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# CANADA'S HISTORY SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THE 2023 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 popular media

**WINNIPEG, November 14, 2023** — Canada's History Society is pleased to announce the recipients of the Governor General's History Awards—the country's most prestigious distinctions in the field of history—for the year 2023. These awards acknowledge the excellence of projects that promote the dissemination and understanding of Canadian history. The awards honour the exceptional work of Canadians whose efforts serve to uncover our history through innovative projects. The 2023 laureates will receive their awards from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, at an upcoming ceremony.

"Canadian history is fascinating in so many ways, and we are constantly discovering new aspects of it. The Governor General's History Awards recognize excellence and shine the spotlight on laureates who demonstrate how our knowledge is evolving. Whether through teaching, in-depth historical research, or on popular media platforms that reach a wide audience, these laureates deserve to be recognized for their commitment to Canadian society," explains Melony Ward, President and CEO of Canada's History Society.

This year's laureates are:

**Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching** – Rewards and encourages teachers and schools to strive for excellence in the teaching of Canadian history.

- André Boutin-Maloney, Bert Fox Community High School, Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan
- Pascal Bureau, Selwyn House, Westmount, Quebec
- Chantal Clabrough, Westmount High School, Westmount, Quebec
- Erin Doupe, John F. Ross Collegiate Vocational Institute, Guelph, Ontario
- Leone Andrea Izzo, Oscar Peterson Public School, Stouffville, Ontario
- Annie Masson, École d'éducation internationale Filteau, Quebec, Quebec

**Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Museums: History Alive!** – Recognizes significant achievements in the field of history and encourages museums to aim for excellence in the presentation, preservation, and interpretation of national, regional, or local history.

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 Manitoba Crafts Museum and Library and Ross House Museum, Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Scholarly Research** – Rewards documentary work published in the previous year that has made the greatest contribution to our understanding of Canada's past.

 Serpent River Resurgence: Confronting Uranium Mining at Elliot Lake, Lianne C. Leddy, Waterloo, Ontario **Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming** – Recognizes history projects by community organizations that have developed original initiatives to promote an important or lesser-known aspect of our history.

- *Mettre en lumière l'histoire des femmes*, comité Mémoire des femmes de la Fédération Histoire Québec, Montreal, Quebec
- Craft at Risk, Heritage NL, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

**Governor General's History Award for Popular Media: The Pierre Berton Award** – Honours an individual who introduces Canadian history to a broader audience, making it more accessible.

• Adam Bunch, author and public historian, Toronto, Ontario

## **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. The awards are Canada's top history honours and involve the leading agencies of Canada's history and heritage community. Each award category is administered by the presenting organization and has its own jury, selection process, and prize structure. The Governor General's History Awards are administered by Canada's National History Society, with the support of the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage, and Power Corporation of Canada.

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

Canada's History Society is a national charitable organization that seeks to encourage Canadians to engage more deeply with their country's past. We share the stories behind the history through our magazines, *Canada's History and Kayak: Canada's History Magazine for Kids* (available digitally at CanadasHistory.ca), as well as through our education and award programs, including the Governor General's History Awards. We believe all Canadians should see themselves reflected in our publications and programs.

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