

Arctic Front sweeps the Donner

Three historians and one political scientist share \$35,000 prize for best book on Canadian public policy

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Three historians and one political scientist are sharing a cheque for \$35,000 after being named the winners of the 11th Donner Prize, awarded annually for the best book on Canadian public policy.

The quartet's *Arctic Front: Defending Canada in the Far North* prevailed over four other finalists at a gala dinner Thursday night in downtown Toronto.

The winning co-authors are all Northern specialists. Ken Coates, a Donner finalist in 2000, is dean of arts and a history professor at the University of Waterloo; P. Whitney Lackenbauer is also a history professor at Waterloo; William Morrison, is the country's senior historian of the Canadian North and a professor at the University of North British Columbia, Prince George; and Greg Poelzer is the founding dean of undergraduate studies for the University of the Arctic, a consortium of 90 post-secondary institutions.

Their book examines Canada's claim to Arctic sovereignty and exposes how the country has failed to make a clear territorial claim on the North.

Receiving \$5,000 each as runners-up were:

Tarek Fatah for *Chasing a Mirage: The Tragic Illusion of an Islamic State*; Bruce Little for *Fixing the Future: How Canada's Usually Fractious Governments Worked Together to Rescue the Canadian Pension Plan*; Andrew Sancton for *The Limits of Boundaries: Why City-regions Cannot be Self-governing*; and Albert Howard and Frances Widdowson for *Disrobing the Aboriginal Industry: The Deception Behind Indigenous Cultural Preservation*.