

School of Public Policy and Administration

Weekly Newsletter

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Important Reminders

Exam Period

The Fall term exam period will take place from **December 10 to December 23, 2013**

University Closure

The University will be closed for the holidays from **December 24, 2013 to January 1, 2014**. Note that the SPPA administrative office will be closed and classes and exams will **not** be held during this time.

The University and administrative offices will re-open on **January 2, 2014**

Winter classes begin and Year term classes resume on **January 6, 2014**

Student Advising

We are pleased to announce that a LAPS Student Advisor is now available at the School of Public Policy & Administration (SPPA) in McLaughlin College on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am-4.30pm.

While drop-ins and all majors (including non-SPPA majors/minors) are welcome by the Rotating LAPS Advisor, you may request an appointment through the main SPPA Office at lapssppa@yorku.ca.

In your email please include your full name, York student ID number and a brief description of your questions to be addressed.

If the rotating advisor will not be able to hold office hours, you will receive an email notification.

Announcements

Professor's contributions to York community celebrated

Celebration was in the air at McLaughlin College as Professor Emeritus Ian Greene was fêted at the School of Public Policy & Administration's annual alumni, student and community recognition awards on Nov. 28.



From left, Daniel Cohn, graduate program director, Master of Public Policy, Administration & Law; Professor Emeritus Ian Greene; and James Simeon, director of the School of Public Policy & Administration

More than 65 invited guests from the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS) and the community attended a dinner and awards in Greene's honour.

Newly retired, Greene has had an extraordinary and impactful career at York, where he has taught public policy and administration since 1985. At the awards ceremony students, faculty and staff reflected on how they had been touched by Greene's forward-thinking approach and generosity of spirit in his numerous appointments at York. He is the founding director of York's master's program in public policy, administration and law; past chair of the University Senate; and a former associate dean in the previous Faculty of Arts, among other notable roles.

Alongside Greene, several other guests were celebrated for their meaningful accomplishments and contributions to the public policy and administration program. Corey Davidson, a business development advisor at ServiceOntario; Frank Belluardo, former senior policy advisor in the Ministry of Transportation; and Claudio De Rose, director of partnerships and business development branch at ServiceOntario, all took home awards for their involvement and dedication to public service.



From left, Daniel Cohn, alumni award winner Frank Belluardo and James Simeon



From left, Daniel Cohn, practicum honouree Claudio De Rose and James Simeon



From left, Daniel Cohn, student award winner Corey Davidson and James Simeon

The evening also kicked off a fundraising campaign for renovations to the McLaughlin College Junior Common Room. While master of McLaughlin College, one of Greene's priorities was to renovate and improve the Junior Common Room. He persuaded one of the Fellows of the College, an architect, to design initial plans for the renovation. To honour Greene, the Ian Greene Fund has been established within the Division of Advancement to raise the funds necessary to implement this vision, and bring the new Junior Common Room to reality.

Those interested in donating can do so online through the **Division of Advancement's [Make a Gift](#)** web page by designating their gift to the "Ian Greene Fund" or by calling 416-650-8210.

Full article available at:

<http://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2013/12/05/professors-contributions-to-york-community-celebrated/>

Man who gave Vaughan moniker 'city above Toronto' to run in 2014 municipal election

Vaughan Citizen, written by Tim Kelly



The man who coined the phrase of Vaughan being 'the city above Toronto' is considering a run for city council in next October's municipal election, yorkregion.com has learned.

Frank Miele, a former, longtime economic development commissioner for Vaughan, left that post in 2007. He currently teaches regional economic development at York University, economic development at Ryerson School of Planning and municipal finance and accounting at Seneca College.

Asked today if he is considering throwing his hat in the ring in 2014, Mr. Miele said, "never say never". He added that a move into local politics is something he's been considering for some time.

Mr. Miele last Thursday attended a town hall meeting hosted by Vaughan Liberal MPP Steven

Del Duca last Thursday evening in which the main topic of conversation was transit options for the GTA.

Mr. Miele, 58, a father of four who lives in Vaughan, has more than 30 years of experience working in municipal government.

He has worked for six municipalities including Niagara Falls, Scarborough, Vaughan, Meaford, Gravenhurst and, most recently, Erin.

"It's been on my mind for a while (to run municipally)," said Mr. Miele. "I've always had Vaughan's interests at heart because of all the projects I'd like to see. I really appreciate what (Mayor) Maurizio Bevilacqua is doing. He wants to bring this city to world-class status. In order to achieve that objective, I think he needs a lot of strong people with him."

He said it is "most likely" he will run for one of Vaughan's current three regional council positions.

"Anything can happen between now and Jan. 2, 2014 (when nominations open for the Oct. 27, 2014, municipal election). But, most likely, yes, I will be running," he said. "The thing is, I have 35 years of senior-level experience in municipalities and I've learned a great deal about how important it is to collaborate. I believe in collaborative leadership. On that note, I've got all this skill and experience. I still have a lot of energy, drive and passion for my municipality. It's time now to give back because, with my experience and knowledge, I like to think that I can make a difference."

Mr. Miele said his departure from Vaughan in 2007 was "convoluted and complex", but described it as an "human resources-related matter".

