

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## Weekly Newsletter

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### Important Reminders

#### SPPA Summer Hours of Operation

Please note that as of May 1, 2013 the hours of operation for the SPPA will change to 8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Thursday and 9:30am-4:30pm on Friday. This change will be in effect until August 31, 2013.

#### 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/>

#### Winter Exam Period

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

### Announcements

#### Welcome Dr. Sirvan Karimi

*On behalf of Professor Daniel Cohn:*

Please extend a warm welcome to Dr. Sirvan Karimi who has accepted a 2 year Contractually Limited Appointment with SPPA as Sessional Assistant Professor, commencing July 1, 2013. Sirvan holds a Ph.D. in Political Science and will be teaching courses in Public Administration and Public Policy. Welcome aboard Sirvan!

#### Congratulations Jennifer Mendoza

*On behalf of Professor Daniel Cohn:*

Please congratulate Jennifer Mendoza's on her selection as a York International Intern. Jennifer will be working with the Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy (JCCD) in India.

### Seminars/Workshops

*See next week's announcements...*

### SPPA Events

*See next week's announcements...*

### Other Events

#### Connexions Program 2013 at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in Toronto

\*See separate email for attachments

On behalf of Priyanka Debnath, Chair of *Connexions* Program 2013 at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I would like to invite students from your educational institution to participate in the Ministry's *Connexions Day 2013* Program. This one day unique program provides information to university and college students with disabilities who are interested in pursuing a productive and rewarding career with the Ontario Public Service or the broader public sector.

This year *Connexions Day* will be held on May 31, 2013, at 777 Bay Street, Toronto. Now in its fifth  
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year, *Connexions* has become an integral part of our Ministry's commitment to the Ontario Public Service's diversity goals.

We received excellent feedback from past participants and believe that these types of information sharing events are extremely beneficial to students and Ministry staff alike. This year we anticipate hosting approximately 50 university and college students from across the Province. As part of this event, students get an opportunity to job shadow Ministry staff in order to get advice on education, career planning and a unique perspective on how government operates. Please note that the Ministry will not be responsible for providing any travel-related costs for attending this event.

I would appreciate if you circulated the information about this event to students with disabilities on campus. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Please note that students wishing to take part in this year's program need to complete a Participant Registration Form (attached) and email it to me at [inga.beamish@ontario.ca](mailto:inga.beamish@ontario.ca) by May 10, 2013.

Priyanka Debnath, Chair of this year's program or myself would be more than happy to discuss this invitation or answer any questions that you may have about the program. Priyanka can be reached at (416) 585-6187 or by email at [priyanka.debnath@ontario.ca](mailto:priyanka.debnath@ontario.ca)

We are looking forward to having students from your institution attend *Connexions Day 2013* at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

## Call for Papers

*See next week's announcements...*

## Contests

*See next week's announcements...*

## Employment Opportunities

*See next week's announcements...*

## Volunteer Opportunities

*See next week's announcements...*

## Internship Opportunities

### Invitation to Canadian University Students: FFIPP Internship for Human Rights and Just Peace in Palestine/Israel

**Five weeks internship program in Palestine/Israel** that includes an intensive week long orientation tour of the land including many visits (refugee camps, settlements, etc.) and meetings with both Israeli and Palestinians scholars and activists, and one month of internship in grassroots and international organizations, human rights and research centers in the West Bank and Israel. Coming from many **different world-class universities in the USA, France, Netherlands, Brazil**, our interns work in places such as Jerusalem, Nablus, Haifa, Bethlehem, Hebron and Ramallah. Regular meetings and conferences are offered all along the five-week program.

**Interns are supervised by local and international FFIPP staff.**

Since 2002, *Faculty For Israeli-Palestinian Peace* (FFIPP) educational activities are rooted in a universal human ethic and the belief that students can learn best from their own experiences of living and doing volunteer work in Palestine/Israel. The internship program strives to **inspire critical thinking about the conflict and the possibilities for justice and peace in the Middle East.**

**Dates:** June 1 - July 7, 2013

**Cost:** FFIPP-USA tuition, fees and housing is \$1500. Airfare, food and living expenses are NOT covered

by FFIPP.

**Scholarships:** Three scholarships each of \$600 are available for 3 Canadian students from FFIPP-USA.

For further information and application, visit [www.ffipp.org/internships](http://www.ffipp.org/internships) <<http://www.ffipp.org/internships>> or call me at [413-992-7355](tel:413-992-7355).

**\*Please also note in the piece that funding might be available from the LAPS Dean's Office fund for student studies abroad.**

[http://www.yorku.ca/laps/international/study\\_a\\_broad\\_funding.html](http://www.yorku.ca/laps/international/study_a_broad_funding.html)

## 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!