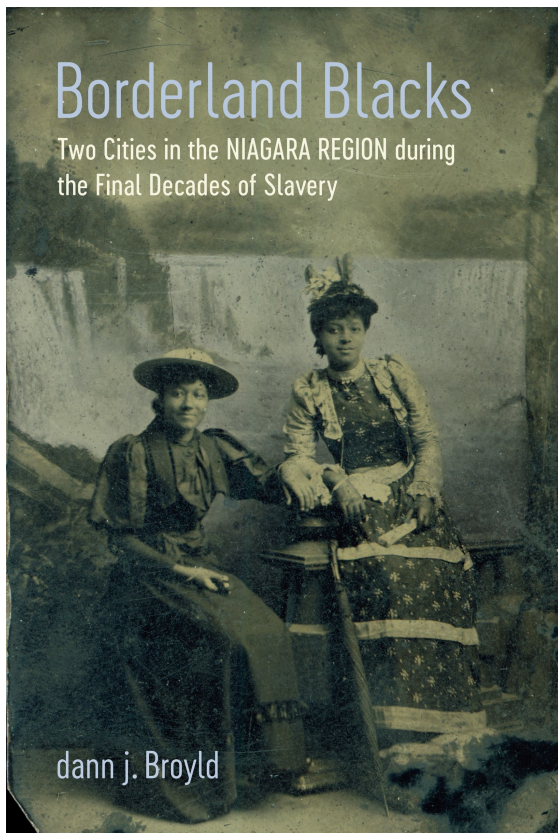


## OHS Fred Landon Award Presented to Dr. dann j. Broyld for *Borderland Blacks: Two Cities in the Niagara Region during the Final Decades of Slavery*

The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2022-23 Fred Landon Award honouring the best book on local or regional history in Ontario to Dr. dann j. Broyld for his book, *Borderland Blacks: Two Cities in the Niagara Region during the Final Decades of Slavery*, published by Louisiana State University Press (2022).

Broyld documents the fluid nature of the border separating upper New York State and the Province of Canada in the decades before the US Civil War and emphasizes that Blacks fleeing slavery through the Underground Railroad “were a people of movement and migration in search of political agency to secure their freedom.” Two case studies of Black experiences in Rochester and St. Catharines form the core of the book, and Broyld carefully analyzes the factors that influenced both the unity of Blacks within the Niagara borderland and the contrasting attitudes towards integration into mainstream society in these two cities. Based on extensive primary research and featuring detailed descriptions of individual Black residents in the Niagara frontier, *Borderland Blacks* is an engaging study that represents a serious advance in the study of the Underground Railroad and a significant addition to the complex scholarship on borderlands and transnationalism in nineteenth-century North America.



The Ontario Historical Society’s Honours and Awards Committee congratulates dann j. Broyld.

### Dr. dann j. Broyld Responds to the Society’s Selection



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