



Documentary Filmmaker Allison Margot Smith Recognized with OHS President's Award

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The Ontario Historical Society proudly presents the 2022-23 President's Award to Allison Margot Smith in recognition of her exemplary contributions to the preservation and dissemination of Ontario's rich history. Allison has skillfully combined her education in history, technology, and pedagogy with her experience as a management consultant to produce ten significant documentary films.

Her work includes insightful explorations of key figures in Canadian history, such as Marie Joseph Angélique and Mary Ann Shadd, and impactful projects for Parks Canada and on the Doukhobors of Saskatchewan. She has also been instrumental in portraying the history of the Township of Rideau Lakes through her recent series of films, where she served as a researcher, scriptwriter, videographer, narrator, and editor. Allison's films on the Rideau Lakes can be watched [HERE](#), and her film on Mary Ann Shadd [HERE](#).

Allison's commitment extends beyond filmmaking. As a member of the Rideau Lakes Township's Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and a director on the board of Heritage Ottawa, she has made significant contributions to local historical research and heritage preservation. Her films, particularly Fettercairn: WWI on Indian Lake, have garnered acclaim for their educational value and historical contribution, including praise from Dr. Tim Cook of the National War Museum.

Watch Allison Smith's Video Response



Her dedication to bringing local history to life and her innovative approach to historical storytelling, especially in the Township of Rideau Lakes, is a testament to her passion for history and education. Allison's work not only preserves our past but also inspires future generations to explore and value our historical heritage.

This award acknowledges her outstanding achievements in historical research, documentary filmmaking, and community engagement, setting a high standard in the field of public history in Ontario.

The Honours and Awards Committee congratulates Allison Margot Smith.

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