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# Canada's History Society Announces the 2024 Recipients of the Governor General's History Awards

Canada's most prestigious history prize celebrates the achievements of history teachers, museums, scholars, community groups, and creators of popular media

WINNIPEG, November 14, 2024 – Canada's History Society is proud to announce the winners of the 2024 Governor General's History Awards—the country's highest honour in the field of history. The awards recognize excellence in a variety of history-related endeavours: teaching, museums, scholarly research, community programs, and popular media. These deserving Canadians have all contributed to a greater understanding of our past through their innovative work. The 2024 laureates will receive their awards from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, at an upcoming ceremony.

"I am deeply moved by the enthusiasm for our history among these recipients. Each of them embodies genuine passion, reflected in their commitment to helping Canadians learn a truer, fuller history through the people, places, and events they bring to life. In this way, they become guides to our collective past. I extend my warmest congratulations to these outstanding laureates who will be joining us from all over Canada," says Melony Ward, President and CEO of Canada's History Society.

#### The 2024 Laureates

The **Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching** honours teachers who have helped to foster a deeper understanding of the past by actively engaging students in meaningful historical projects.

- **Jo Anne Broders**, Smallwood Academy, Gambo, Newfoundland and Labrador;
- Julie Gaudreault, École primaire Panet, Sainte-Béatrix, Quebec;
- Ben Gross and Daniel Kunanec, Don Mills Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Ontario;
- Jessica McIntyre, Glebe Collegiate Institute, Ottawa, Ontario;
- Michele Schwab, Balcarres Community School, Balcarres, Saskatchewan;
- Connie Shea, St. Malachy's Memorial High School, Saint John, New Brunswick.

The Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Museums: History Alive! honours museums that have made significant achievements in the presentation, preservation, and interpretation of national, regional, or local history.

• Chinese Canadian Museum, Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Scholarly Research honours the author of the academic work published in the previous year that has made the greatest contribution to our understanding of Canada's past.

• Cross-Border Cosmopolitans: The Making of a Pan-African North America, by historian and McGill University professor Wendell Nii Laryea Adjetey, Montreal, Quebec.

The Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming honours innovative projects that encourage greater public interest and engagement in the past.

- Broder ses racines, PAAL Partageons le monde, Montreal, Quebec;
- Standing in the Doorway: Lived Histories and Experiences of the Chinese Community, Tribute to
  Early Chinese Immigrants Foundation Canada, Markham Museum, and York Region District School
  Board Museum & Archives, York Region, Ontario.

The Governor General's History Award for Popular Media: The Pierre Berton Award honours an individual who opens up Canadian history, making it accessible to a broader audience.

• Stephen R. Bown, author, Canmore, Alberta.

To learn more about any of these recipients, please visit **CanadasHistory.ca/GGHA2024**.

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### About the Governor General's History Awards

The Governor General's History Awards recognize excellence in five categories: Teaching, Museums, Scholarly Research, Community Programming, and Popular Media. Each award category has its own jury, selection process, and prize structure. The Governor General's History Awards are administered by Canada's National History Society, in partnership with the Canadian Museums Association and the Canadian Historical Association, and with the support of the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage, and Power Corporation of Canada. Canada's History Society gratefully acknowledges the support of our community in celebrating the laureates of the Governor General's History Awards – Rideau Hall Foundation, Power Corporation of Canada, Ecclesiastical Insurance, Aspen Films, The Winnipeg Foundation, The North West Company, Southern Chiefs' Organization, and The Wilson Foundation.

#### **About Canada's History**

Canada's History Society is a national charitable organization based in Winnipeg that works to connect Canadians through history. Canada's History Society aims to strengthen understanding of the complex and diverse histories of our country and their part in shaping contemporary Canada. It publishes the magazines *Canada's History* and *Kayak: Canada's History Magazine for Kids* (available digitally at CanadasHistory.ca), and oversees education and award programs, including the Governor General's History Awards.