

## Author of Architectural History of Toronto Recognized with Provincial Heritage Award

OHS J. J. Talman 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 J. J. Talman Award, which recognizes the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political, or cultural history published in the past three years, has been awarded to **Christopher Armstrong** for his book, *Making Toronto Modern: Architecture and Design, 1895-1975*, published by McGill-Queen's University Press.



Making Toronto Modern is a superbly produced study of Toronto's architecture during a period of change in stylistic, political, and public interventions. Impeccably researched, authoritative, and handsomely

illustrated, the book is a welcome study of a definitive era in the history of Ontario's largest city.

Christopher Armstrong explores changing local responses to modernism and its increasing impact on the built environment of Toronto. Readers learn how major architects – their ideas and foibles – shaped and reshaped the city's fabric with lasting effect. *Making Toronto Modern* can serve as a template for other communities interested in exploring their own architectural histories.

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

Christopher Armstrong is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of History at York University.

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