

## **Jury Announced for the 2012 Lionel Gelber Prize**

**For Immediate Release: October 24, 2011 (Toronto and Washington)** – Sara Charney, Chair of the Lionel Gelber Prize and niece of Lionel Gelber, the Canadian scholar, diplomat, and author in whose memory the prize was created, today announced the five international thinkers and influencers who will serve on this year’s jury. They include a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, a distinguished historian of British foreign policy, and an iconoclastic economist, as well as one of Canada’s most distinguished editors.

In announcing the 2012 jury members Sara Charney commented: “We are gratified that the Prize attracts such distinguished jurors. It is an honour to have their services for the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Prize.”

### **The Jurors for the 2012 Lionel Gelber Prize are:**

- George Russell, Jury Chair (New York City, USA)
- Gaynor Lilian Johnson (Manchester, Britain)
- Daniel Paul Henninger (New York City, USA)
- Russell Roberts (Braddock, Virginia, USA)
- William Thorsell (Toronto, Canada)

### **About the Prize:**

[The Lionel Gelber Prize](#), a literary award for the world’s best non-fiction book in English on foreign affairs that seeks to deepen public debate on significant international issues, was founded in 1989 by Canadian diplomat [Lionel Gelber](#). A prize of \$15,000 is awarded to the winner. The award is presented annually by the Lionel Gelber Foundation, in partnership with [Foreign Policy Magazine](#) and the [Munk School of Global Affairs](#) at the [University of Toronto](#).

Shelagh Grant was the 2011 winner for her book [Polar Imperative: A History of Arctic Sovereignty in North America](#) published by Douglas & McIntyre.

### **Key Dates in 2012:**

The shortlist will be announced on Monday, February 13, and the winner will be announced on Monday, March 12, 2011, via press release. The winner will receive his or her award and speak at a free public event, to be held in at the Campbell Conference Facility at the Munk School of Global Affairs on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, in Toronto, Canada.

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### **About the Jurors for the 2012 Lionel Gelber Prize:**

**George Russell, Jury Chair**, is the executive editor of Fox News, the U.S. cable news network. He was formerly the president and editor of *Time* magazine in Canada. He is the co-author of *Eyewitness: 150 Years of Photo-journalism*.

**Gaynor Lilian Johnson**, Ph. D. is currently Reader in International History, Senior Lecturer in International History, and Member of the University of Salford's European Security Research Centre. A specialist in the history of the British Foreign Office, she is a member of the editorial board of *Diplomacy and Statecraft* and book reviews editor of *The International History Review*.

**Daniel Paul Henninger** is deputy editor of *The Wall Street Journal's* editorial page. His column, "Wonder Land," appears in the Journal and on *OpinionJournal.com* each Thursday. Mr. Henninger shared in *The Wall Street Journal's* 2002 Pulitzer Prize for the paper's coverage of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. He was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in editorial writing in 1996 and 1987 and won the Gerald Loeb Award for commentary in 1985.

**Russell Roberts** is a professor of economics at George Mason University and a research fellow at the Hoover Institution. He has written three novels that teach economic ideas for people who are not economists, including *The Price of Everything: A Parable of Possibility and Prosperity*. He has also collaborated on two rap videos starring John Maynard Keynes and F. A. Hayek to teach economics to high school and college students, and hosts the award-winning weekly podcast *EconTalk*.

**William Thorsell** is currently Associate Senior Fellow, Massey College, University of Toronto, and Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto. After more than 10 years as editor-in-chief of *The Globe and Mail* in Toronto, Mr. Thorsell was appointed Director and CEO of the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto in August, 2000. He was invested into the Order of Ontario in January 2008 and also invested as Chevalier, Order of Arts and Letters, in France in 2010.