



Author of Study on Canada's First Ordained Woman Recognized with Heritage Award

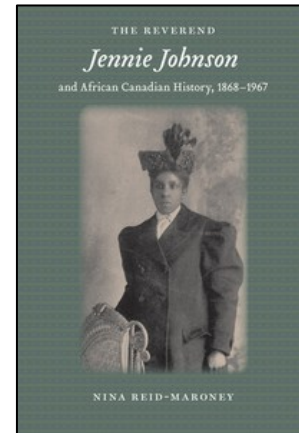
OHS Alison Prentice Award presented June 14, 2014
O'Connor House, North York, Ontario

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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 2013 Alison Prentice Award, which recognizes the best book on women's history in Ontario published in the past three years, was awarded to Nina Reid-Maroney for her study [The Reverend Jennie Johnson and African Canadian History, 1868-1967](#) (University of Rochester Press).

Reid-Maroney explores the world of Jennie Johnson, an ordained minister of the Free-Will Baptist Church, to reveal important themes in African Canadian and women's and gender history.



Because Ontario-born Johnson was blessed with a long life, Reid-Maroney's study covers a great stretch of history, from the time of Johnson's youth in Ontario's mid-nineteenth century abolitionist community to the period of the modern civil rights movement. The book deftly reconstructs the struggle for faith and freedom in several local communities where the Rev. Johnson lived and preached. Always attentive to the intersection of class, gender, and race, the author brings new understanding to African-Canadian history, women's and gender history, and Ontario history more broadly.

The award was presented at the annual meeting of The Ontario Historical Society at the historic O'Connor House in North York.

Nina Reid-Maroney is an Associate Professor in the Department of History, Huron University College (at Western), and is co-editor of [The Promised Land: History and Historiography of the Black Experience in Chatham-Kent's Settlements and beyond](#), published in June 2014 by the University of Toronto Press.

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