



# ARTIFACTS in AGRARIA

Symposium

17 and 18 October 2015

University of Guelph

**A threshing machine, milk pail, china teapot, fiddle and horse blanket. Some experiences of the agrarian past have escaped being put into language but survive as artifacts.**

Join historians, archaeologists, sociologists and museum professionals from across North America as they explore the material artifacts of everyday life. Observe how these historical sources gather meaning when understood in the context of surviving written records, family history and international commerce. Join the discussion on how artifacts reflect aesthetic and cultural beliefs, symbolize self-identity, affirm values, tell stories, purvey heritage and change meaning over time. Celebrate the new methods and ways of viewing artifacts that deepen our understanding of rural life.

Admission is free when you register before August 3rd.  
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