

## W. K. Lamb Prize 1999

Established in 1983, the W. Kaye Lamb Prize is awarded annually to honour the author of the article in *Archivaria* that, by the quality of its research, reflection, and writing, most advances archival thinking and scholarship in Canada. For a list of past recipients and the titles of their articles, please visit the Web site of the Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) <<http://aca.archives.ca>>.

The 1999 winner is Bob Krawczyk for his article in *Archivaria* 48, "Cross Reference Heaven: The Abandonment of the Fonds as the Primary Level of Arrangement for Ontario Government Records." Bob Krawczyk's superb, thought-provoking article, originally presented at the ACA conference in 1998, causes archivists to rethink foundational concepts and also practical considerations concerning description in archives. The article balances conceptual insight with practical examples to advance a new model for description and one that has been established in a working archives. The author challenges the *RAD* menu of descriptive standards as promulgated over the past decade, and does so with conviction. His work is critically important for describing with nuance and subtlety the complex paper records of very fluid organizations, let alone electronic records in office and data systems. His clear and well-paced argument for a non-traditional approach to archival arrangement in Canada certainly meets the criteria for the Lamb Prize.

The Editorial Board of *Archivaria* and indeed all Canadian archivists offer their congratulations to Bob Krawczyk for his fine contribution to archival scholarship.

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