



Author of Ecological History of the Great Lakes Region Recognized with Heritage Award

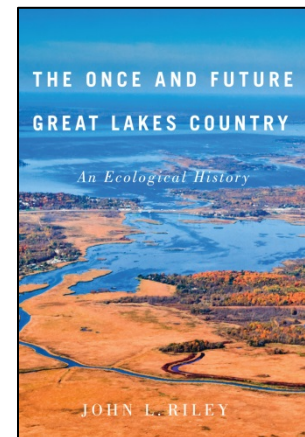
OHS Fred Landon Award presented June 14, 2014
O'Connor House, North York, Ontario

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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 Fred Landon Award, which recognizes the best book on local or regional history in Ontario published in the past three years, was awarded to John L. Riley for his wide-ranging study *The Once and Future Great Lakes Country: An Ecological History* (McGill-Queen's University Press).

As an ecologist by profession, an activist citizen in the conservation movement, and a lover of the natural world, Riley's study of the Great Lakes opens new vistas to a great swath of Ontario history – from the period before 1500 to the present and it even ventures into the future.



Every page of the book reveals its author's scientific expertise, gift for vivid writing, and keen eye for presenting evidence teased both from historical documents and the natural world of the Great Lakes region.

Moreover, Riley has had the courage to put himself into the book – his passion for biodiversity and deep love for a place he knows intimately is evident. The result is that his analysis and call for stewardship is all the more compelling.

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

Riley is the chief science advisor for the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

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