A Beacon So Bright: The Life of Laurence McKinley Gould

Laurence M. Gould had the opportunity to direct NASA or a major foundation. There were even those who urged the polar explorer and eminent geologist known as “Mr. Antarctica” to run for US Senate or the presidency. Instead Gould chose to devote his considerable talents toward furthering the fortunes of higher education in general and of Carleton College.

Drawing upon rich resources in the archives at Carleton and elsewhere, Eric Hillemann provides a detailed chronicle of the remarkable man who created of Carleton—and, many would say, of his own life—“a beacon so bright” that it would serve those who study there as a guide for their entire lives.