



## CANADIANS FROM COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO RECEIVE 2019 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S HISTORY AWARDS

*Winners to be awarded for their dedication to keeping Canadian history alive*

**OTTAWA (JANUARY 13, 2020)** — Cultural organizations, teachers, students, and community groups will be honoured for their exceptional work in promoting the exploration of Canada's history. The prestigious **Governor General's History Awards** — recognizing the excellence of innovative projects and encouraging the dissemination and teaching of Canadian history — will be presented at **Rideau Hall on January 20, 2020**. Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, will preside over the award ceremony that honours the winners from across the country.

"All across Canada, history champions are working every day to enlighten our students, connect our communities, and share increasingly diverse stories of the past. From teachers and students, to academics, writers, community institutions, and museums, our awards recipients are passionately working to bring the past to life. I offer them my most sincere congratulations," said Janet Walker, President and CEO of Canada's History Society, that administers the awards.

*The Governor General's History Awards are given out in the following five categories:*

**Excellence in Community Programming** – recognizes unique local and community history projects (administered by Canada's History Society). The winners are:

- **Cumberland Museum and Archives** for its multi-facted project "*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Albert "Ginger" Goodwin.*" (Cumberland, BC)
- **Musée des Ursulines de Trois-Rivières** for its innovative project "*1699–2018: l'histoire d'une vie.*" (Trois-Rivières, Quebec)

**Excellence in Teaching** – recognizes teachers who are leaders in the classroom (administered by Canada's History Society, with the support of TD Bank). The winners are:

- **David Brian** and **Stephen Punga**, Académie Ste-Cécile International School, *Windsor* (Ontario)
- **Kayla Dallyn** and **Genevieve Soler**, *Exshaw School, Exshaw*, (Alberta)
- **Heather Jeffkins**, *Assiginack Public School, Manitowaning* (Ontario)
- **Jock Martin** and **Heather Ragot**, *St. John's Ravenscourt School, Winnipeg* (Manitoba)
- **Robert Bell**, *Dundas Central Public School, Dundas* (Ontario)
- **Jean-Philippe Payer**, *École l'Odyssee, Québec City* (Quebec)

**Scholarly Research** – recognizes the best Canadian history book produced by an academic (administered by the Canadian Historical Association). The winner is:

- Dr. Shirley Tillotson of Dalhousie University and the University of King's College, (Halifax, Nova Scotia) for her book *Give and Take: The Citizen-Taxpayer and the Rise of Canadian Democracy*.

**Excellence in Museums: The History Alive! Award** – recognizes institutions that demonstrate excellence in the presentation, preservation, and interpretation of history (administered by the Canadian Museums Association, with the support of Ecclesiastical Insurance Ltd.).

- **Musqueam First Nation** and **Beaty Biodiversity Museum**, Vancouver (BC) for their exhibition "Perspectives on Biodiversity - Sturgeon Harpoon Knowledge Web."

**Popular Media: The Pierre Berton Award** – recognizes exceptional achievement in books, film, television, and new media (administered by Canada's History Society). The winner is:

- **Sylvia D. Hamilton**, historian and multimedia storyteller (Grand Pré, Nova Scotia)

The Governor General's History Award recipients will also be presenting at the Canada's History Forum, taking place at the Canadian Museum of History on January 19, 2020. The Forum is a day-long event that brings together historians, educators, museum curators, community leaders and the public to encourage an exchange of ideas around Canadian history. The public event features simultaneous translation, is livestreamed online, and free for the public to attend in-person or online. For more information, visit [CanadasHistory.ca/CanadasHistoryForum](https://CanadasHistory.ca/CanadasHistoryForum).

### **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.

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

Canada's History Society is a national charitable organization with a mission to promote greater popular interest in Canadian history through its magazines, *Canada's History* (formerly *The Beaver*) and *Kayak: Canada's History Magazine for Kids*, as well as its education and award programs.

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