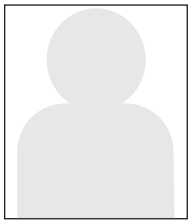
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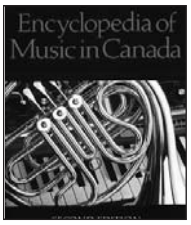
1996 Béatrice Kowaliczko

Former Executive Director of the Association for Canadian Studies and Associate Provost (Academic Services) at McGill University, Béatrice Kowaliczko was praised for her ability to bring together members of the Canadian Studies community despite their divergent languages, regions and cultures.



1997 Colin Howell – Blood, Sweat and Cheers: Sport and the Making of Modern Canada

Intended as an introduction to the way in which social historians approach the history of sport, Colin Howell introduces readers to a number of important issues, including amateurism and professionalism, race and ethnicity, regionalism and nationalism, the impact of British and American sporting traditions upon Canadian sporting life, and the contemporary meaning of sport in a globalizing capitalist economy. He investigates discourses about respectability and the display of the body, gender construction and sexual identities, the changing nature of the sporting marketplace over time, as well as the involvement of spectators, the media, and the state in the production of our national sporting life.



1998 Helmut Kallmann and Gilles Potvin – Encyclopedia of Music in Canada

The Encyclopedia has been recognized as a monumental record of the music of Canada, an indispensable guide to all kinds of music: popular, folk, religious, concert, and other forms. Compiled by scores of experts, the Encyclopedia presents our musical heritage in all its aspects: historical, educational, critical, administrative, and commercial.



1999 Sister Nancy LeClaire, Earle Waugh and George Cardinal - Alberta Elder's Cree Dictionary

George Cardinal, Earle Waugh and Sister Nancy LeClaire (deceased) have been recognized for their efforts in producing the Alberta Elders' Cree Dictionary. The Cree Dictionary project was initiated in the late 1960s by Sister Nancy LeClaire, a respected Elder of the Samson Cree Nation. The publication of the dictionary has made a major cultural contribution to the Cree community in preserving and rejuvenating the Cree language.



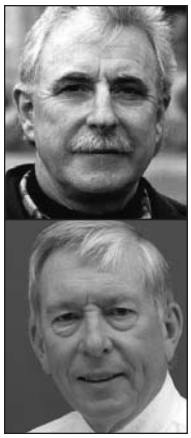
2000 William H. New

William New, OC, FRSC, taught Canadian /Postcolonial Literatures at UBC until his retirement in 2003, and from 1977 to 1995 he edited the critical journal Canadian Literature. His more than forty books range from anthologies and bio-bibliographical compilations to critical studies, poetry, and children's writing. Recent works include A History of Canadian Literature (2nd ed. 2003) and Encyclopedia of Literature in Canada (2002).



2001 Desmond Morton

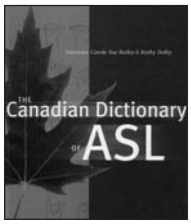
Desmond Morton is Hiram Mills Professor of History Emeritus at McGill University and founding director of its Institute for the Study of Canada. He is the author of forty books on Canada's military, political and labour history. He is an officer of the Order of Canada and received the Canadian Forces Decoration.



2002 John Fielding & Thomas Dickson Mansfield

During his 37 years as a teacher of history, both at the secondary school and university levels (Queen's, Faculty of Education, 1989-2003), John Fielding focused on making the learning of Canadian History an engaging experience. In 1991 he took on a new role as education consultant and learning resource developer for The CRB Foundation Heritage Project/Historica. In this role he presented literally hundreds of workshops introducing new and exciting ways to teach Canadian History. He is an author of four Canadian History school textbooks, and many learning resources produced for Library and Archives of Canada and others.

Dickson Mansfield has been an instructor at the Faculty of Education, Queen's University since 1989. Prior to that, he was a senior elementary and secondary school teacher of Geography, as well as a program consultant, secondary school administrator, and an Education officer for the Ontario Ministry of Education. He has been directly involved in the development of Canadian Studies resources for elementary and secondary students across Canada. He has also been involved with the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and the National Geographic Society in the development of the Canadian Council for Geographic Education.



2003 Carole Sue Bailey & Kathy Dolby – The Canadian Dictionary of ASL

Developed in conjunction with the Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf, this comprehensive new dictionary of American Sign Language (ASL) has over 8700 signs, many unique to Canada. Material for this extensive work has been drawn from many sources and includes input gathered from members of Canada's Deaf community over the past twenty years. The Canadian Dictionary of ASL is a valuable reference for Deaf and hearing users alike and will prove to be the standard reference for years to come.



2004 Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada Société éducative de visites et d'échanges au Canada (SEVEC)

SEVEC's mission is to create, promote and facilitate enriching educational opportunities for youth within Canada for the development of mutual respect and understanding through programs of exploration in language, culture, and community. Vision – SEVEC believes that every child in Canada should have the opportunity to learn, first-hand, about another part of the country and its people. Commitment – SEVEC believes that visiting another part of Canada or sharing the experience of an exchange has a lasting positive impact on the lives of all those involved-individuals, families, organizations and communities.



2005 Ian E. Wilson

In 2004, Mr. Ian E. Wilson was appointed Librarian and Archivist of Canada. In his former position as National Archivist of Canada, appointed July 1999, he and National Librarian, Roch Carrier, developed and led the process to create a new knowledge institution for Canada in the 21st century. The career of Mr. Wilson is distinguished in many areas, including archival and information management, university teaching and government service. Mr. Wilson has been involved with the Canadian archival and library communities for over 30 years. He has worked diligently to make archives accessible and interesting to a wide range of audiences. He has published extensively on history, archives, heritage and information management and has lectured nationally and internationally.



2006 Victor Rabinovitch

Victor Rabinovitch is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation. Previously, Dr. Rabinovitch served as Assistant Deputy Minister for Cultural Development and Heritage, Canadian Heritage, from 1995 to 1998. He was responsible for policies and programs in broadcasting, cinema, publishing, sound recording, copyright, museums and performing arts.