

A personal note on Ernie Bartell.

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Ernie Bartell was a key actor, together with Father Hersburgh, in the creation of the Kellogg Institute of International Studies. I was a witness to Ernie's incredible creativity and enthusiasm during the difficult first phases in order to turn what was initially a good, fresh initiative, into a viable, well funded research institute.

The Kellogg Institute has gained a place as a center of excellence in International Studies due to the contribution of outstanding academics, among which Guillermo O'Donnell played a key role in defining a research focus and attracting names of outstanding intellectuals around the world, who would come and spend time writing and teaching at Kellogg.

For me, Ernie has also been a wonderful friend and excellent human being. I will never forget when we met in Rio, in front of the beautiful beach, Ernie, Guillermo O'Donnell and myself, and Ernie, unexpectedly, asked us whether we would be interested in joining as a team, to start a new institute of international studies at Notre Dame. We said yes, and in the next ten years shared with passion the challenge, and the deep friendship that resulted from that effort.