



Author of Environmental History of the Don Valley Recognized with Provincial Heritage Award

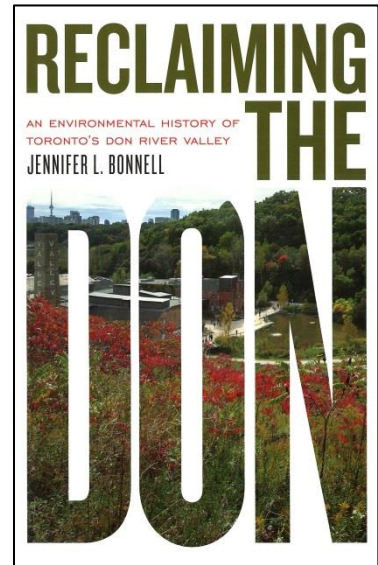
OHS Fred Landon Award presented June 20, 2015
Aga Khan Ismaili Centre, North York, Ontario

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In 1967, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) established an awards program to recognize individuals, organizations, corporations, and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

Dr. Ian Radforth, Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee of the OHS, is pleased to announce that the 2014 Fred Landon Award, which recognizes the best book on local or regional history in Ontario published in the past three years, was awarded to Jennifer L. Bonnell for her book *Reclaiming the Don: An Environmental History of Toronto's Don River Valley*, published by the University of Toronto Press.

Reclaiming the Don shows how the Don River Valley has shaped Toronto in so many ways over the course of 200 years. As a physical presence, Bonnell reminds us, the Don River Valley has been a supplier of raw materials and a transportation corridor, but also a destroyer of property and a source of disease.



Bonnell shows the Don Valley's prominence in the public imagination: as a place of beauty and refuge, and one where dangers lurk; as a solution to circulation problems and a source of endless frustration for commuters. Exhaustively researched and analytically adept, *Reclaiming the Don* adds substantially to our understanding of Ontario's environmental history.

The award was presented at the annual meeting of The Ontario Historical Society at the Aga Khan Ismaili Centre in Toronto.

Bonnell is an Assistant Professor of History at York University.

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