

# Conference Programme

## Children and Changing Perspectives of Childhood in the Nineteenth Century January 30 - February 2, 1985

### Keynote Address:

"The Material Culture of Childhood: Problems and Potential in Historical Explanation." Thomas J. Schlereth, Department of American Studies, University of Notre Dame.

### THE CHILD IN THE FAMILY

#### Plenary Session:

"Staking a Claim in the Territory of Childhood: Schools, Families and Children in Nineteenth-Century Ontario." John Abbott, Department of History, Algoma University.

#### Concurrent Sessions:

- a) "Childhood in Nineteenth-Century Ontario: A High-Risk Occupation" (Children's Health Care). Charles Roland, Department of History, McMaster University.
- b) "Feeding the Nineteenth-Century Baby: Implications for Collections Use." Felicity Nowell-Smith, Curator, Museum of the History of Medicine.
- c) "Children's Work in and Around the Home." Professor John Bullen, Department of History, University of Ottawa.

#### Concurrent Sessions:

- a) "Beauty Unadorned: Dressing Children in Late Nineteenth Century Ontario." Christina Bates, Historian, Parks Canada (Ontario Region).
- b) "Training, Restraining and Sustaining: Infant and Child Care in the Late Nineteenth Century." Hilary Russell, Historian, Parks Canada (Ottawa).

#### Plenary Session:

"Changing Perspectives on Childhood and Sexuality." John Theis, Family Life Studies, University of Waterloo.

### THE CHILD IN SOCIETY

#### Plenary Session:

Wesley Turner, Department of History, Brock University.

#### Concurrent Sessions:

- a) "The Little Workers: Child Labour in Ontario." Craig Heron, Department of History, York University.
- b) "Housing the Common Family: North American Material Culture and an Agenda for Local Research." John Weaver, Department of History, McMaster University.

### LEISURE AND CHILDHOOD

#### Plenary Session:

"Waste Not, Want Not"—responding to the Challenge of Childhood Leisure." Patricia Dirks, Department of History, Brock University.

#### Concurrent Sessions:

- a) "Children's Toys in the Nineteenth Century." Janet Holmes, Canadiana Department, Royal Ontario Museum; Loet Vos, Museum of the History of Childhood.
- b) "'Save All Your Rags': Children's Literature in the Nineteenth Century." Margaret Maloney, Curator, Osborne Collection of Early Children's Books, Toronto Public Library.

#### Concurrent Sessions:

- a) "Children's Pastimes and Games in the Nineteenth Century: Museum Applications." Mary Tivy, Curator, Museum and Archive of Games; Victoria Marchant, Curator, Bradley House Museum.
- b) "The Child in Literature. Anne of Green Gables as a Case Study." Mary Rubio, Department of English, University of Guelph and Co-editor, *Canadian Children's Literature*.

Concluding Sessions:

"Civilizing and Cultivating Childhood: Schooling Before and After 1850." Bruce Curtis, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

"Changing Views of Childhood: A Museological Perspective." Greg Baeker, Executive Director, Ontario Museum Association; Lynne Kurylo, Manager/Curator, Enoch Turner Schoolhouse; Ruth Freeman, Coordinator, Discovery Gallery, Royal Ontario Museum.