"We both (the city) agreed amicably to separate, which is fine. There are no hard feelings whatsoever. It happens to all sorts of senior executives at my level," he said.

He said that wearing three hats at that time at the helm of economic development, information technology and corporate communications placed him under a lot of stress and pressure. There were

challenging communications issues taking place because of the many high-profile issues that arose during the 2006 municipal election between former mayors Linda Jackson and Michael Di Biase.

"It was very, very difficult," he said. "You also have a very strong mayor and a very strong leader now who has kept Vaughan out of the newspapers. You'll agree with that. There is no controversy. The spotlight was on Vaughan before, now it is on Toronto."

Mr. Miele said he was really "hurt" when a Toronto daily newspaper columnist wrote that Vaughan was 'the city above the law', in commenting on the numerous controversies swirling around Vaughan's local politics at that time.

"I coined the phrase 'the city above Toronto' and when I talk to people they still call Vaughan the city above Toronto. That was a great jingle for about a dozen years. How can you forget it?" he said.

Full article available at:

<http://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/4220396-man-who-gave-vaughan-moniker-city-above-toronto-to-run-in-2014-municipal-election/>

LA&PS Course Performance Summary (CPS) forms

For all students in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LA&PS), please note that the drop off/submission location for all Course Performance Summary (CPS) forms has now changed, effective immediately, from 103 Central Square to **N926 Ross Building**.

The revised LA&PS Course Performance Summary form, which now includes the new submission location can be found at the following link:

<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/council/students/documents/CPS.pdf>

Exam shuttle bus will run nightly until the end of the exam period

York's Exam Express Shuttle between Vari Hall and Calumet Circle (across from the Rexall Centre) starts Dec. 10 and continues every night until Dec. 22. The Dec. 23 shuttle will operate from 4:15 to 5:30pm only. There are no evening exams scheduled for Dec. 23, but if an exam make-up day is required, the schedule will be adjusted.

The full exam shuttle is available as a [PDF download](#) from the [Transportation Shuttle Services](#) website.

The shuttle will start at the Rexall Centre at 4:15pm. The last shuttle will leave the Rexall Centre at 10:45pm. It will be a continuous loop, running around every half hour.

The Keele-Glendon Shuttle will run Dec. 9 to 23, Jan. 2 and 3, 2014. The full shuttle schedule is available as a PDF download from the Transportation Shuttle Services website.

All other shuttles, including the Village Express, the Village East Shuttle and the Village West Shuttles, will operate as usual. For more information, visit the Transportation Shuttle Services website.

Transportation Shuttle Services website:

<http://www.yorku.ca/trnsprt/shuttle.htm>

Call for nominations for the President's University-Wide Teaching Awards

The President's University-Wide Teaching Awards (UWTA) honour those individuals who, through innovation and commitment, have significantly enhanced the quality of learning for York students. Four awards are offered each year in the following categories:

- Full-time faculty with 10 or more years of teaching experience;
- Full-time faculty (tenured, tenure-stream, contractually limited appointments) with less than 10 years of experience;
- Contract and adjunct faculty;
- Teaching assistants.

The purpose of these awards is to provide significant recognition for excellence in teaching, to encourage its pursuit, to publicize such excellence when achieved across the University and in the wider community, and to promote informed discussion of teaching and its improvement. The awards demonstrate the value York University attaches to teaching.

Recipients of the awards, selected by the Senate Committee on Awards, receive \$3,000, have their names engraved on the University-Wide Teaching Awards plaques in Vari Hall and are recognized at convocation ceremonies. Nominations can be submitted by faculty, students or alumni.

The deadline for the 2014 President's UWTA is **Feb. 7, 2014**. Nominations may only be submitted online.

A PDF download of the President's UWTA criteria and online nomination form are available from the Awards webpage, at: <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/committees/awards/index-awards.html>

Seminars/Workshops

Essentials of Productive Teams

Friday December 13, 2013
8:30am-4:30pm
(Registration begins at 8:00am SHARP)
305 York Lanes

Cost: This workshop, as with all Mitacs Step workshops, is free for graduate students. However, the preauthorization of a valid credit card is required as part of the registration process.

A \$50 penalty will be applied to all late cancellations (cancellations that are not made 5 days or more before the workshop date), no shows, or incomplete attendance.

These penalties are only charged after the completion of a workshop and no charges are ever made to students who participate in full.

Are you currently working in a team and looking for ways to produce results? Have you ever been a leader of a team and wondered how to motivate your members? Ever wondered how successful companies and businesses retain their workforce?

This workshop is an insightful and interactive session designed to introduce you to the idea of a successful team and dispel the myths surrounding effective team management. Participants are introduced to concepts and theories early in the day which is then put into practice through high-energy activities.

Learning Outcomes

- Establishing expectations and understanding within a newly formed team
- Barriers to maintaining effective teams
- Introduction to difficult conversations and dealing with crises
- Communication strategies within and between teams/departments
- Leadership styles and motivating others

For answers to some frequently asked questions, please visit our help page: <http://step.mitacs.ca/faq>

To register for this workshop, please visit: <https://step.mitacs.ca/workshop/2013/12/essentials-productive-teams-toronto-december-13-2013>

SPPA Events

See next week's announcements...

