



Ryerson Professor and Long-Time Heritage Volunteer Recognized with Provincial Award

OHS's 2014 Cruikshank Gold Medal
Aga Khan Ismaili Centre, North York, Ontario

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The Ontario Historical Society's Cruikshank Gold Medal is awarded on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of the Society. This year's recipient is **Dr. Ron Stagg**.

Dr. Stagg has been both a member and a volunteer for the OHS for over three decades and has been instrumental in maintaining the high quality of our scholarly journal, *Ontario History*.

Serving as the Book Review Editor for *Ontario History* from 2011 to 2015, Ron coordinated and edited nearly 70 book reviews. The topics of these reviews publicized and promoted the diverse tapestry that is Ontario's history: from culinary history, early settlement in Ontario, Upper Canada's military past, Aboriginal history, and much more. In addition to his role as Book Review Editor, Dr. Stagg has also reviewed numerous manuscript submissions to the journal.



A long-serving faculty member and former Chair of Ryerson University's Department of History, Dr. Stagg is an expert in Canadian social and political history and Canadian-American relations. His research and writing has furthered our collective knowledge of local, provincial, and national history. For example, he co-edited *The Rebellion of 1837 in Upper Canada* for the Champlain Society (1985), authored a history of Ryerson University (1998) and *The Golden Dream: A History of the St. Lawrence Seaway* (2010). His current project is a study of the Upper Canadian Rebellion of 1837.

Ron has been a steadfast supporter of The Ontario Historical Society over the years, maintaining a passionate interest in the history of Ontario and the field of living history museums. He has donated countless volunteer hours and made generous financial contributions in support of the OHS.

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Photo caption: Pictured on June 20, 2015 (centre) is Dr. Ron Stagg, flanked by OHS directors Dr. Ian Radforth and Dr. Ross Fair.

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