

The Archaeology Centre Presents:

**Archaeology, Advocacy, and Indigenous activism in
Shebahonaning**

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Artifacts from the Killarney Bay 1 Site, University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology

This talk will discuss my research on past archaeological investigations within my home community of Shebahonaning, known today as Killarney, Ontario. I will discuss some of the issues that arose while attempting to gather information on archaeological sites excavated in the mid-20th century. I will also discuss how this research led to a closer examination of provincial legislation and public policy meant to protect our cultural heritage. At the moment, recent commercial development in Killarney poses a serious threat to our archaeological resources and cultural heritage. Throughout the process of advocating for the protection of our material culture, sacred sites, and burial sites, much larger issues have emerged such as cultural survival, community revitalization, knowledge preservation, self-determination, and political autonomy.

Sarah Proulx is of mixed Anishinaabe and French descent from the Northern Ontario village of Shebahonaning (Killarney, Ontario). She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Socio-cultural Anthropology and a Master's degree in Museum Studies, both from the University of Toronto. She currently works as a field archaeologist at Archaeological Services Inc. and as a material culture analyst at the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto Mississauga.

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Room 140, 19 Russell Street (all are welcome)

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