



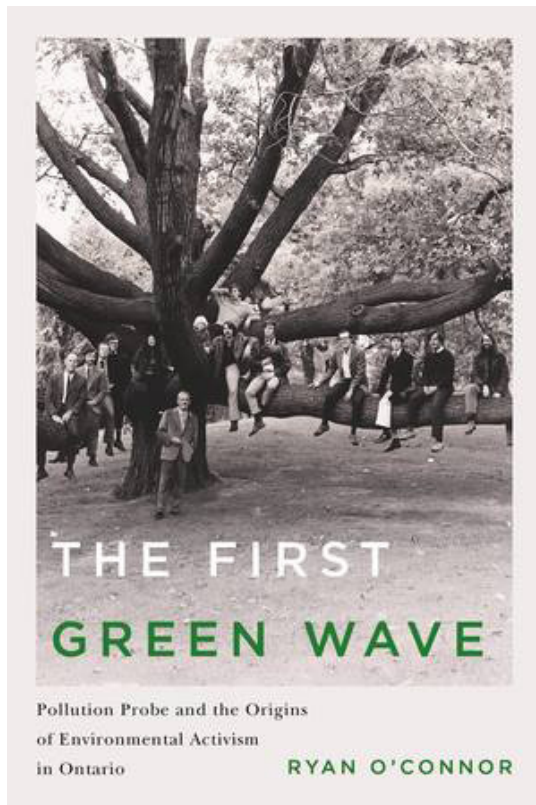
Environmental Historian Ryan O'Connor Recognized with Provincial Book Award

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In 1967, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) established an awards program to recognize individuals, organizations, corporations, and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

The J.J. Talman Award recognizes the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political, or cultural history, published in the past three years. The OHS is pleased to announce that **Ryan O'Connor** is the recipient of the 2015 J.J. Talman Award for *The First Green Wave: Pollution Probe and the Origins of Environmental Activism in Ontario*, published by the University of British Columbia Press.



Ryan O'Connor is a historical consultant and writer, specializing in the history of environmental activism in Canada and the United States, the Sixties, oral history, the history of recycling, and Canadian politics. A graduate of the University of Prince Edward Island, Queen's University, and the University of Western Ontario, he holds a Ph.D. in Canadian history. He is currently writing a biography of Canadian advertising legend Terry O'Malley, the former creative director at Vickers and Benson Advertising.

For more information on Ryan O'Connor's publications and projects, please visit his website at www.ryanconnor.ca.

The First Green Wave traces the emergence of the environmental movement in Ontario from its beginnings in the late 1960s to the 1980s. Drawing on a wide range of sources, including the memories of many of those people directly involved in the creation of Pollution Probe and other organizations, O'Connor deftly illustrates how concerned citizens laid the groundwork for environmental action by pioneering ways to publicize environmental issues, raise funds for the movement, and work effectively with diverse interest groups. Together these activists shaped not only Ontario's social, economic, political, and cultural history but also the future of our society.

The award was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at the Ontario Legislative Assembly in Toronto, Ontario.

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