

J. W. DAFOE FOUNDATION

529 Fletcher Argue Building, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB R3T 5V5

Telephone: (204) 474-8546; FAX: (204) 474-7645

Email: Andrea.Rounce@umanitoba.ca

www.dafoefoundation.ca

Board of Directors

Ms. Catherine Auld, Chair

Dr. Christopher Adams

Dr. David Barnard

Mr. John W. Dafoe

Ms. Sheila Grover

Dr. Karine Levasseur

Ms. Naomi Levine

Mr. James Ripley

Mr. Paul Samyn

Mr. David Wright

Honorary Secretary

Dr. Andrea Rounce

April 9, 2020 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Five outstanding books are shortlisted for \$10,000 John W. Dafoe Book Prize

Five books made the shortlist for the 2020 John W. Dafoe Book Prize from a field of forty excellent entries:

Adam Chapnick. *Canada on the United Nations Security Council: A Small Power on a Large Stage.* UBC Press.

Brendan Kelly. *The Good Fight: Marcel Cadieux and Canadian Diplomacy.* UBC Press.

Tina Loo. *Moved by the State: Forced Relocation and Making a Good Life in Postwar Canada.* UBC Press.

Dave Meslin. *Teardown: Rebuilding Democracy from the Ground Up.* Penguin Canada.

Aaron Wherry. *Promise and Peril: Justin Trudeau in Power.* Harper Collins Canada.

The winner will be named later this month and will collect the award at the J.W. Dafoe Foundation's Annual Book Prize Dinner, anticipated to be held in the Fall. The winner will also be invited to give a talk in the Winnipeg community. Details will follow.

The book prize memorializes John Wesley Dafoe, one of the most significant Canadian editors of the 20th century. It is one of the richest book awards for exceptional non-fiction about Canada, Canadians, and the Canadian nation in international affairs. In his tenure at the Manitoba Free Press, later renamed the Winnipeg Free Press, from 1901-1944, Dafoe was known for his advocacy of western development, free trade, and national independence. His case for adoption of the Statute of Westminster by Britain in 1931 advanced the severance of formal ties with Empire and created the eight dominions, which became the nucleus of the present 54-nation Commonwealth.

The Foundation's activities also support \$10,000 in fellowships for MA students pursuing studies in international relations, politics, economics or history at the University of Manitoba; the J.W. Dafoe Political Studies Students' Conference; and a number of colloquia on Canada in international affairs.

For questions or further information contact: Dr. Andrea Rounce, Honorary Secretary at andrea.rounce@umanitoba.ca.