

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## Weekly Newsletter

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### Important Reminders

#### LA&PS Student Services Survey

Give your feedback about student services in your School or Department and you could win an Apple iPad!

Students should have received an email with a link to complete the survey. We want to hear about your experiences accessing and utilizing services in the Faculty of LA&PS – what works well, and where we could provide better services to you.

The survey closes **April 7** at midnight and should only take 10 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey process, please contact Katarina Bohar at [katbohar@yorku.ca](mailto:katbohar@yorku.ca).

#### F/W 2013-14 Course Enrolment Period

Enrolment access dates and times have been released for the Fall/Winter 2013-2014 academic year. Please check your access date and time at the following link:

<http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/guide/>

#### Online & In-Class Course Evaluations

Online course evaluations are available to students from March 19-April 9. In-class course evaluations will be completed during this time period as per the discretion of the course instructor. Please check with your course director for more details on the format of their course evaluations.

#### Winter Exam Period

Winter term course end Monday, April 8, 2013. The final exam period begins Wednesday, April 10 and ends Friday, April 26.

### Seminars/Workshops

*See next week's announcements...*

### SPPA Events

#### School of Public Policy & Administration

#### Open House

The Open House is for all undergraduate students interested in majoring or minoring in Public Administration. Come meet the faculty, alumni and learn more about the School, its programs and all that it has to offer.

Date: Monday, April 8, 2013

Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm

Location: McLaughlin 140 (SCR)

Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

#### Education for Good Governance

Our mission is to educate for good governance. Integrating extensive educational and research resources we prepare current and future policy makers, policy analysts, managers and other professionals in the public, private and para-public sectors for effective, efficient, and accountable democratic governance in a complex and multicultural world.

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## Other Events

*See next week's announcements...*

## Call for Papers

*See next week's announcements...*

## Contests

*See next week's announcements...*

## Employment Opportunities

*See next week's announcements...*

## Volunteer Opportunities

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Position: Public Outreach—Etobicoke Team  
Organization: Our Place Initiative  
Location: Toronto, Ontario  
Start date: April

Whether you're a student who wants to learn the ins and outs of a political campaign, retired and hoping to raise your level of commitment or anyone in between, the Our Place Initiative Volunteer program is for you. We're looking for energetic and passionate people from across Toronto to help build our grassroots campaign. Be the face of our Etobicoke team at special events, door-to-door canvassing and other volunteer opportunities.

No prior knowledge of progressive organizing is necessary and all training will be provided by a series of afternoon workshops. Our first workshop of 2013 will be in April.

Our workshop will cover:

- The basics of grassroots organizing
- A background into Our Place Initiative
- Overview of door-to-door canvassing
- An overview of our mission, public speaking tips

Ready to join us? To volunteer as an Our Place Volunteer, you must:

- Submit a resume and
- Attend a brief interview with one of your staff

If interested please contact our Field Director via phone (647-861-6599) or email: [samjgpowers@gmail.com](mailto:samjgpowers@gmail.com), label all emails with "Volunteer Opportunity".

## Internship Opportunities

### INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Position: Organizing Fellow  
Type: Unpaid, full/part-time position  
Organization: Our Place Initiative  
Location: Etobicoke & Toronto  
Start date: April

Whether you're a student who wants to learn the ins and outs of a political campaign, retired and hoping to raise your level of commitment or anyone in between, the Our Place Initiative Internship program is for you. We're looking for energetic and passionate people from across Toronto to help build our grassroots campaign.

- Hours are flexible but expect to spend a portion of the late afternoon/evening with our canvass team
- Part time and full time positions, great summer/student opportunity
- No experience necessary, all training provided

**Please send your resume to:**  
[samjgpowers@gmail.com](mailto:samjgpowers@gmail.com), label all emails with "Internship opportunity"

Our Place Initiative is the city's leading progressive grassroots organization with the intention of selecting a number of issues to push at the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government. Our Place seeks to organize community-level constituencies around issues that matter to the community. We are working to bring together concerned citizens into a network that can share concerns, and coalesce around key public policy concerns.

Successful applicants will have the opportunity to learn the basics of community organizing and put those skills to work with direct experience in the field. An intern will benefit from exposure to:

- Strategic planning
- Volunteer management
- Event organizing
- Policy development
- Political communication
- Project and campaign preparation and execution

This is an unpaid internship. Interns will be directly supervised by Our Place Initiative's Field Director. You will receive regular briefings on how the organization functions and an extensive background into grassroots community organizing.

Successful candidates for this unpaid internship will have some combination of the following:

- A relevant educational background, such as political science, environmental studies, geography, history, communications, urban planning, social work etc.
- A strong commitment to progressive values and an interest in learning more about and contributing to a progressive vision of the city
- A willingness to help with public outreach on important issues facing the City of Toronto
- Experience working for non-profit organizations, canvassing groups, or other relevant areas of work

There is no application deadline. We are seeking to bring together a number of interns and applications will be considered as they are received.

## Other

### April Activities at the Career Centre

The Career Centre is pleased to provide you with a PDF of the calendar of activities for the month of April 2013. Alternatively, you may refer to our online calendar,

<http://www.yorku.ca/careers/calender/events.asp>

[LinkedIn to Career Success: Strategies for Making LinkedIn Work for You](#) – On February 28th, Steve Watt, Marketing Manager at LinkedIn and a York University alumnus, presented strategies on how to use LinkedIn more effectively for job searching and networking. The session was open to students and York's faculty and staff. If you missed it, check out this video recording of the entire session and learn how to create your professional brand, update your profile and settings, find jobs on LinkedIn and get tips about online networking etiquette.

[Job Search Success](#) – Our popular job search strategies, identifying skills & accomplishments, resumé, cover letter, and interview skills [workshops](#) are being offered throughout the month of April. It's a great time for students looking for a summer job or about to embark on their full-time careers after graduation to avail themselves of these excellent resources.

[Further Education](#) – April is the last chance, until September, for students to attend our Further Education workshop series. These five, highly targeted, 1-hour workshops, are designed to address the unique issues and concerns that students might have about their applications at each stage of the process. After attending these workshops, students will be well on their way to

developing strong, persuasive application packages for the next steps of their education.

**Hire a York student for a 4, 8, 12 or 16 month internship** - You know first-hand the talent here at York - innovative skills, fresh ideas and exposure to the latest practices! York's **internships** include a number of programs in Accounting, Business & Public Administration, Computer Science & Information Technology, Engineering, Environmental Studies, Health, Human Resources, and Science. If you have a relationship with an organization or know of a York alumna/us who would be interested in hiring a York intern, please let me know. We will reach out to them with information about our programs and the myriad benefits of hiring a York intern.

**TASTE** - York alumni who have graduated from Finance, Accounting, Political Science, Marketing, History, Psychology, Biology, Health Studies, Geography and Law have expressed interest in Taking A Student To Eat (TASTE) for a bite-sized mentoring opportunity. These **TASTE** lunches are a great way for students to learn about their career of interest from someone who is thriving in that field. Please share this unique opportunity with students and if you know an alumna/us who might be interested in sharing their career story, please encourage them to take part in TASTE!