



History champions to receive Governor General's History Awards

Recipients recognized for their dedication and desire to keep Canadian history alive

NOVEMBER 23, 2020 — They are the storytellers of history — enthralling and engaging Canadians everywhere as they explore our country's past. From teachers, authors, and scholars to curators, community volunteers, and more, these history champions bring context and clarity to the past, and inspire us all to learn more about Canada and its many peoples.

Canada's National History Society is proud to introduce the 2020 recipients of the **Governor General's History Awards** — an annual recognition of the achievements of individuals and organizations that make our past relevant, empowering, and accessible.

"All across Canada, the laureates work every day to empower students, connect with communities and tell stories of the past — inspiring and engaging us with their passion for history. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all of the 2020 recipients, " said Janet Walker, President & CEO of Canada's History Society, which administers the awards.

The 2020 recipients are:

Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Teaching Kristian Basaraba, Salisbury Composite High School, Sherwood Park, Alberta Francis Lalande, Collège Citoyen, Laval, Quebec Dominique Laperle, Pensionnat du Saint-Nom-de-Marie, Montreal, Quebec Dawn Martens, Buchanan Park Public School, Hamilton, Ontario Nathan Tidridge, Waterdown District High School, Waterdown, Ontario Chris Young, Kelvin High School, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Governor General's History Award for Popular Media: The Pierre Berton Award *Steven High,* Concordia University Montreal, Quebec

Governor General's History Award for Scholarly Research

Eric Reiter, Concordia University *Wounded Feelings: Litigating Emotions in Quebec, 1870-1950.* Montreal, Quebec

Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Museums: History Alive!

The Saskatchewan Doukhobor Living Book Project Western Development Museum, Spirit Wrestler Productions, and the University of Saskatchewan Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming

Centennial of Broadcasting in Canada / Centenaire de la radiodiffusion au Canada Musée des ondes Emile Berliner Montreal, Quebec

Gwich'in Goonanh'kak Googwandak: The Places and Stories of the Gwich'in Department of Cultural Heritage, Gwich'in Tribal Council Fort McPherson, Northwest Territories

About the Governor General's History Awards

The Governor General's History Awards are administered by Canada's History Society and recognize excellence in five categories: Community Programming, Museums, Popular Media, Scholarly Research, and Teaching. 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. For more information about these awards, visit <u>www.canadashistory.ca/Awards</u>

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