better for his having served in that capacity.

Philippe Garigue was not just my principal and my colleague; he was also my mentor, and most importantly, my friend. It is not just out of friendship that I am celebrating his life with you and thanking him, but out of the desire to pay respect to his memory as a person who not only touched so many individually, but who left a rich legacy to an institution whose purpose and *raison d'être* he not only never doubted, but unquestionably strengthened. *Merci*; thank you Philippe.

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