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Finalists for 2018 Jack Webster Awards Announced

Vancouver, BC – Western Canada's preeminent journalism awards today announced the finalists in the 12 different categories for the 2018 Jack Webster Awards. The awards recognize excellence in journalism in BC and all finalists will be celebrated, and the one winner in each category will be announced at the October 29th awards dinner to be held at the Hyatt Regency, Vancouver.

Submissions were encouraged from print, radio, television and online media sources that cover news, sports, the arts, business, community issues, and more. The finalists for the 2018 Jack Webster Awards are:

Finalists - Excellence in Feature/Enterprise Reporting - TV

Laura Lynch, Glen Kugelstadt, CBC, for *Swiss Schindler*
Michele Brunoro, CTV Vancouver, for *Dead End Streets - Surrey's Homelessness Crisis*
Jill Bennett, John Hua, Catherine Urquhart, Grace Ke, Global BC News for *Soliris Fight*

Finalists - Excellence in Feature/Enterprise Reporting - Radio

Jeremy Allingham, CBC Radio One, for *Major Misconduct: Why We Let Kids Fight On Ice*
Bal Brach, Laura Palmer, Stephen Quinn, Matthew Parsons, Lee Rosevere, CBC Radio One, for *SOLD!*,
Jodie Martinson, Stephen Quinn, Chris Robinson, Catherine Rolfsen, Kori Sidaway, Michelle Eliot, CBC Radio One, for *Wasted Lives: BC's Biggest Addiction Crisis*

Finalists - Excellence in Feature/Enterprise Reporting - Print/Text-Based Online

Amy Smart, Victoria Times Colonist, for *BC fish farms: A tangled net*
Natalie Clancy, Manjula Dufresne, Jane Armstrong, cbc.ca/bc, for *Port Mann*
Sam Cooper, Postmedia, Vancouver Sun, for *Dirty Money in BC: Casinos, Drugs, Real Estate*

Finalists - Jack Webster Award for Business, Industry and Economics

Rob Shaw, Vancouver Sun, for *The economics of public auto insurance*

Frances Bula, Globe and Mail, for *Have Vancouver's policies hindered rental housing more than they helped*

Trevor Jang, BCBusiness and The Discourse, for *Breaking Tradition*

Finalists - Jack Webster Award for Excellence in Legal Journalism

Eric Rankin, CBC, for *Ivan Henry Lawsuit*

Laura Kane, Geordon Omand, The Canadian Press, for *Jordan Decision, One Year Later*

Gemma Karstens-Smith, The Canadian Press, for *Gladue Decision*

Finalists - Jack Webster Award for Science, Technology and Environment

Heather Pringle, Hakai Magazine, for *In the Land of Lost Gardens*

Johanna Wagstaffe, Polly Leger, Lee Rosevere, Shiral Tobin, CBC Radio One, for *2050: Degrees of Change*

Larry Pynn, Vancouver Sun/Province, for *Prostate Cancer: 1 in 7*

Finalists - Best Reporting Chinese Language

Annie Law, Fairchild Television Magazine 26, for *Chinese Chef Shortage*

Susanna Ng, Ivy Ng, Eva Cheng, Eric Chan, Victoria Chang, Amanda Sun, Ming Pao Daily, for *Hongkongers in Canada - on the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's handover*

Kevin Yao, Alvin Huang, Johann Chang, Travena Lee, Fairchild Radio, for *Vancouver's apology to early Chinese immigrants*

Finalists - Jack Webster Award for Community Reporting

Max Winkelman, Tara Sprickerhoff, Barbara Roden, 100 Mile House Free Press/Ashcroft Cache Creek Journal, for *Fire Fight*

Elizabeth Nolan, Gulf Islands Driftwood, for *Dying with Dignity*

Keri Coles, Oak Bay News, for *92-year old WWII veteran united with family of fallen soldier after decades-long search*

Finalists - Jack Webster Award for Excellence in Digital Journalism

Justin McElroy, cbc.ca/bc, for *We've tracked every promise the BC NDP made in the last election: Here's where they stand*

Wawmeesh Hamilton, Lindsay Sample, Stephanie Brown, Kelly Malone, Brandi Morin and Chelsea Laskowsky, Discourse Media and CBC Indigenous, for *Reconciliation in small Canadian towns*

Ashley Wadhvani, Katya Slepian, Karly Blats, Arnold Lim, Vancouver Island Free Daily, for *Me Too At Work: Sexual assault and harassment in the BC workplace*

Finalists - Best Breaking News - TV

Sarah MacDonald, David Molko, Maria Weisgarber, St. John Alexander, Michele

Brunoro, Allison Hurst, Breanna Karstens-Smith, CTV Vancouver, for *BC Underwater - The Worst Flooding in a Century*

Geoff Hastings, Aaron McArthur, Darryl Patton, Stephen Lyon, Keith Whitter, Monty Burt, Karl Avefjall, Simon Boniface, Luca Sgaetti, , Global BC News, for *Cst. Davidson Shot*

Chris Gailus, Sophie Lui, Sonia Deol, Paul Johnson, Ted Chernecki, Paul Haysom, Lauren Pullen, Nadia Stewart, Clayton Little, Cody Chaban, Luca Sgaetti, Global BC News, for *BC Wildfires*

Finalists - Best Breaking News - Radio

Stephen Quinn, Lee Rosevere, Drew Kerekes, Jake Costello, Bridgette¹ Watson, Yvette Brend, Claudia Goodine, Michelle Eliot, Theresa Duvall, Chris Robinson, Rob Zimmerman, Rafferty Baker, Megan Thomas, CBC Radio One, for *The morning Canada bought a pipeline*

Jon McComb, Pippa Reed, Niki Reitmayer, Greg Schott, John O'Dowd, 980 CKNW, for *The Kinder Morgan Decision*

Simi Sara, Claire Allen, Amilia Bhamji, 980 CKNW, for *Christy Clark Resigns*

Finalists - Best Breaking News - Print/Text-Based Online

Bethany Lindsay, Justin McElroy, Angela Sterritt, Brady Strachan, Lien Yeung, Maryse Zeidler, Anita Bathe, Tara Carman, Tina Lovgreen, Tamara Baluja, Pete Scobie, cbc.ca/bc, for *BC Wildfires - State of Emergency*

Scott Brown, Cheryl Chan, Lori Culbert, Nick Eagland, Gordon Hoekstra, Stephanie Ip, Patrick Johnston, Rich Lam, Glenda Luymes, Harrison Mooney, Jason Payne, Jennifer Saltman, Vancouver Sun/Province, for *BC Wildfires 2017*

Wendy Stueck, Mike Hager, Rafal Gerszak, Ben Nelms, The Globe and Mail, for *Hotel Misery*

Also at the awards dinner the 2018 Commentator of the Year will be announced, as will the 2018 Bruce Hutchison Lifetime Achievement Award and the 2018 Bill Good Award. Keith Morrison, an award-winning correspondent for Dateline NBC who joined the program in 1995 after a prominent career at both NBC and in Canadian television. will be the event's guest speaker.

Tickets are available to attend the 2018 Webster Awards. They are \$195 each or \$1,950 for a table for 10. More information about tickets is available at www.jackwebster.com/dinnertickets where they can also be purchased by credit card, online.

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