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# call for submissions

15th Annual Graduate Student Heritage Conservation Symposium

## keeping heritage real authenticity in conservation practice

an online event, starting April 15, 2021

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Submission deadline **March 12, 2021**

For more information, please see

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School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies in collaboration with  
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Nara Document on Authenticity, 1994

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## submission guidelines

Please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words by

**March 12, 2021**

in English or French, accompanied by a title and a short biography of 50 words, to

**carleton  
heritagesymposium  
@gmail.com**

Please include links to any relevant supplementary media.

## keeping heritage real: authenticity in conservation practice

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Building upon the questions of "Heritage Intersections, People, and Placemaking" examined at the last symposium, this year's edition wishes **to interrogate how heritage and conservation theories and practices define, assess, sustain, transform, and interpret diverse perceptions of authenticity.**

Participants are encouraged to explore, but are not limited to, the following guiding questions:

- How might authenticity be defined in a world of evolving cultural values?
- How can heritage processes become more inclusive of marginalized communities?
- How and when can values assessment be democratized?
- What are possible productive relationships between authenticity and sustainability?
- Can conflicting claims and interpretations of authenticity be reconciled?
- How do notions of authenticity change at times of crisis or conflict?
- How have evolving definitions of authenticity enabled conservation practice to engage with processes of collective memory?

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