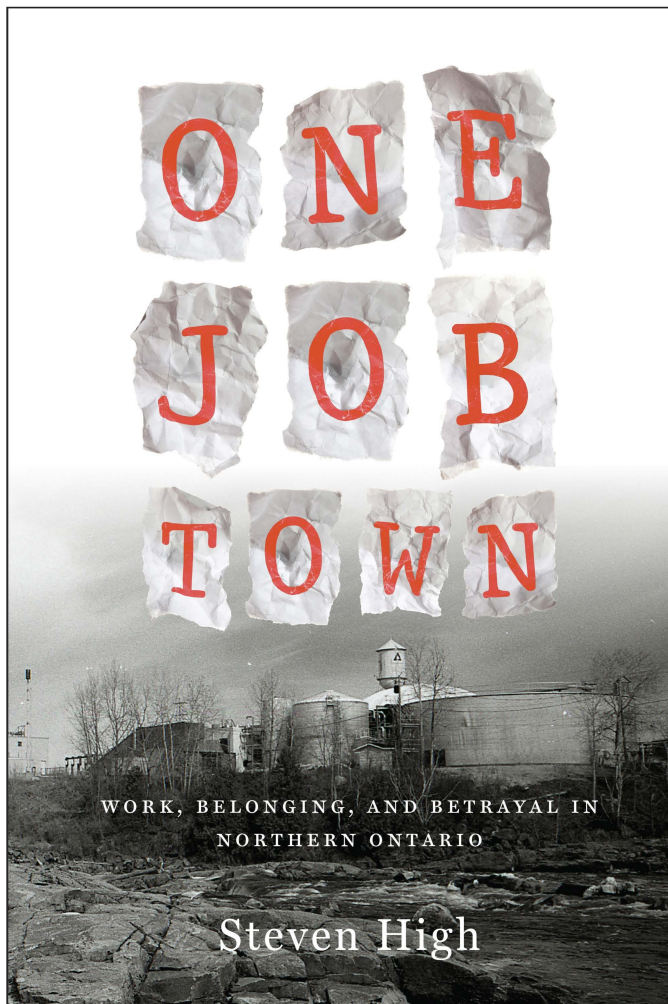# ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY *Since 1888*

2018 OHS Fred Landon Award Recognizes Steven High's *One Job Town*

OHS Fred Landon Award presented June 15, 2019 at Tyndale University College and Seminary, Toronto

The Ontario Historical Society proudly presents the 2018 Fred Landon Award, which recognizes the best book on local or regional history in Ontario, to Steven High, for his book *One Job Town: Work, Belonging, and Betrayal in Northern Ontario,* published by University of Toronto Press.

Steven High's study of Sturgeon Falls and its paper mill showcases the reality of a one-industry town at the mercy of outside forces, while capturing in intimate detail the humanity of generations of people who formed the local community. In interviews with employees from all levels of the paper mill's operation, their diverse characters and viewpoints shine through. With skill, sensitivity, and insight, Steven High weaves into his narrative assessments of subjects that range from trade unionism, Franco-Ontarians, attitudes toward employment and safety, viewpoints of superiors and inferiors, gender relations, and reactions to the sudden and life-altering closure of the mill, plus its demolition and erasure from the Sturgeon Falls' streetscape shortly thereafter. *One Job Town* provides an excellent social and historical analysis of community and mill dynamics, while connecting Sturgeon Fall's circumstances to the broader context of deindustrialization in other regions of Ontario, Canada, and North America.

The Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to present the 2018 Fred Landon Award to Steven High.

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