



## Author of Human Rights Study Recognized with Provincial Award

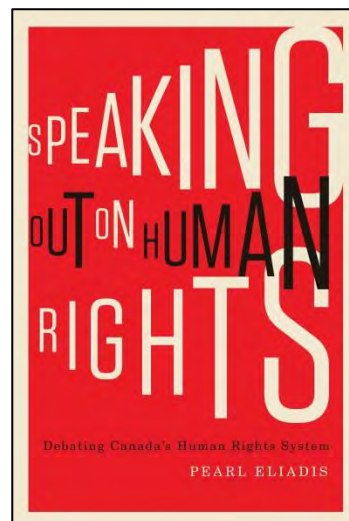
OHS Huguenot Society of Canada Award presented June 20, 2015  
Aga Khan Ismaili Centre, North York, Ontario

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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 Huguenot Society of Canada Award, which recognizes the best book or substantial article published in Ontario that has brought public awareness to the principles of freedom of conscience and freedom of thought, was awarded to **Pearl Eliadis** for her book, *Speaking Out on Human Rights: Debating Canada's Human Rights System*, published by McGill-Queen's University Press.

In this compelling study, Eliadis defends Canada's human rights system, showing how it is an essential means for ensuring our commitment to tolerance, inclusion, equality, and freedom. *Speaking Out* frankly assesses the record of Canada's human rights commissions and tribunals and suggests how they might be improved.



Eliadis draws on her extensive experience as a lawyer and human-rights activist to show how commissions and tribunals can best fulfill their mandate to mediate rights conflicts in such contested areas as hate speech, religious freedom, and sexuality. Accessible to the general reader, this balanced, thoughtful, and eloquent intervention raises the level of public discussion about our human rights system in Canada.

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

Pearl Eliadis is a human rights lawyer in private practice in Montreal. She is also an author and a lecturer in the Faculty of Law at McGill University.

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