Other Events

Wanted: Student presentations for second annual Undergraduate Research Fair

Undergraduate students and instructors who are in the process of writing and grading particularly strong, final research papers, are encouraged to consider the Undergraduate Research Fair. Applications to participate in the multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Fair are due by **Jan. 20, 2014** – but students are encouraged to apply early.

York University's second annual Undergraduate Research Fair, jointly sponsored by York University Libraries and the Office of the Vice-President Research & Innovation, will be held on **Feb. 25, 2014** from 10:30am -1:30pm in the Scott Library Collaboratory.

Admission to the juried fair is competitive. Undergraduate students can apply by submitting a graded, research-based project or honours thesis prepared between January and December 2013, along with a 250-word abstract.

“While the 2013 fair was limited to undergraduate students in the social sciences and humanities, we still received nearly 100 remarkable applications,” explains Catherine Davidson, associate university librarian and Undergraduate Research Fair steering committee member. “This year we are welcoming applicants from all nine faculties, including Glendon College, to this pan-university celebration of student researchers, and we look forward to reviewing a large number of strong applications.”

Those undergraduate student researchers selected to participate in the Fair will have the opportunity to share their work by designing a poster and presenting the results of their research to the York community in a friendly, cross-curricular environment. A workshop on designing and presenting a poster will be offered to participating students, and the Libraries will arrange to print the posters at no cost to the participants.

Prizes of \$500 (plus honourable mentions) will be awarded to participants deemed to have the best lower-year project, best upper-year project, best honours thesis and best poster session. In addition, the Libraries offer an Information Literacy award of \$600 to the researcher who develops and explains his/her information research strategies best. Fair participants may also have their papers published in a peer-reviewed journal sponsored by York University Libraries.

For more information about the Fair, participant eligibility and application details, visit the **Undergraduate Research Fair** website, at: <http://undergradresearchfair.blog.yorku.ca/>

Future Communications Symposium and Open House

York-Ryerson Joint Graduate Program in Communication & Culture

Friday, December 13, 2013
10:00am-5:00pm in TEL #0004
(Registration will begin at 9:30am in the lower level of the Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Building)

The symposium is open to third and fourth year undergraduate students and attendance is free.

Followed by an evening at Ryerson University

7:30pm: Settle into Oakham House Student Centre, 65 Gould at Church at Ryerson

8:00pm: Special Event Three-Minute Thesis Competition

The "Three-Minute Thesis Competition" is an emerging, international annual event that began just last year at York and Ryerson, where two of our PhD students in ComCult made it to the campus-level finals: Ellen Hibbard (Ryerson) and Michael Thorn (York).

Ryerson Campus Map:
<http://www.ryerson.ca/maps/>

Conference on Business, Human Rights and Law in Transnational Context

January 16-17, 2014
Oakham House, Ryerson University,

Keynote Speakers:

Hevina S. Dashwood

Department of Political Science, Brock University

Michael Levi

Cardiff University

High-profile corporate infringements of human rights –notably in the developing world-- have initiated discourses about how to better regulate transnational business activities. Through the collaborative efforts of a range of stakeholders, including governments, business leaders, and civil society, we have developed a series of important global standards, including the UN Global Compact and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. There remain outstanding questions, however, including what are the respective roles of government, business, local communities, and civil society in operationalizing these and related human rights norms.

Set against the backdrop of recent global and domestic legal initiatives, this conference explores how we can use national, transnational, and international law to prevent human rights abuses in areas of special significance to Canadian business, including: mining and resource extraction, Indigenous and environmental rights, labour and worker safety, anti-corruption and bribery, and international trade and development. Speakers include world-renowned scholars and representatives from:

- The Canadian Chapter of the UN Global Compact
- Parliament of Canada
- Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada
- MiningWatch Canada
- The Justice and Corporate Accountability Project
- The Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety
- Sears Canada
- Bennett Jones LLP
- Baker & McKenzie LLP

E-mail Contact: graham.hudson@crim.ryerson.ca
or aorlova@ryerson.ca

To register, visit:

<http://www.ryerson.ca/criminaljustice/business-human-rights-conference/index.html>

Summer-School in “Political Philosophy & Public Policy: Predistribution and Property-Owning Democracy”

By Professor Stuart White (Oxford) and
Professor Martin O’Neill (York)

Description: In recent years there has been a resurgence of interest in issues at the intersection of political philosophy and public policy. In particular, attention has increasingly turned to the question of what kind of institutions and policies would be needed in order to create a significantly more just society.

Contemporary circumstances of rising inequality and severe austerity add to the urgency of thinking creatively, in a philosophically informed way, about alternative economic arrangements. Initiatives such as Occupy have protested the apparent lack of political imagination in response to the financial crisis and its consequences, underscoring the need to consider and explore alternatives.

This summer-school will examine one broad current of thinking about alternatives associated with the idea of “predistribution”. It will look in particular at John Rawls’s idea of a “property-owning democracy”; at the relationship between strategies of “predistribution” and “redistribution”; and at specific policy proposals such as universal basic income, basic capital, and models of “high road” capitalism. A key issue to consider will be whether predistribution strategy can be thought of primarily in terms of ‘human capital’, jobs and wages or needs also to encompass productive and financial assets (and, if so, in what ways). A further issue to be explored is the trade off between equality and efficiency in the different social arrangements of a property-owning

democracy, a basic income guarantee, and the traditional welfare state.

