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The OHS Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to present the 2022-23 Joseph Brant Award to Dr. Benjamin Bryce, for his book *The Boundaries of Ethnicity: German Immigration and the Language of Belonging in Ontario*, published by McGill-Queen’s University Press (2022). The Brant Award honours the best book on multicultural history in Ontario.

*The Boundaries of Ethnicity* is a nuanced, finely written, and meticulously researched study of German identity in Ontario. Focusing on the period between 1880 and 1930, Bryce reveals an ethnicity that was fluid in nature, constantly interacting with other immigrant groups and those of different ethnic backgrounds to help lay the basis for Canadian multiculturalism and government policies around ethnic and religious diversity. The role of the German community in Ontario had been lost over time and this volume makes an important contribution to restoring its place and voice. Drawing on an impressive array of primary sources, Bryce also situates his study within the wider scholarship on ethnicity, education, immigration, and migration studies.

The OHS Honours and Awards Committee congratulates Dr. Benjamin Bryce.

Dr. Benjamin Bryce Responds to the Society’s Selection

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