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Author and broadcaster Adrienne Clarkson, the first immigrant appointed Governor General (1999), came to Canada from Hong Kong after the colony surrendered to the Japanese (1942).

Her books include the bestselling *Room for All of Us: The Paradox of Citizenship*. One of television's first female on-camera personalities, she had an 18-year career with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as host-interviewer for *Take Thirty*, *Adrienne at Large*, and *The Fifth Estate*.

She served as Ontario's agent-general in Paris (1982-87), and worked with publisher McClelland & Stewart (1987-89) before returning to broadcasting as executive producer and host of CBC's national arts showcase, *Adrienne Clarkson Presents*.

Adrienne has long sought to forge stronger ties with Canada's northern indigenous peoples. Co-founder of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship, which in 2016 hosted the first annual Six Degrees Citizenship Space forum, she founded the Northern Medal (now called the Polar Medal), awarded for contributions to the understanding and development of the North.

