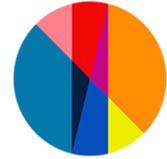




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NEWS RELEASE

The Honourable Murray Sinclair to receive 2020 Adrienne Clarkson Prize for Global Citizenship

The award will be presented virtually on September 23rd and will feature Senator Sinclair and Mme. Clarkson in conversation about trauma, truth, and our shared responsibilities as citizens today

TORONTO, September 10, 2020 — The Honourable Senator Murray Sinclair, best known for his role as the chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), has been named the recipient of the 5th Adrienne Clarkson Prize for Global Citizenship. As Canada faces a renewed reckoning with racism, this timely recognition will honour a lifetime of work by a leader who has arguably done more than any other to educate citizens about Canada's true painful history, present-day realities, and the path forward.

After leading inquiries on racism in Manitoba, and residential schools and police discrimination in Thunder Bay, Senator Sinclair took on a role that redefined Canada. Under his leadership the TRC heard from over 6500 witnesses over 4 years. The brutal honesty of the revelations meant that people could not look away. He continues to be a powerful force leading the way for fundamental change in the relationship between Indigenous peoples and Canada through his work in the Senate. In doing so he has reshaped our nation's future.

The Honourable Senator Murray Sinclair has been named the 2020 Laureate in recognition of his lifetime of work as a storyteller, jurist, advocate, educator, and leader.

The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson commented on why Sinclair was chosen as the 2020 Laureate saying, "Murray Sinclair's life and work are an outstanding example of what it means to be a human being and to contribute to the place in which you live. In a sense, the word citizenship doesn't even begin to encompass what his life stands for. He has marked and changed our society and as we all know, he continues to do so. He has helped us to understand, to learn and to hope."

The Adrienne Clarkson Prize for Global Citizenship will be presented virtually and broadcast on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. It will feature Senator Sinclair in conversation with Adrienne Clarkson. **Register [here](#).**

The Adrienne Clarkson Prize for Global Citizenship is awarded annually to a leader whose life work has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the ideals of belonging and inclusion. Through words, actions, and results, recipients encourage thought, dialogue, approaches, and strategies that strive to remove barriers, change attitudes, and reinforce the principles of tolerance and respect. Former winners include His Highness the Aga Khan, Ai Weiwei, General Romeo Dallaire, and Margaret Atwood. The prize is presented every year at 6 Degrees, the global forum for inclusion.



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About 6 Degrees

6 Degrees is the global forum for inclusion and a project of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship. This year's online 6 Degrees will be the 16th edition of the gathering, which also takes place annually in four hub cities: Berlin, Calgary, Mexico City, and Montréal. 6 Degrees convenes emerging and established leaders to explore questions of citizenship and inclusion. It aims to counter growing divisions by turning allies into actors to drive positive change in policy, attitudes, and behaviour. 6 Degrees will take place online from September 21-23 and October 15, and will feature speakers like Ijeoma Oluo, Beverley McLachlin, Michael Sandel, Adam Gopnik, and many more. Get your tickets [here](#).

About the Institute for Canadian Citizenship

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) is a national non-profit organization co-founded by The Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul. The ICC works to inspire Canadians to be inclusive, create opportunities to connect, and encourage active citizenship. Since 2005, the ICC has also supported more than 300,000 new Canadian citizens with programming to encourage a sense of belonging and build a more inclusive Canada.

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