



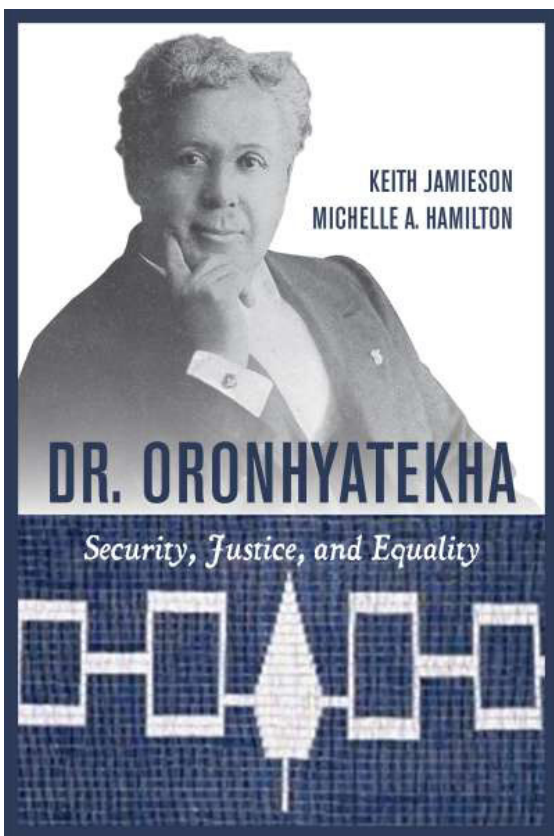
## *Dr. Oronhyatekha: Security, Justice, and Equality* Honoured with Provincial Book Award

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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.

The Joseph Brant Award honours the best book on multicultural history in Ontario. The OHS proudly presents the 2016 Joseph Brant Award to **Keith Jamieson and Michelle Hamilton** for their wonderful biography, *Dr. Oronhyatekha: Security, Justice, and Equality*, published by Dundurn.



This publication brings to life the most accomplished member, in his day, of the peoples of the Six Nations of the Grand River. The authors' account of an extraordinary life successfully demonstrates how Peter Martin, Oronhyatekha, more fondly known as "Dr. O," was able to interweave the two dominant cultures of his time: that of the Mohawk Nation, one of the peoples of the Haudenosaunee, into which he was born, and the Victorian society of an emerging Canadian nation-state. Dr. O's many accomplishments – achieved in an era when Indigenous cultures were subjected to vehement racism from both the society and its government – are amply detailed through the meticulous research which is the biography's foundation. Dr. O's life story includes his experience as a child in the Mohawk Institute at Grand River, education and training in Toronto and at Oxford, his work as one of the first Indigenous doctors in Ontario, his leadership in the Independent Order of Foresters, and his efforts to fight on behalf of Indigenous peoples in Ontario.

While Keith Jamieson had been working on a biography of this fascinating man for many years, after becoming familiar with Dr. O's collection at the Royal Ontario Museum, his collaboration with Michelle Hamilton resulted in a compelling book that will bring this inspiring story to a broader public. In the post-TRC era, Ontarians are increasingly keen to learn about Indigenous history, and *Dr. Oronhyatekha* is a timely, captivating story that will resonate with many.

The Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to present the Joseph Brant Award to Keith Jamieson and Michelle Hamilton. The award was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at the York University Senate Chambers in Toronto, Ontario.

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