



Out of the Classroom and into the “Artifactory”: Experiential Learning and Local Heritage Partnerships

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This presentation offers a reflective study of experiential learning in an undergraduate History course in partnership with local heritage organizations. It is based on a new course I offered in the winter of 2024 at UPEI: The Hidden Histories of Objects. This course introduced students to the burgeoning field of material culture in historical research. Students worked directly with historical artifacts housed at the PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation’s collection facility (known as the “artifactory”) and were introduced to practices and skills in museum and heritage professions. This presentation seeks to encourage instructors to think creatively about how to collaborate with local organizations and identify linkages between academic disciplinary content and community resources.

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