Lectures by Stuart White and Martin O'Neill will be followed by presentations from participants.

When: 14-18 July 2014

Where: Auditório novo do Instituto de Letras e Ciências Humanas (ILCH), University of Minho, Braga (Portugal)

Inscription: Please send a short letter of motivation and CV by e-mail to Roberto Merrill (nrbmerrill@gmail.com) Michele Loi (loimichele@gmail.com) by **1 April 2014**. If you also wish to give a talk during the School, please send us an abstract between 300 and 500 words.

Fee: 70 euros

Contacts: Roberto Merrill (nrbmerrill@gmail.com) or Michele Loi (loimichele@gmail.com)

This event is organized by the Political Theory Group of CEHUM, University of Minho (Braga)

For more information, visit:

<http://predistributionschool.weebly.com/>

**Supporting Newcomer Health Together:
A City-Wide Learning and
Networking Symposium**

Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada

This event will bring together frontline staff and other professionals from the fields of Health, Settlement and Community Services to share knowledge and build relationships across sectors, with the goal of enhancing capacity to support newcomer health.

**Tuesday January 28, 2014
North York Civic Centre
5100 Yonge Street**

Registration and workshop information to follow.

Call for Papers/Proposals

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: 2014 YIHR Research Symposium

The Crossroads of Health

The York Institute for Health Research (YIHR) is currently accepting abstracts for its annual Symposium tentatively set for **Thursday March 6th - Friday March 7th, 2014**. This year's Symposium has a distinct emphasis in recognizing *innovative cross-disciplinary* papers and ideas that demonstrate multifactorial dimensions of health. Researchers from all disciplines engaged in health-related investigations are invited to submit an abstract to present at the symposium. Both undergraduate and graduate papers will be accepted.

The theme this year is innovation and research at the crossroads of health. The health sector is increasingly incorporating concepts, applications, and technologies from multiple disciplines and this event is geared towards highlighting these emerging innovations. Students presenting will have the opportunity to submit their papers for publication to an online YIHR journal, *Health Tomorrow*

(<http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/ht>)

Past presentations have included research on:

- Mathematical modeling of disease
- Health policy and equity
- Using GIS to map health indicators
- Ethical issues in health research
- Social, cultural, and economic determinants of health
- engineering/physics and medicine
- the future of health
- new approaches to dealing with health

Submission Guidelines:

1. Include your name, program and area of study
2. E-mail address
3. Title of Abstract
4. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words
5. Presentations will be approximately 15-30 minutes, including Q and A sessions
6. Please send presentation abstracts to Emanuel Ebrahim emanuel5@yorku.ca or Rahat Hossain rahath.rh@gmail.com no later than **January 16, 2013**

A symposium schedule and location will be posted on the YIHR website: <http://www.yorku.ca/yihr/>

An e-mail will be sent to all those who have submitted an abstract.

Accommodations can be made for those travelling from far distances as well as for those requiring specific accommodations during the symposium. Anyone requiring accommodations must e-mail details to Emanuel Ebrahim or Rahat Hossain.

14th International Symposium on Public Sector Management:

Public Governance for Public Services
Call for papers

July 3, and July 5, 2014
SRH Hochschule Berlin - Campus Dresden

We cordially invite you to present empirical, quantitative, theoretical and qualitative papers with a focus on the topic “Public Governance for Public Services”.

Conference subtopics are:

- Public Governance – definition and conceptions from an international comparative perspective
- Public Governance: An approach for more democracy?

- Public Governance and Public Service Motivation
- Regional Governance and managing of regions: Theory and practice
- Public Services Networks: Can they deliver?
- Hybrid structure: Silver bullet or dead-end?
- Governance in Government and Administration
- Public Governance in times of austerity
- Multilevel Governance and accountability
- Collaborative partnerships in the wake of the contracting state
- Public Governance regimens in state-owned enterprises and public agencies
- Public Governance – good practices

Please submit your abstract (max. two pages) by **January, 15, 2014** to baerbel.held@stw.de

The abstract should include the title of the paper, the line of arguments of the paper, the research questions and the research method of your contribution, and – if applicable – a short description of the empirical results. Please give the name, affiliation, and contact information of the author(s) on an additional page. Notes of acceptance will be sent out by **15 February, 2014** and the authors of the accepted papers are requested to submit the full paper by **June 1, 2014**.

It is envisaged that the conference contributions will be published in 2014.

Registration forms are available until **15 February, 2014**

**Accepting Graduate Student essays
for the Queen's Policy Review
Winter 2014 Issue**

The Queen's Policy Review is a peer-reviewed, faculty advised publication affiliated with the Queen's School of Policy Studies. Submissions are welcome from graduate students working on a wide variety of Canadian and international public policy issues.

The deadline for submissions is **January 20, 2014**. Papers submitted by the deadline will be considered for our Winter 2014 publication.

Submissions must:

- 1) Be between 2000 and 5000 words.
- 2) Include a 100 to 200 word abstract.
- 3) Use Chicago citation format.
- 4) Discuss a **current Canadian domestic and/or international policy issue**.

