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Reading the past without books : scholars gather to learn history from artifacts

OTTAWA, August 10, 2012 – A wide variety of international scholars will gather in the Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation's (CSTMC) collection conservation areas to take part in the 2012 edition of the Reading Artifacts Summer Institute (RASI).

Under the guidance of the CSTMC's curators – and with the support of guest faculty Allison C. Marsh, Assistant Professor of History at the University of South Carolina's Public History Program – graduate students, postdoctoral fellows faculty and researchers will immerse themselves into the CSTMC's collection and learn how artifacts can be used as teaching as well as research resources. They will also better acquaint themselves with conservation, cataloguing, and collection development practices.

WHAT: 2012 Reading Artifacts Summer Institute

WHEN: August 13-17

WHERE: Canada Science and Technology Museums
Corporation collection conservation areas
Lancaster Road, Ottawa

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