

Helen Ginsburg was in on the founding of the Seminar on Full Employment, Social Welfare, and Equity, has been a member and a presenter throughout its 33 year history, and has served as its co-chair for the last 21 years. Professor Emerita of Economics at Brooklyn College, Helen brought to the Seminar a broad perspective and accomplished scholarship, encompassing not only her chosen field of economics, but history and cross-national or comparative study. She epitomizes the scholar-activist, having written and spoken on behalf of federal full employment legislation during the 1970s and later as a co-founder and leader in the National Jobs for All Network. Helen thoroughly studied the successful implementation of fully employment in Sweden, visiting that country and interviewing those who planned and implemented its poverty-eliminating combination of full employment and social welfare benefits. Her 1983 book *Full Employment and Public Policy: The United States and Sweden* made an important contribution to the understanding of the successful Swedish experiment.

Over the years Helen has contributed significantly to the Seminar: as a presenter or co-presenter on focusing on such topics as the combination of generous social welfare benefits and full employment that epitomized the Swedish welfare state; the history and lessons of political struggles for full employment in the U.S; whether welfare states, particularly their full employment policies, were being dismantled; and clarification of the meaning of full employment itself. Her continuing scholarship and activism on behalf of full employment, social welfare, and equity have enriched our proceedings and been a model for other participants to follow. As co-chair, Helen was persistent in recruiting speakers, creative and comprehensive in choosing topics, and very much on top of the literature in the field. She is an unusually kind, considerate and compassionate friend, and colleague. We will try to maintain the high standards that have epitomized her leadership role in the Seminar and look forward to her continuing participation and contributions.