Please note that only one submission per person (either individually or as part of a group) will be considered. Submissions must be in a “.doc,” “.docx” or “.rtf” format and include an abstract.

Submissions and inquiries should be sent to:
qpr@queensu.ca

For further information, please see:
www.queensu.ca/sps/qpr

Sincerely,
The Queen's Policy Review Editorial Team

**World Social Science Prizes
Stein Rokkan Prize**

The Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research is awarded for very substantial and original contributions in comparative social science research. Submissions can be either an unpublished manuscript of book length, or a printed book, or collected works published no more than two years before the award year.

Laureates receive a diploma and a cash prize, awarded every year and awarded during an ISSC Executive Committee or General Assembly meeting, or at a World Social Science Forum, where laureates are usually asked to deliver a public lecture.

The Stein Rokkan Prize was first awarded in 1981 in honour of Stein Rokkan (1921-1979), who pioneered this type of research. Rokkan was a Norwegian political scientist and sociologist. The Prize was instituted jointly by the ISSC and the Conjunto Universitario Candido Mendes in Brazil, and until 2002 the Prize was awarded jointly by both institutions.

Since 2008, and thanks to the generous support of the University of Bergen, where Stein Rokkan was professor of comparative politics, the Stein Rokkan Prize amounts to \$US 5000 and is awarded on an annual basis with and is presented jointly with the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR).

For more information, visit:

<http://www.worldsocialscience.org/activities/scientific-prizes/stein-rokkan/>

Nomination Procedure

The prize is open to candidates from all social science disciplines; however ECPR Executive Committee members, the Director and ECPR editors are excluded from being nominated.

The work should be a very substantial and original contribution in comparative social science research. The work can be an unpublished manuscript of book length, a printed book, or collected works published within the two years preceding the award ceremony. Edited volumes are not eligible. The work should preferably be in English; however a submission written in another language can be nominated as long as it is accompanied by an English summary of the work.

Submissions must include: the author's name; book title; year of publication (if published); and the name of the person who makes the nomination. This must be sent together with a formal letter in support of the nomination from the head of a research institution, university department or research centre. This letter must include

information on the nominee, for example an outline of their work, research interests, etc. and support of their candidacy for this award.

Submissions should be sent by email to Louise Soper (lhawk@essex.ac.uk) at the ECPR before the **deadline of 15 February 2014**. After 15 February 2014 all nominees will be informed and required to forward four hard copies of their manuscript to the Jury for consideration. Please note that electronic versions will not be accepted and submissions unfortunately cannot be returned. Submissions should be received by all four members of the jury **by 15 March 2014**.

The 2014 prize jury comprises:

- Klaus Goetz, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Chair)
- Ingrid van Biezen, Universiteit Leiden
- Stein Kuhnle, University of Bergen and Hertie School of Governance
- Manfred Schmidt, Universität Heidelberg

Funding/Scholarships

THE MACKENZIE KING SCHOLARSHIPS 2014

The following is information regarding the 2014 W.L. Mackenzie King Open and Travelling Scholarships.

The **Open Scholarship** is available to graduates of Canadian universities who pursue graduate study in any discipline, in Canada or elsewhere. One Open Scholarship is awarded each year. The value has recently been about \$9,000 but it is subject to change.

The **Travelling Scholarship** is available to graduates of Canadian universities who pursue graduate study in the United States or the United Kingdom in the areas of international relations or industrial relations. Recently four scholarships of \$11,000 each have been awarded annually, but the number and the amount are subject to change.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be made to the Faculty of Graduate Studies of your **“home” university**. This is the *Canadian* university from which you most recently graduated or at which you are currently enrolled. You must be a graduate of a Canadian university when tenure of the scholarship begins. You may apply for both scholarships with a single application if the eligibility criteria are met for both.

Completed application packages, including all of the documents listed above, must be submitted to Sandra Yiu at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, 230 York Lanes. Please **do not** have reference letters and/or transcripts sent separately.

The scholarship deadline is **February 1, 2014**.

Additional information can also be found at <http://www.mkingscholarships.ca/criteria.html>

For further information, please contact:

Melissa Dalgleish

Research Officer - fgsro@yorku.ca

OR

Sandra Yiu

Scholarships and Awards Coordinator -
fgssac@yorku.ca

Transportation Association of Canada Foundation scholarships to students

The Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Foundation is pleased to once again offer its Scholarship Program to support and encourage bright, young students pursuing a career in transportation. In 2013, the program offered 49 scholarships with a total value of \$181,000. Since its inception over 321 scholarships worth more than \$1.3 million have been awarded.

A new and exciting feature has been added to the TAC Foundation Scholarship program. **Employment Connections** will provide a way for the Foundation's major donors to connect with top scholarship applicants (recipients and finalists) about future employment opportunities

in their organization. TAC Foundation scholarships now BOTH support education in transportation-related disciplines AND connect transportation and roadways sector employers with the best and brightest young professionals entering the field.

