

Where are They Now?

Name: Lawrence (Larry) Peckford

Class of: 1969 (graduated 1971)

Started Public Welfare diploma program in 1964, began B.A program in 1965. Graduated B.A. in Social Welfare 1969. Began B.S.W. in 1969 graduating in 1971.

First job after graduation:

Welfare Officer

Subsequent jobs:

Employment Counsellor, manager, community and social activist.

Current job status, title and brief description of what you do:

Writer and social activist

What's your favourite part of being a social worker?

Helping people.

What advice would you give to prospective students considering social work as a profession?

Be tough, resilient and advocate.

Favourite memory of your ...

Class: Friday afternoons in the Strand Lounge at Churchill Square.

Time at Memorial: Learning and growing.

Any personal or professional highlights or milestones you'd like to share? (E.g. Have you won an award? Do you have a child or other family member who has followed you into the profession? Have you retired and taken on a new challenge or hobby?)

I have stopped formal employment. I take on new pursuits that I hope make a difference. I have a niece who is a BSW graduate and now doing the Masters of Social Work program at MUN. Family tradition with father, grandfather and other family members' experiences in social work may have been an influence.

Did you take on subsequent education? If so, what and where?

Yes. Master of Arts (Leadership & Training) Royal Roads University

Any interesting research you're working on that you'd like to share?

Just completed a project that describes my family history that includes the development of the vocation of Welfare Officer in the first decade after confederation with Canada.

<http://www.lulu.com/content/e-book/the-welfare-officer/23092031>