Historian Sarah Bassnett Recognized with Provincial Book

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In 1967, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) established an awards program to recognize individuals, organizations, corporations, and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario’s heritage.

The J.J. Talman Award recognizes the best book on Ontario’s social, economic, political, or cultural history, published in the past three years. The OHS is pleased to announce that Sarah Bassnett is the recipient of the 2016 J.J. Talman Award for Picturing Toronto: Photography and the Making of a Modern City, published by McGill-Queen’s University Press.

Picturing Toronto explores how photography helped to shape the modern city of Toronto. It does so through several revealing case studies of the photography of Arthur Goss, who captured the city in images from 1911, when he was appointed Toronto’s first official photographer, until his death in 1940.

This is a handsome volume, lavishly illustrated. The author perceptively analyzes dozens of images, drawing on her deep knowledge of the history of photography and her extensive archival research. Readers see more in the images and understand better the city’s engagement with modernity thanks to Sarah Bassnett’s outstanding scholarship.

The Honours and Awards Committee of the Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2016 Talman Award to Sarah Bassnett.

The award was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at the York University Senate Chambers in Toronto, Ontario.

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