



## GRADING CANADA AT 150 | ÉVALUATION DU CANADA À SON 150<sup>e</sup>

Monday, May 29th, 7 :00 pm  
Ryerson University

This panel of public intellectuals, encompassing people known for their contribution to the arts, journalism, history, social justice and politics, will all address one question: as Canada marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation, how do you assess the state of the country in light of our experiences and history? The point of the panel is to encourage a contemporary analysis of Canada, with an eye to our evolution as a nation, or multiple nations.

### Participants

#### Moderator

Hubert Gendron, journalist and television documentary writer and producer, executive-producer for Radio-Canada of *Le Canada, une histoire populaire* | *Canada, A People's History*, won a Gemini Award for *Canada, A People's History* and a Prix Gémeaux for *Point de Rupture*, now retired and continues to work as a consultant on various documentary projects.

#### Panelists (in alphabetical order)

James Karl Bartleman, 35-year career in the Canadian foreign service, 27th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario (appointed in 2002), Officer of the Order of Canada and author of a series of bestselling memoirs and social justice novels.

Michael Bliss, Member of the Order of Canada; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, award-winning author of 14 books on business, politics, and medicine for both scholarly and popular audiences, retired from U of T's department of history in 2006 after 38-year career.

Veronica Strong-Boag, professor emerita in Women's Studies and Educational Studies, UBC, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, former President of the Canadian Historical Association, prize-winning author and editor, recipient of the Tyrrell Historical Medal, and editor of the seven-volume series, *Canadian Women Suffrage and Human Rights* forthcoming from UBC Press.

Eugénie Brouillet, full professor, lawyer and Dean of the Faculty of Law at Université Laval. She specialises in constitutional law, more specifically Canadian federalism, the division of powers and human rights.

George Elliott Clarke, George Elliott Clarke is the E. J. Pratt Professor of Canadian Literature at The University of Toronto and is the pioneer scholar of the field of African-Canadian Literature and the author of 16 poetry collections, 4 plays, 3 libretti, 2 novels and 2 landmark volumes of literary criticism. He is the recipient of numerous awards.

Jean-François Nadeau, Quebec historian, political analyst and editor, Assistant Director, Information at the newspaper Le Devoir, director of the cultural pages of the same newspaper from 2003 to 2013, previously literary director at the Éditions de l'Hexagon and professor of Canadian history at Laurentian University (Sudbury).

Jean Teillet, writer, aboriginal rights lawyer, co-founder of the Métis Nation of Ontario, past Vice President and Treasurer of the Indigenous Bar Association and great grandniece of Louis Riel.

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