



Canadian Business History Association Announces 2026 Award Recipients and Research Fellowship Winners

The Canadian Business History Association (CBHA) is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2026 scholarly awards and research fellowship, recognizing outstanding contributions to the study of business history in Canada.

Best Scholarly Article in Canadian Business History

The 2026 Best Scholarly Article in Canadian Business History Award has been presented to Brian Gettler for his article, “The Vincent-Picard Family’s Investments: Wendat Wealth and Notarized Contracts in the Mid-Nineteenth Century,” published in *Histoire social / Social History*, (Vol. LVII, no. 118, Novembre/November 2024, p. 305-323). Through innovative research and analysis, Gettler’s work offers important new perspectives on Indigenous economic history, examining how the Vincent-Picard family leveraged financial investments and legal instruments to build and manage wealth in nineteenth-century Canada. The article advances understanding of Wendat participation in commercial and financial networks and contributes significantly to the field of Canadian business history.

Honourable Mention – Best Scholarly Article

The CBHA is also pleased to recognize Clarence Hatton-Proulx with an Honourable Mention in the Best Scholarly Article category for “The Role of Forecasts in Planning for Energy Infrastructure: A Historical Look at Past Futures in Postwar Quebec,” published in *Enterprise & Society*, (Vol. 26 no. 2, 2025-2026, p. 519-562). The article explores the influence of forecasting and future-oriented planning on the development of Quebec’s energy infrastructure in the postwar period. By examining how policymakers and planners envisioned future energy needs, Hatton-Proulx sheds light on the historical relationship between expertise, infrastructure development, and economic decision-making.

2026–2028 Kobrak Fellowship

The CBHA’s 2026–2028 Kobrak Fellowship has been awarded to Joe Borsato for his postdoctoral research project, “*Vast Rupert’s Land: Prince Attash’s Voyage and Cree Commerce in the Seventeenth-Century Hudson Bay.*” Borsato’s project investigates Indigenous commercial networks and economic exchange in the Hudson Bay region, centering on the

experiences of Prince Attash and Cree traders during the seventeenth century. The fellowship will support groundbreaking research that deepens our understanding of Indigenous commerce and its critical role in shaping early economic relationships in northern North America.

2026 Desautels Research Fund in Private Enterprise, History & Law

The 2026 Desautels Research Fund in Private Enterprise, History & Law has been awarded to Letian Wang for his doctoral research project, currently titled “*Farewell to The Chinese Times.*” Wang’s research examines the decline of *The Chinese Times (Tai Hon Kong Bo)*, one of Canada’s most significant Chinese-language newspapers. By exploring the newspaper’s final years and broader historical context, the project offers valuable insights into immigrant entrepreneurship, ethnic media, and the evolution of Chinese Canadian communities and institutions.

“Each of this year’s recipients is producing scholarship of commendable depth and originality,” said Ryan Manucha of the Canadian Business History Association. “Together the projects showcase the breadth and ambition that define the best work in Canadian business history today.”

The Canadian Business History Association congratulates all four recipients and looks forward to following the continued impact of their research.

About the Canadian Business History Association

The Canadian Business History Association promotes the study and understanding of business history in Canada by supporting scholarship, fostering collaboration, bridging the gap between academia and industry, and encouraging public engagement with Canada’s economic and business past.

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