The application deadline is February 17, 2014

Full details and application forms for the 2014 TAC Foundation Scholarship Program are online. For more information, visit:
<http://tac-atc.ca/en/about-us/tac-foundation/scholarships>

**Access York is pleased to announce:
The York University Accessibility Fund
(YUAF)**

A York University-wide fund has been established to make the York community (at both the Keele and Glendon campuses) more accessible to persons with disabilities. This fund is administered by the Office of the Vice-President Finance & Administration.

Who Can Apply

- All members of the York University community - individual students, faculty and staff members; academic and administrative units; clubs, associations, organizations, and college councils – are eligible to apply.

Application Process

- For an application to be advanced, it must be sponsored by the Administrative Head of the relevant Academic and Non-academic Units or Organization (or designate). [1] Note that administrative heads are not being asked to evaluate the merit of the application.
- Applications for funding shall be submitted in writing by the sponsoring organization, Faculty or office, via the YUAF Application Form, and shall outline in detail the nature of the request and the approximate costs.
- Applications submitted will be reviewed by an Adjudication committee comprised of the following participants or their designates: Senior Executive Officer, Vice-President Finance and Administration (Chair); Vice-Provost Students; AODA Coordinator; Access

York Vice-Chair Faculty/Staff; Access York Student Representative; other members when request-specific advice is required.

- Time frame for responses: Typical turnaround time: 4-6 weeks; however, shorter response intervals will be considered for time-sensitive applications.

Applications for the first round of this year's adjudication will be **accepted until January 31, 2014.**

1. Categories of Expenditures

- This central fund should be seen as a means of supplementing costs, rather than covering all costs, whenever possible.
- Requests will be considered only after all other avenues for funding have been explored.
- All and any equipment purchased remains the property of York University, normally under the auspices of the sponsoring office/department/unit.

a. Applications may include requests for:

- Classroom and Practicum Technological Equipment and Supports (e.g., assistive devices, software, or other equipment purchased by an Administrative Unit and provided on a loaner basis.
- Disability Awareness and Education (e.g., activities to promote and support on-going education within the York Community, such as funding to create an online awareness guide for course instructors)
- Supplemented Support for Extra/Co-curricular and Other Out-of-Class Activities (i.e., support services for participants attending these activities)
- Supplemented Support for Conferences Hosted by the University (i.e., support services for participants)
- Support for York students with disabilities presenting at conferences hosted elsewhere.
- Other requests

b. Applications may not include requests for:

- Expenses that should be otherwise supported through MTCU funding for students with disabilities.
- Renovations and retrofits to the built environment (e.g., classrooms, washrooms,

residences) Note: On rare occasions, physical access requests will be considered, dependent on funds.

2. Criteria for Assessing Funding Requests:

- Does the request eliminate a barrier?
- Does the request result in greater participation by persons with disabilities?
- Does the request promote awareness of disability related issues?
- Will the request result in education that is more accessible?
- Will the request have a lasting effect on the University?
- Have all other avenues for funding been sufficiently explored?

Requests that relate to student accessibility, both on and off campus, shall be given priority.

For Further Information and Application forms please visit: www.yorku.ca/vpfa/yuaf.html

For Questions, Clarifications, or Assistance with the Application Process, please contact:

AODA Office: 416.736.2100 ext. 20512

OR

Counselling & Disability Services:

- Learning Disability Services 416.736.5383
- Mental Health Disability Services 416.736.5297
- Physical, Sensory and Medical Disability Services 416.736.5140

OR

Office of the Vice-President Finance and Administration: 416.736.5282

Submit Applications To:

YUAF, c/o Senior Executive Officer
Office of the Vice-President Finance and Administration,
950 Kaneff Tower

Volunteer Opportunities

See next week's announcements...

Internship Opportunities

York Career Centre information sessions covering all York Internship Programs

Please attend this session if you are interested in applying to the Bachelor of Public Administration Internship Program (BPAIP), which is a paid internship program.

Before applying to an Internship Program, students must attend a mandatory Internship Information Session, which is offered throughout the year. During this session, the Internship Coordinator provides an overview of the program, academic eligibility requirements, application and job search processes, program expectations and non-refundable fees. **Students must have attended an Internship Information Session within a year of applying to the program.** Students who attended an Internship Information Session more than a year prior to submitting their application are required to attend another session to ensure they receive the most up-to-date information about the Internship Programs.

Upcoming information sessions:

- Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014, 10:00 - 11:30am in 109 Atkinson College
- Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014, 10:00 - 11:30am in 3033 Lassonde Building
- Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014, 10:00-11:30am in 109 Atkinson College
- Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014, 2:00 - 3:30pm in 3033 Lassonde Building
- Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014, 10:00 - 11:30am in 109 Atkinson College
- Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014, 2:00 - 3:30pm in 3033 Lassonde Building
- Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014, 10:00-11:30am in 109 Atkinson College
- Thursday, March 6, 2014, 2:00 - 3:30pm in 3033 Lassonde Building
- Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 10:00-11:30am in 109 Atkinson College

Parliamentary Internship Programme

See Parliament from the inside...as a
Parliamentary Intern

Work for Members of Parliament
Study with colleagues from across Canada

**A paid non-partisan internship from
September 2014 to June 2015**

The Parliamentary Internship Programme is an initiative of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) that gives interns the chance to:

- Work with a Government and an Opposition MP
- Study Parliament and politics in an interdisciplinary environment
- Undertake comparative study tours in Canada and abroad
- Discuss with leading thinkers and political decision-makers
- Join outstanding colleagues
- Build public knowledge of Parliament

Ten positions available for Canadian professionals under 35 years old with a university degree.

