

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/>

Announcements

See next week's announcements...

Seminars/Workshops

See next week's announcements...

SPPA Events

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Other Events

Encounters in Canada: Contrasting Indigenous and Immigrant Perspectives

Registration Deadline: May 10

Encounters in Canada: Contrasting Indigenous and Immigrant Perspectives, May 15 □C 17, 2013

Please join us at *Encounters in Canada: Contrasting Indigenous and Immigrant Perspectives*. The special keynote speaker, the **Right Honourable Paul Martin**, will discuss the *Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative* during the opening dinner. Giller Prize Winner **Joseph Boyden** will read from his book *Through Black Spruce* at the opening reception. Other notable speakers and attendees include:

- The Hon. Frank Iacobucci, former Supreme Court of Canada Justice and Independent Reviewer of First Nations Representation on Ontario Juries
- The Hon. Justice Sidney Linden, Ontario Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Commissioner for the Ipperwash Inquiry
- The Hon. Justice Harry LaForme, member of the Eagle Clan of the Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation, Ontario Court of Appeal
- The Hon. James Bartleman, member of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, 27th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
- The Hon. Dr. Carolyn Bennett, Member of Parliament for St. Paul's
- Mr. Michael Bryant, Principal at Ishkonigan, former Attorney General of Ontario and former Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs
- Dr. Pam Palmater, Mi'kmaq lawyer and member of the Eel River Bar First Nation, Chair of Indigenous Governance and Associate Professor at Ryerson University

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- Dr. Phil Bellfy, member of the White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa, Founder and Director of the Center for the Study of Indigenous Border Issues, Michigan State University
- Dr. Dean Jacobs, former Chief of the Walpole Island First Nation and founding director of the Walpole Island Heritage Centre
- Chief Brian LaForme, Missassaugas of the New Credit First Nation
- Dr. Marie Wilson, Commissioner, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada
- Dr. Mayo Moran, Dean and Professor of Law, University of Toronto
- Dr. Deborah McGregor, Anishinabe from Whitefish River First Nation, Associate Professor and Director of Aboriginal Studies/Centre for Aboriginal Initiatives, University of Toronto
- Dr. Rauna Kuokkanen, Sami from Ohcejohka/Utsjoki, Sápmi (Finland), Assistant Professor of Aboriginal Studies, University of Toronto
- Ms. Lee Maracle, Sto:Loh Elder, Author and Instructor, University of Toronto
- Prof. Peter Russell, Principal of Senior College and Emeritus Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto
- Prof. Douglas Sanderson, member of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Toronto
- Dr. James Laxer, Professor of Political Science, York University
- Dr. Gabrielle Slowey, Associate Professor of Political Science, York University
- Ms. Jean Teillet, Métis, Partner at Pape Salter Teillet, great grand niece of Louis Riel
 - Ms. Andrea Auger, Ojibwe from Pays Plat First Nation, Touchstones of Hope Coordinator, First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada
- Mr. Rupert Ross, former Assistant Crown Attorney, District of Kenora, Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General
- Mr. Doug Carr, Assistant Deputy Minister, Negotiations and Reconciliation Division, Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

Indigenous peoples are the original caretakers of Canada, but their encounters with settlers have been marred by assimilation and territorial

dispossession over hundreds of years. Immigrants to Canada, which for the purposes of this conference include early colonists, recent immigrants, refugees and displaced persons, have often viewed the country as a haven or land of opportunity. While the specific experiences of Indigenous peoples, immigrant communities, refugees and Canadian-born citizens are very different on many levels, connections can be developed through dialogue and reciprocity. Indigenous peoples as well as immigrant and refugee communities experience discrimination, racism, stigmatization and marginalization.

These encounters represent a wider systemic problem in Canadian political, legal, sociocultural and historical contexts. Efforts to overcome exclusion can be built through increased awareness and knowledge-building, with support from allies.

