



CBHA/ACHA 2024 Award Winners

Citation for Brian Young, 2024 Recipient of the CBHA/ACHA's Waugh Family Foundation Career Recognition Award

It is the CBHA/ACHA's great pleasure to award the inaugural Waugh Family Foundation Award (Career Recognition) to **Brian Young, James McGill Emeritus Professor of History at McGill University**. Professor Young has made significant contributions to Quebec and Canadian business history through his multifaceted research on topics ranging from railways to religious institutions to elite society, showing how economic, social, religious, and business interests are often intertwined. His work explores the intersections of religion, property, and economic relations, demonstrating how major institutions in Quebec and Canada have influenced capitalist relations.

Young's research on Canadian elites, for example, encompasses their business practices and reveals how such practices have shaped the past. As well, Young's exploration of legal structures offers foundational insights into the legal frameworks that govern business transactions and property rights. In 1976, he helped found the Montreal Business History Group which brought together scholars in economic and social history and, as the Montreal History Group, continues to this day to connect students, faculty and other researchers.

Young is the author of four monographs on the subject of business history, including *Promoters and Politicians: The North-Shore Railways in the History of Quebec 1854-85* (1978), *George-Etienne Cartier: Montreal Bourgeois* (1982), *In its Corporate Capacity: The Seminary of Montreal as a Business Institution, 1816-1876* (1986), and *The Politics of Codification: The Lower Canadian Civil Code of 1866* (1994). His most recent book, *Patrician Families and the Making of Quebec: The Taschereaus and the McCords*, was awarded the 'best scholarly book in the humanities' by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Prix Lionel-Groulx by the Institut d'histoire de l'Amérique française (his second time receiving this award). His awards include a Killam Research Fellowship and le Prix Gérard Parizeau, and in 2010, he received the Governor General's International Award for Canadian Studies. As a professor at McGill University from 1975 to 2009, he taught and inspired generations of students.

Overall, Brian Young's research offers original and challenging perspectives in Quebec and Canadian economic and business history. His publications have transformed historical scholarship in the field and illustrate how business and economic interests have shaped Canadian culture and society. His pathbreaking work has broadened our understandings of business history and has contributed in fundamental ways to historical writing and research in Quebec and Canada.

Professor Young's award was announced by President Joe Martin at the Winnipeg event held in November.



CBHA 2024-26 Chris Kobrak Research Fellowship

The CBHA/ACHA is delighted to announce that **the recipient of the 2024-6 Chris Kobrak Fellowship is Dr. Clarence Hatton-Proulx**, for their project “The Spatial and Environmental Consequences of Deindustrialization in Montréal’s Oil Refining Sector.” Congratulations to Dr. Hatton-Proulx.

The Kobrak Fellowship provides \$5,000 per year over two years for a deserving graduate student or early career scholar to support their continued research in business history, widely defined. Dr. Hatton-Proulx completed their PhD, “*A Social and Material History of Urban Energy Transitions: The Case of Montréal, 1945-1980*,” in the History and Urban Studies at the Institut national de la recherche scientifique (Montréal) and Sorbonne Université (Paris).

The Chris Kobrak Research Fellowship will help fund this project in numerous ways. First, it will support archival research of the oil companies involved in this story, notably British Petroleum and Petrofina, in the United Kingdom and France. Second, the funding will help towards a book project on the history of oil refining in Montréal, using Dr. Hatton-Proulx’s previous doctoral research alongside this new material. Third, it will facilitate collaboration with Montréal-based photographer, Jules Gauthier, who has previous experience working in North American deindustrialized cities, including photography of Montréal’s east end, and portraits of oral history interviewees and post-industrial urban landscapes. Ultimately, the Chris Kobrak Research Fellowship will allow the completion of this project of analyzing the spatial and environmental consequences of deindustrialization in Montréal’s oil refining sector.