



Student, alumni artists re-define 'archive' with Ontario Science Centre exhibition

A group of McMaster artists proved that an "archive" could be much more than a dust-covered box found in the basement of a museum. The Archive and Everyday Life, curated by English and Cultural Studies professor Mary O'Connor, opened at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto earlier this year. The exhibition stemmed from student work produced over five years in a graduate studies course of the same name. Students were asked to create an archive using objects and experiences in their everyday lives, and then to critically reflect on the process. Their works were meant to be experiments that expose aspects of everyday life that may go unnoticed.

Adrienne Batke '09 created installation maps during a two-year period of mourning following her mother's death. Her work included photographs of the mundane items she left behind, including a yoga mat, makeup and nail polish.

"Through them I reclaim melancholia as part of mourning — a necessarily endless process of 'living with' grief through our encounter with everyday objects," says Batke. The exhibition ran in the Ontario Science Centre's Idea Gallery, a space for young and emerging artists and researchers to display innovative projects that blur traditional boundaries between art, science, design and technology.



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Teresa Cascioli '83 has written a new book series for children entitled *M is for Money*, a kid's guide to financial literacy. This all-Canadian series follows the financial adventures of twins Tessa and Benji as they learn basic money concepts involving loonies, toonies, piggy banks, wallets, loans and budgeting. The books are available in hardcover, paperback and eBook format at www.misformoney.ca. Fun merchandise and a catchy "Nickels & Dimes" song are also available to reinforce the concepts. A useful *M is for Money* Teaching Guide is also available to download for free, and the books are available at all major book retailers across Canada.

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