



Author of First Nations History Recognized with Heritage Award

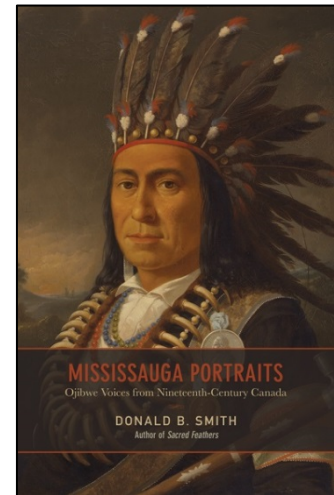
OHS Donald Grant Creighton Award presented June 14, 2014
O'Connor House, North York, Ontario

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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 Donald Grant Creighton Award, which recognizes the best book of biography or autobiography highlighting life in Ontario, past or present, published in the past three years, was awarded to Donald B. Smith for his study [Mississauga Portraits: Ojibwe Voices from Nineteenth-Century Canada](#) (University of Toronto Press).

Professor Smith has devoted much of his successful career to highlighting the role of the Mississaugas of the New Credit in the evolving history of Ontario and Canada. To this end, [Mississauga Portraits](#) captures the voices of Peter Jones and eight Ojibwe contemporaries to tell the story of their distinctive and complex encounters with nineteenth century Methodism and their protection of traditions and identities that now survive and are integrated into the cosmopolitan and pluralistic world of modern Ontario.



In the preface to [Mississauga Portraits](#), Smith states that his goal is to “make Mississauga history more comprehensive to non-Aboriginals”; herein, he has ably accomplished this goal.

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

Donald B. Smith is a professor emeritus of history at the University of Calgary and a long-time member and subscriber to OHS's scholarly journal [Ontario History](#).

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