
**Memorial Resolution of the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison
On the Death of Professor Emeritus Alfred Kadushin**

Alfred Kadushin, Julia C. Lathrop Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, died on February 5, 2014 in Madison, Wisconsin at age 97.

Al was an internationally known scholar in child welfare services, social work practice and social work education. Writing soon after his death, The National Association of Social Workers, the largest social work membership organization in the world, called him “A Social Work Giant,” noting that his impact on the social work profession was, and continues to be, enormous. The author of six well-known books, several with multiple editions and translations, and many research articles, Professor Kadushin, was one of an early cohort of social work scholars, who pioneered the development of the knowledge base for social work *and* child welfare practice, policy, education and research, and its world-wide dissemination.

Al was born in 1916 in New York City to Jewish immigrants parents. Influenced by labor union life and secular socialist ideology, many of Professor Kadushin’s life experiences ignited his passion for the issues and concerns central to social work. Working as a letter carrier in Harlem for seven years during the depression, provided him with a window on the family and community dynamics in a deprived community.” Serving as Information and Education Officer in the South Pacific during WWII, Kadushin furthered his “education” and understanding of diverse groups and cultures.

Al received his MSW degree from Columbia University and his Ph.D. from NYU. During that time he also worked for 3 years as a caseworker for the Jewish Board of Guardians in New York City.

In 1950 Professor Kadushin began what would be a more than 40 year academic career at the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s School of Social Work. A much beloved teacher and mentor, alumni often recall Professor Kadushin lugging 2 large briefcases full of books and articles to class which he would use to illustrate or support a point he was making. Remarkably, he worked on new editions of two of his classic books well into his 90’s. One, *The Social Work Interview* with his daughter Goldie Kadushin, was published in 2013 and the other, *Supervision in Social Work* was just released this year.

Al married Sylvia Lemkin in 1949. Sylvia worked for many years at UW-Madison, as does his son Raphael Kadushin, Executive Editor at the UW-Press. Daughter Goldie Kadushin is Professor of Social Work at UW-Milwaukee.