

Adrienne Clarkson

Governor General of Canada

Adrienne Clarkson was born in Hong Kong in 1939 and came to Canada in 1942. She received a master's degree in English Literature from the University of Toronto and studied at the Sorbonne.

From 1965 to 1982, Ms. Clarkson was a host, writer, and producer of several programs on CBC television. From 1982 until 1987, she was agent-general for Ontario in Paris, where she promoted the province's business and cultural interests in France, Italy and Spain.

After a year as president of a Canadian book publishing firm, in 1988 Ms. Clarkson returned to television as an executive producer, host, and writer. She also wrote and directed several films and chaired the board of the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

Ms. Clarkson was sworn in as Governor General of Canada on Oct. 7, 1999.

Ms. Clarkson is married to John Ralston Saul.