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Canada's History Society Announces the 2026 Recipients of the Governor General's History Awards

WINNIPEG, November 12, 2026 – Canada's History Society is proud to announce the winners of the 2026 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 2026 laureates will receive their awards from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Louise Arbour, Governor General of Canada, at a ceremony in Victoria on November 18.

"I extend heartfelt congratulations to these outstanding laureates from all over Canada. Their passion for our country's history and their commitment to sharing it with others is more important than it's ever been. The more we know about the people and events that have shaped the present, the better we understand each other and the stronger the future we can build together," said Melony Ward, President and CEO of Canada's History Society.

The 2026 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.

- **Martin Baron**, Cégep de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec;
- **Swapna Bhagat Luthra**, McKenzie Towne School, Calgary, Alberta;
- **Francis Chabot** and **Manon Kirouac**, École des Pionniers, Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures, Quebec;
- **Jonathan Grant**, Northumberland Regional High School, Westville, Nova Scotia;
- **Jordan Lynnes**, Regina Christian School, Regina, Saskatchewan;
- **Sarah McLeod**, Glenlyon Norfolk Junior School, Victoria, British Columbia.

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.

- **The Reach Gallery Museum**, Abbotsford, B.C., for the exhibition *Parallax(e): Perspectives on the Canada–U.S. Border / Perspectives sur la frontière Canada–É.-U.*

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

- ***The Jesuit Relations: A Biography***, McGill-Queen's University Press, by Micah True, professor of Modern Languages and Cultural Studies at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta;
- ***Marie-Claire Daveluy : Une femme à la table des historiens (1880-1968)***, Presses de l'Université Laval, by Louise Bienvenue, professor in the Department of History at the Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

The **Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming** honours small or volunteer-led community organizations who have shown creativity in commemorating unique aspects of national regional, or local heritage.

- ***La marche du souvenir***, L'Acadie de Chezzetcook, West Chezzetcook, Nova Scotia;
- ***Echoes of Identity: Tracking Filipino Cultural Landscapes in Edmonton***, Philippine Arts Council Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta.

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.

- **Catherine Ferland**, author and public speaker, Quebec City, Quebec.

To learn more about any of these recipients, please visit **CanadasHistory.ca/GGHA2026**

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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 History Society, with the support of the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage. We gratefully acknowledge the critical importance of our community in celebrating the laureates, particularly the leadership support of the Power Corporation of Canada. We also thank Destination Victoria for its assistance in bringing the Governor General's History Awards to Victoria, British Columbia.

About Canada's History Society

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 / Navigue dans l'histoire du Canada*, and oversees education and award programs, including the Governor General's History Awards.