The primary objective of this conference is to build bridges □C cultural, political, intellectual and social connections □C between those who share the lands of what is now Canada. These communities encounter Canada in very different ways based on racial identity, ancestral heritage, cultural background, community belonging, language and spiritual practice. Bridging the chasm that exists between Indigenous peoples and all newcomers, whether early or contemporary immigrants or refugees, is urgently needed in order to end discrimination and achieve equitable quality of life for all who live in this country.

For complete conference information and to register, please visit

<http://encountersincanada.wordpress.com/>.

Follow on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/EncountersinCA>

LinkedIn Conference Group:

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=4846926&trk=anet ug hm>

Looking forward to welcoming you!

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Call for Papers

See next week's announcements...

Contests

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Employment Opportunities

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Volunteer Opportunities

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Internship Opportunities

See next week's announcements...

Other

Most people don't have viable financial plan: poll

Retirement planning has spawned lively debate with his students, political science and York University School of Public Policy and Administration Professor **Thomas Klassen** said in the *Newmarket Era* May 2. He is a proponent of starting sooner rather than later. "The reality for a lot of people, however, is paying for kids, houses, cars," he said. "The difficult dilemma is that you have to take care today versus 20 to 30 years in the future." There isn't a magical dollar amount people should save for their golden years and

long-term care, Klassen said. Each person's situation and goals are different. The universal truth we can all rely on is that we'll all age. As such, individuals are best advised to consider financial tactics to prop them up in their old age.

Read the full story here.....

<http://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/2546680-most-people-don-t-have-viable-financial-plan-poll/>

Election watch: If Ontario goes to the polls this spring, these are the ridings to keep an eye on

The Perth-Wellington riding, which borders the Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound area, could be affected by the wind turbine issue that led to conservative success in this area. "Wind turbines have been an issue and will continue to an issue for southwestern Ontario," said **Robert Drummond**, professor emeritus at York University, in *Global News* May 2. "It cost [the Liberals] in the last election and that might not change."

Read the full story here.....

<http://globalnews.ca/news/529511/battleground-ontario-if-theres-an-election-this-spring-here-are-the-ridings-to-watch/>

May 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 May 2013. Alternatively, you may refer to our online calendar.

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

Whose Degree Is It Anyway? - on Tuesday, May 7th from 2:00-2:50pm, the Career Centre will be offering a webinar

http://www.yorku.ca/careers/calender/events_response.asp?event_id=2158

This webinar is designed for students who feel that their career decisions are being influenced by family, cultural or external expectations. During this webinar, students will learn the ways in which "career" can mean different things to different people; how other's expectations may impact their thoughts and feelings or beliefs about work; and become more empowered and confident when making career decisions.

Job Search Success Days for New Grads will take place on May 13, 14 and 15.

Job Search

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

and

Professional Etiquette

<http://www.yorku.ca/careers/students/etiquetteprogram/>

This is an ideal time for students to take advantage of our full roster of workshops and immerse themselves in their career development. Students can sign up for one or all of our most popular workshops through the Career Centre's online registration system. The schedule for **Job Search Success Days for New Grads** is as follows:

Monday, May 13:

-10:30 am - 12:30 pm: Identifying Skills and Accomplishments

-2:00 - 4:00 pm: Suit Yourself: Personality and Career Choice

Tuesday, May 14:

-10:30 am - 12:30 pm: Job Search Strategies and E-Networking with Social Media

-1:30 - 3:30 pm: Resume and Cover Letter Writing

Wednesday, May 15:

-10:00 am - 12:00 pm: Making a Great First Impression and Interview Skills

-2:00 - 4:00 pm: Dining Etiquette

Individual Appointments will be offered throughout May. Students can book appointments

for Job Search Advising, Interview Practice Sessions, Resume and Cover Letter Feedback Sessions, PhD Job Search Support Sessions, and Post Grad Application Support Sessions.

Career Counsellor - If students aren't sure where to start, they can meet with a Career Counsellor for a 20-minute Career Consult to get help determining their next steps, including which services best meet their needs.

TASTE Program – Take a Student to Eat

York alumni who have graduated from Kinesiology, Psychology, Economics, Political Science, Social Science, Business, Law, Geography, Biology and Health Studies 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!