Applicants from all disciplines are encouraged

Stipend of \$22,000 for a ten month internship from September 2014 to June 2015

It is an unforgettable year and provides invaluable practical experience for students seeking either academic or professional careers.

Apply Online now: www.pip-psp.org

Application Deadline is January 31, 2014

Fast Track Your Municipal Career Today!

Apply for the 2014-2015
Ontario Municipal Management
Internship Program

AMCTO is accepting applications from candidates interested in participating in the Ontario Municipal Management Internship Program for 2014-2015.

After 7 years of the program, past Management Interns are now plying their trade successfully in various senior management roles across Ontario and contributing positively to building strong city government. Ontario's Municipal Management Internship Program was developed by AMCTO with funding support from the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and FedNor to address the critical need to attract and train the next generation of municipal leaders. Throughout the program year, Management Interns can expect to gain hands-on experience in municipal business lines under the supervision of a municipal Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or similar designate. In addition, interns will be engaged in a suite of learning and skill development while receiving up to \$5,000 for training opportunities (i.e. conferences, workshops etc.) in addition to their salary.

The 2014-2015 program commences in June 2014. The **application instructions and materials** for prospective Interns are now available, at: http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Careers/Internship_Program/To_Apply/content/Careers_Pages/Internship_Pages/To_Apply.aspx?hkey=9a35683e-f7ee-49bd-9ac9-164b74b8a5c2

For additional information, please visit the **AMCTO Municipal Management Internship Program** webpage, at:

http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Careers/Internship_Program/content/Careers_Pages/Internship_Pages/About_the_Program.aspx?hkey=6eb58829-0ed8-4d52-ba7d-ff2f9ec18a5b

So if you are motivated to pursue a career as a municipal management professional, we invite you to submit your application today!

The submission deadline for candidate applications is February 26th, 2014

For any questions related to the program and/or applying, please contact Rick Johal, Director of Government Relations and Legislative Services. Rjohal@amcto.com

Contests

David McFadden Energy Entrepreneur Challenge

Honouring past OCE Board Chair David McFadden, the David McFadden Energy Entrepreneur Challenge invites university (undergraduate and graduate) and college students from across Ontario to address challenges facing the energy sector.

Up to 10 finalists will be selected to pitch their idea at OCE's 'Discovery' trade show and conference on May 12-13, 2014. The winner, to be announced on May 13 at Discovery, receives \$25,000 and a suite of business services to assist in advancing the business concept.

About the Challenge: The theme for this Challenge is "Enlightened Energy". Many of us take for granted the energy we need to heat and air condition our homes and businesses; power our industries; and propel our vehicles. However, in many areas of the globe, energy is scarce or even unavailable. The challenge is to create energy solutions that are practical, affordable and sustainable. The energy solution should also be exportable and adaptable to the needs of different parts of the world. More than just commercially viable the solution should also help contribute to

safer, healthier and more environmentally sound communities.

How to Apply: To enter, the applicant must complete a three-minute pitch video and upload to YouTube. An entry form must be completed and sent to Binny Arora at energychallenge@oce-ontario.org no later than **January 31, 2014**. Videos will not be eligible for the award without the submission of a completed entry form. For more information on the challenge and David McFadden's vision, please visit our website and watch our promotional video, at:

<http://www.oce-ontario.org/programs/talent-programs/entrepreneurship-fellowships/mcfadden-challenge>

Should you have any questions about this program, please contact Binny Arora, Program Manager at Binny.Arora@oce-ontario.org

University and College students can write their way to a \$1,000 award

Ontario students who are passionate about engineering and public policy are encouraged to enter the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy's (OCEPP) 2014 Student Essay Competition.

This year, eligibility has been expanded to include community college students. Students may write on one of the five provided topics and will compete in the college/undergraduate university or university graduate category. The winner in each category will receive a \$1,000 award and registration to the centre's 2014 Public Policy Conference, to be held in Toronto on **May 30, 2014**.

To view competition criteria, submission requirements or essay questions, please visit: http://members.peo.on.ca/index.cfm/document/1/ci_id/97162/la_id/1

Winning papers from past competitions can be viewed from the **For Students** page of the OCEPP website, at:

Contest closes March 3, 2014

STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST 2014
Fraser Institute

Topic:

The rise of crony capitalism: how government and business gain at the taxpayers' expense

Categories and Prizes:

High School

1st Prize: \$1,500
2nd Prize: \$1,000
3rd Prize: \$500

Undergraduate

1st Prize: \$1,500
2nd Prize: \$1,000
3rd Prize: \$500

Graduate

1st Prize: \$1,500
2nd Prize: \$1,000
3rd Prize: \$500

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 30, 2014

For more information, visit:

Studentessaycontest.org

<http://www.fraserinstitute.org/education-programs/students/essay-contest-entry-form.aspx>

Employment Opportunities

See next week's announcements...

Other

Prague Summer Schools 2014

The Prague Summer Schools are seven-day academic programs designed to bring together undergraduate and graduate students of various nationalities and academic backgrounds to enjoy their summer holidays in the unique academic and cultural environment.

