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## 2009 CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE JURORS ANNOUNCED

**N**OREEN TAYLOR, CHAIR of the board of trustees of the Charles Taylor Foundation, announced today that the jurors for The 2009 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction are Warren Cariou, Jeffrey Simpson, and Shirley Thomson.



WARREN CARIOU



JEFFREY SIMPSON



SHIRLEY THOMSON

A PRESS CONFERENCE to announce the finalists for The 2009 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction will be held in Toronto on January 6, 2009. The winner will be announced on Monday, February 9, 2009 at a luncheon event held at downtown Toronto's Le Meridien King Edward Hotel.

### ABOUT THE MEMBERS OF THE JURY:

Born and raised on a farm near Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, **WARREN CARIOU** is Canada Research Chair in Narrative, Community and Indigenous Cultures at the University of Manitoba, where he is Director of the Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture. His first book, *The Exalted Company of Roadside Martyrs*, a collection of novellas, was published in 1999. His second book, *Lake of the Prairies: A Story of Belonging*, was shortlisted for the 2004 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction. On the occasion of his nomination the jury said: "(Cariou) reveals how myth, place and community prejudice are tragically interconnected, (and shows) how stories may separate or bring people together." Currently finishing his novel *Exhaust*, Warren Cariou lives in Winnipeg.

**JEFFREY SIMPSON**, *The Globe and Mail's* national affairs columnist, is the author of eight books of non-fiction including *Discipline of Power*, which won the Governor



General's Literary Award (1980); *Spoils of Power* (1988); *Faultlines: Struggling for a Canadian Vision* (1993); and *Star-Spangled Canadians* (2000), for which he also completed a two-hour CBC documentary. He has also won a National Magazine Award for political writing (1987), a National Newspaper Award for column writing (twice), and the Hyman Solomon Award for Excellence in Public Policy Journalism. He has taught as an adjunct professor at the Queen's Institute of Policy Studies and The University of Ottawa Law School and is now senior fellow at the University of Ottawa's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. An Officer of the Order of Canada, Jeffrey Simpson lives in Ottawa.

**SHIRLEY THOMSON** has held numerous positions in the arts and culture sector, including Director and Deputy Commissioner of the UNESCO Pavilion (Man and His World: 1978 - 1980); Special Coordinator of the Largillière Exhibition at the Montréal Museum of Fine Arts (1981); Director of the McCord Museum, McGill University (1982 - 1985); Secretary-General, Canadian Commission to UNESCO (1985 - 1987); Director of the National Gallery of Canada (1987 - 1997); Director of the Canada Council for the Arts (1998 - 2002). A Companion of the Order of Canada, an Officier des Arts et des Lettres (Government of France), and the recipient of numerous honorary degrees, she received the Governor General's Award in the Visual and Media Arts in 2008 for distinguished service in the field. Shirley Thomson lives in Ottawa.

#### ABOUT THE CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE FOR LITERARY NON-FICTION:

THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARLES TAYLOR FOUNDATION established The Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction to commemorate the life and work of the late Charles Taylor, one of Canada's foremost essayists and a prominent member of the Canadian literary community. Charles Taylor was a foreign correspondent with *The Globe and Mail* and the author of four books: *Radical Tories*; *Reporter in Red China*; *Six Journeys: A Canadian Pattern*; and *Snow Job*.

THE CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE for Literary Non-Fiction is awarded annually to the author whose book best combines an excellent command of the English language, an elegance of style, quality of thought, and subtlety of perception.

THE PRIZE consists of \$25,000.00 for the winning author and \$2,000.00 for each of the finalists. All of the shortlisted titles receive extensive national publicity and marketing support.

THE TRUSTEES of the Charles Taylor Foundation are Michael Bradley (Toronto), Judith Mappin (Montreal), David Staines (Ottawa), and Noreen Taylor (Toronto).



For more information please visit: [www.thecharlestaylorprize.ca](http://www.thecharlestaylorprize.ca)

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Jeffrey Simpson: [http://www.enneson.com/ctp\\_downloads/2009/jeffrey\\_simpson.jpg](http://www.enneson.com/ctp_downloads/2009/jeffrey_simpson.jpg)

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