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## **OTF HONOURS ROSEMARY SADLIER WITH FELLOWSHIP**

**TORONTO, August 30, 2016** — The Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) recently recognized Rosemary Sadlier with an OTF Fellowship for her outstanding contributions to public education, for enhancing the image of women in education and the community, and for advocating social issues.

“Rosemary Sadlier’s life and career is a testament to her belief, ‘not for ourselves but for others,’” stated Francine Leblanc-Lebel, when she presented the award.

As president of the Ontario Black History Society for 22 years, Sadlier was central to the Canadian Government’s 1995 decision to make Black History Month a national annual event.

Sadlier’s contributions to youth education is recognized nationally and internationally. She has researched and written prolifically about Black history and Black Canadian history. She has authored six books on African-Canadian history and was a consultant/co-author of *Black History: Africa, the Caribbean and the Americas* which was selected as a textbook for schools in Nova Scotia. Sadlier is one of 12 Canadian defenders of human rights in Speak Truth to Power Canada.

In addition to the OTF Fellowship, Sadlier has received the Order of Ontario, the Good Citizenship Award and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal.

The Ontario Teachers' Federation is the advocate for the teaching profession in Ontario and for its 160,000 teachers. OTF members are full-time, part-time and occasional teachers in all the publicly funded schools in the province—elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

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