



OHS Alison Prentice Award Winner: *University Women: A History of Women and Higher Education in Canada*

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This year, Ontario Historical Society is proud to present the 2022-23 Alison Prentice Award to two separate titles. The winners are: Dr. Sara Z. MacDonald for her book *University Women: A History of Women and Higher Education in Canada*, and Dr. Sharon Anne Cook and Margaret Carson for *The Castleton Massacre: Survivors' Stories of the Killins Femicide*. The OHS Alison Prentice Award honours the best book on Ontario women's history.

MacDonald's book, *University Women*, explores the process of integration and separation that defined women's entrance into higher education in Canada between 1870 and 1930, exploring the barriers and backlash they faced. Well researched and beautifully written, *University Women* reaches beyond the history of women's integration into Canadian higher education, exploring the ways in which systemic inequalities, embedded within the academic institutions have shaped the lives of women in Canada.

The Honours and Awards Committee is proud to recognize the authors of both of these excellent books with the Alison Prentice Award.

Sara Z. MacDonald

UNIVERSITY WOMEN

*A History of Women and
Higher Education in Canada*



Dr. Sara Z. MacDonald Responds to the Society's Selection

Thank you to the Ontario Historical Society for naming University Women the co-winner of the 2022-23 Alison Prentice Award. I am very grateful to the committee for this recognition of my work.

It is especially meaningful to be a co-recipient of the award in women's history named for Alison Prentice. Alison Prentice was a mentor for generations of women's historians, and her scholarship on women in education has shaped my own research.

It is an honour to be included among the recipients of this prestigious award.

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