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**Canada's History Society Announces the 2025 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, January 20, 2026 – Canada's History Society is proud to announce the winners of the 2025 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 2025 laureates will receive their awards from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, at an upcoming ceremony in Ottawa.

"All of this year's laureates share a passion for exploring largely overlooked aspects of Canada's past and what it means for today and tomorrow. By bringing these fascinating people and thought-provoking ideas to our attention, they are helping us understand each other and our country more fully. I am delighted to help celebrate these outstanding laureates from all over Canada," says Melony Ward, President and CEO of Canada's History Society.

The 2025 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.

- **François Desmarais and Véronique Picard**, École secondaire De Mortagne, Boucherville, Quebec;
- **Ian Duncan**, Garth Webb Secondary School, Oakville, Ontario;
- **Heather Howell**, M. M. Robinson High School, Burlington, Ontario;
- **Kathryn Laframboise and Jonathan McPhail**, Exchange Met School, Winnipeg, Manitoba;
- **Manouchka Otis**, École Manikanetish, Uashat mak Mani-Utenam, Quebec;
- **Erin Quinn**, Parkdale School, Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

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.

- **Canadian Museum for Human Rights**, Winnipeg, Manitoba, for the exhibition *Love in a Dangerous Time*.

The **Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Scholarly Research** honours authors of the academic work published in the previous year that has made the greatest contribution to our understanding of Canada's past. One award will be presented this year for a work in French and one for a work in English.

- ***By Strength, We Are Still Here: Indigenous Peoples and Indian Residential Schooling in Inuvik, Northwest Territories*** by historian and associate professor in the Department of History, Classics, & Religion and the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta, Crystal Gail Fraser, Edmonton, Alberta ;
- ***Paul-Marc Sauvalle (1857-1920) : journaliste engagé et intellectuel cosmopolite canadien-français***, by Hans-Jürgen Lüsebrink, associate professor at Université Laval, associate member of the Centre Canadien d'Études Allemandes et Européennes (CCEAE) at Université de Montreal and senior professor of Romance Cultural Studies and Intercultural Communication at Université de la Sarre in Saarbrücken, Germany.

The **Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming** honours innovative community-led programming that encourages interest in and enthusiasm about the past.

- ***Géo-visualiser les patrimoines de Mercier-Hochelaga-Maisonneuve***, Atelier d'histoire Mercier-Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, Montreal, Quebec;
- ***Dawson Trail Arts and Heritage Tour***, Musée Dawson Trail Museum, Richer, Manitoba.

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.

- **Mark Bourrie**, author, Ottawa, Ontario.

To learn more about any of these recipients, please visit CanadasHistory.ca/GGHA2025.

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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.

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* (available digitally at CanadasHistory.ca), and oversees education and award programs, including the Governor General's History Awards and Heritage Fairs.