Indigenous History Book Prize

The Indigenous History Group, an affiliated committee of the Canadian Historical Association, solicits submissions for the award recognizing the best English- or French-language scholarly book published in 2026 in the area of Indigenous history in northern North America (scholarly monographs concerning the history of Indigenous nations and peoples whose homelands and territories intersect with the borders of present-day Canada, or whose histories involve significant relationships with state, ecclesiastical, corporate, or other institutions closely associated with Canada).

Eligibility & Scope:

- Single- and co-authored scholarly monographs bearing a 2026 publication date are eligible. Edited collections, anthologies, unedited primary source compilations, reprints, and second editions are ineligible.
- Both publishers and authors may submit nominations.

Adjudication Criteria:
Submitted works must build on theoretical, interpretive, and descriptive understandings of the past; contribute to the creation and transmission of knowledge; and show potential readability for a wider audience. The committee evaluates entries on whether historical analysis forms the central basis of the book's approach (including attention to historical context, primacy of oral, textual, or material historical sources, and engagement with relevant historiography); whether the work features innovative methodology or creative use of source materials, including respect for Indigenous epistemologies and governance traditions alongside academic scholarship; and whether the book demonstrates overall excellence and a compelling thesis.

Submission Instructions:
To enter this competition, publishers or authors must send three physical copies of the book (one mailed directly to each juror) postmarked by **December 31, 2026**. If physical copies are in transit near the deadline, you may temporarily submit a digital PDF galley to meet the December 31 cutoff, with physical copies to follow. Please direct questions and requests for the jury members' mailing addresses to Co-Chair Ramsey Kicknosway at ramsey.kicknosway@gmail.com.

Jury Members:
Kristin Burnett, Lakehead University
Kelly K. Chaves, University of Oklahoma
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The Canadian Historical Association will present the prize at its annual meeting in Winnipeg in June 2027.