Colleagues Remember Mirra Komarovsky

It only came to know Mirra personally fairly recently, when she checked into a hotel I was staying in Peterborough, New Hampshire. I knew of her revolting and selfless way in the late 1980s, and she died rather young but not from 'selfishness' or neglect—she died of breast cancer in America out of interest.

As a feminist sociologist, she stamped the sociological community of her contribution to the study of men and masculinity as well. Her PhD dissertation, published in 1940 as The Unemployed Man and His Family, is a significant sociological portrait of the effect of the Great Depression on urban working-class families. She was a very charming woman and one of the very best examples of a sociologist born in the early 1920s. She was a very charming woman and one of the very best examples of a sociologist born in the early 1920s.