The Prague's Center for Public Policy is pleased to announce the forthcoming **Prague Summer Schools** on the following topics:

- European Summer Institute on the Future of Europe: Lobbying in Brussels
- Summer School on Crime, Law and Psychology
- Summer School on European Politics: Interests versus Culture?
- Summer School on China: A World Superpower - Myth or Reality?
- Summer School on New Development Cooperation: Breaking the Chains of Poverty
- Summer School on Education: The Future of School
- Summer School on Globalization: The End of Consumption as we Know it

When: July 5-12, 2014

Where: Summer Schools will take place in Prague, Czech Republic

We invite you to visit our website, at www.praguesummerschools.org to discover the details about the upcoming programs. The website will direct you to the individual page of each summer program containing information on academics, logistics, photos, alumni feedback, guidelines to application process, and online application.

We also encourage students to submit their applications to Prague Summer Schools 2014 by Early Bird Application Deadline of **January 31, 2014**. The Final Deadline is **February 15, 2014**.

Should you have any questions regarding the Prague Summer Schools or application process, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

Center for Public Policy, e-mail: cpvp@cpvp.cz
OR
Lucia Bugajova, e-mail: lbugajova@cpvp.cz

Please note that these courses cannot be taken on a Letter of Permission for credit towards your York degree program due to the fact that there is no formal evaluation in these courses

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2014!
Summer Course on
Refugee and Forced Migration Issues by
The Centre for Refugee Studies

The Summer Course on Refugee and Forced Migration Issues is an internationally acclaimed seven-day, non-credit course for academic and field-based practitioners working in the area of forced migration. It serves as a hub for researchers, students, practitioners, service providers and policy makers to share information and ideas. The Summer Course is housed within the Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS), York University. All participants who complete the full course receive a York University Centre for Refugee Studies Summer Course Certificate.

2014 Summer Course topics will include:

- Forced displacement: International case studies
- Legal approaches to refugee studies
- UNHCR, the Convention and the international refugee regime
- UNRWA and Palestinian refugees
- Refugee resettlement policy
- Urban refugees
- Internally displaced populations
- Age, gender and diversity mainstreaming in forced migration
- Sexual minority claims
- Environmentally-induced displacement
- Externalization of asylum
- Transitional justice
- Detention practices

Registration Deadlines:

Course registration deadline for visa applicants:
January 31st, 2014

Non-visa applicants registration deadline:
April 1st, 2014

Dates: May 12-18, 2014

Location: York University, Toronto

Course Fee: \$975 CAD +13% HST
(by February 1st, 2014)

Late Registration Fee: \$1400 CAD +13%HST (after February 1 until April 1, 2014)

For more information, and to apply, please visit
<http://crs.yorku.ca/summer/>

December News from the Career Centre

We've had a terrific fall term with much to celebrate:

- Over 4,000 students attended our job search, career exploration, further education and professional etiquette **workshops** both in-house and through our By-Request service to campus partners.
- York alumni provided bite-sized mentoring to 60 students through our **TASTE** program.
- 430 students attended 17 **Recruitment Sessions** with employers from a variety of industries.
- Our annual Fall Career Fair saw over 5,500 students who visited exhibitors with part-time and full-time opportunities for students both on and off campus.
- 36 exhibitors from NGOs, non-profits and charities attended our annual **Volunteer Fair** which saw a record turnout of over 3,500 students.
- 244 students came out to get insider tips from human resources professionals at our **Industry Insights panel discussions**.

- The **Graduate & Professional Studies Expo** saw 140 exhibitors come out to share information about their programs of study with over 2,000 students.
- 1,952 students took advantage of our **individual career exploration, job search and further education appointments**.
- 137 students enrolled in our **internship and co-op programs**; 670 jobs were posted for our internship and co-op students; and 131 work terms took place.
- We hosted 4 **Career Conversations panels** with alumni who are currently enjoying careers in Sports & Wellness, Technology, NGOs, Human Rights & Social Justice, and Humanities.
- For the first time ever the Career Centre hosted an **Alumni and Employer appreciation breakfast** to celebrate the partnerships that have made many of these activities a possibility.

Stay tuned for more career support and alumni and employer connection activities next term, including our annual **Winter Career Fair** where students can meet a variety of employers in an exhibition-like setting to learn more about their employment opportunities. Employers exhibiting at this year's fair are recruiting York students and new grads for: full-time jobs, part-time jobs, internships and summer jobs.

Thursday, January 23, 2014

10:00am – 3:00pm

Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Building

NO STUDENT REGISTRATION NECESSARY

You may also order copies of our Career Support booklets for your students outlining all of the Career Centre's programs, services and events. To order these booklets, please send Lorraine Mar an email at lmar@yorku.ca with your campus address and the quantities you'd like.

Calendar of activities for the month of December:

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

For Career Centre workshop information, visit:

<http://www.yorku.ca/careers/services/workshops.htm>

For more information on TASTE (Alumni and Student lunches), please visit:

<http://www.yorku.ca/careers/taste/index.htm>

For more information on Employer Recruitment Sessions, visit:

http://www.yorku.ca/careers/services/recruitment_sessions.htm