

# ***Rural People and Places: Historical Perspectives on Resource Procurement, Household Economies and Environmental Change in Canada***

Rural History Roundtable Series  
University of Guelph, Saturday 17 November 2012



The Rural History Roundtable Symposium presentations and panels include:

*9:40 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

**Keynote Speaker: “Toward a History of Rural Canada”**

Ruth Sandwell, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, and co-editor of McGill-Queen's Rural, Wildland, and Resource Studies Series

*10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.*

**Session 1: Daily Documents, Household Economies and Networks of Consumption and Production**

Deborah Livingston-Lowe, Department of History, University of Guelph. “A Look at Both Sides of the Cloth: Middlesex County Handloom Weaver, John Campbell and his Customers”

Nick Van Allen, Department of History, University of Guelph. “On the Farm, in the Town, and in the City: A Farmer's Life and Community in Rural Middlesex County, Ontario, 1850-1914”

Melissa Segeren, Department of History, University of Guelph. “Meeting the Needs of Family and Community: Farm Women in Turn-of-the-Century Ontario.”

Catharine Anne Wilson, Department of History, University of Guelph. “Procuring Help: Neighbourhood Exchange Networks and Ontario Farm Diaries”

*1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

**Session 2: Changing Environments: Procuring Resources and Capital**

Peter A. Baskerville, History and Classics and Humanities Computing, University of Alberta.

“Mortgaging the Rural Homestead: Common Perceptions Reconsidered, The Case of Logan Township, Perth County, Ontario, 1850-1911”

Jennifer Bonnell, Department of History, University of Guelph. “Foragers of a Modern Countryside: An Environmental History of Beekeeping in Twentieth-Century Ontario”

Patricia Bowley, Department of History, University of Guelph. “Forest Conservation on Southern Ontario Farms in the Twentieth-Century”

Joshua MacFadyen, Department of History, University of Western Ontario. “Seeing the Forest: Biomass Energy and Woodlot Management in Eastern Canada, 1919-1958”

*3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.*

**Session 3: The Rural Point of View: Resistance, Alternatives, Conformity**

Andrew Watson, Department of History, York University. “Alternatives to Large-scale Logging and Tanning Industries: Household-based approaches to wood-resource harvesting in Muskoka, 1850-1920”

Jonathan McQuarrie, Department of History, University of Toronto. “Growing on Time: Markets and Canadian Tobacco Farming in the Early Twentieth Century”

Dorotea Gucciardo, Department of History, King's College and Wilfrid Laurier University. ““More Power to the Farmer”: The Electrification of Canada's Countryside”

*4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.*

**Session 4: Selling a Vision of Rural Life**

Jacqueline Cannata, Department of History, University of Guelph. “Keeping their Day Jobs: Photography and Rural Ontario Household Economies, 1860-1920”

Sara Spike, Department of History, Carleton University. ““The eyes of a whole school”: Visualizing Environmental Change in Early Twentieth-Century Rural Nova Scotia”

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