

'Not Just a Site' Show Notes

**Title: Not Just a Site: Episode 1**

The Parsons Site:

The Issues of Ontarian Archeology and the Path to Reconciliation

--

**Authors:**

Emily Strba

Fraser Williston

Amar Ramic

--

**Description:**

“As much as I admire Archeology, it is a science of guesswork.” - Prof. Jon Johnson

Professors Jon Johnson and Gary Warrick join us in today's episode experts in the field of Huron-Wendat archeology, giving insight into the complexity of an archeological site: Parsons.

Today's episode will discuss the physical history of Parsons and its place as a public history site. By discussing the indigenous history and archeology of the Parsons Site we highlight the shortcomings of Ontarian archeological practices of recent years. The artefacts of Parsons are largely missing, with little idea of where they may be. Our interviews with Dr. Johnson and Dr. Warrick bring us closer to the heart of the issue of what needs to be done to allow for reconciliation to take place, with Parsons being at the forefront of this process.

--

**Acknowledgments:**

We thank Dr. Jon Johnson and Dr. Gary Warrick for their time in allowing us to interview them on the history of the Parsons Site and their views surrounding it.

--

**Guests:**

Dr. Jon Johnson and Dr. Gary Warrick

--

**References:**

Emerson, J. Norman. *Understanding Iroquois Pottery in Ontario : A Rethinking*. Mississauga: Ontario Archaeological Society, 1968.

First Story Toronto: Exploring The Indigenous History of Toronto!  
<https://firststoryblog.wordpress.com/aboutfirststory/>

Hunter, Andrew Frederick. *Huron Village Sites*. Toronto: Warwick Bros. & Rutter, 1907.

Pfeiffer, Susan, and Louis Lesage. "The Repatriation of Wendat Ancestors, 2013." *Canadian Journal of Archaeology* Vol. 38, Issue 1. (2014): 5–12.

Robertson, David, and Williamson, Ronald. "The Archaeology of the Parsons Site: Summary and Conclusions." *Ontario Archaeology*, Vol. 65/66 (1998): 146-148.

Robertson, David, Williamson, Ronald, and Cooper, Martin. "The 1989-90 Excavations at the Parsons Site: Introduction and Retrospect" *Ontario Archaeology*, Vol. 65/66 (1998): 4-16.

Sandberg, L. Anders, Jon Johnson, Rene Gualtieri, and Louis Lesage. "Re-Connecting with a Historical Site: On Narrative and the Huron-Wendat Ancestral Village at York University, Toronto, Canada." *Ontario History* Vol. 113, Issue 1 (2021): 80–105.

Warrick, Gary, and Bonnie Glencross, and Louis Lesage. "The Importance of Minimally Invasive Remote Sensing Methods in Huron-Wendat Archaeology" *Advances in Archaeological Practice* Vol. 9, Issue 3. (2021): 238–249.

--

**Music Credits:**

**"Forest Lullabye":** Created by Asher Fulero. From YouTube Library.