

School of Public Policy and Administration

Weekly Newsletter

November 2013 – Volume 1, Issue 27

Important Reminders

Study Days and End of Fall Term

There are two days designated as Study Days this Fall term, **December 3 and December 9, 2013** during which classes, examinations and tests will **not** be held. The University itself will be open and administrative services available.

The last day of Fall term classes is **December 6, 2013**.

Exam Period

The Fall term exam period will be held 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 will **not** be held during this time.

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

Winter classes will begin and Year term classes will 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

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



Meet and Greet ~ PPASA

PPASA is hosting their first event for this school year. Come out and meet your executives as well as your fellow students, find out about our upcoming events, and simply enjoy a relaxing evening with food, drinks and laughter before exams start. This event provides a great opportunity for everyone to network within the Public Administration program.

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

5:00 ~ 8:00 PM

Room 013 McLaughlin College

Junior Common Room

SPARK Student Papers & Academic Research Kit

<http://www.yorku.ca/spark/>

SPARK is your guide to successful academic papers.

SPARK modules are:

- 8 - 10 minutes each
- Focus on research, writing and learning
- Include examples, templates, videos and more

SPARK can help at any point in the preparation of your paper.

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YorkU Farmers' Market

Grand Opening Celebration Event on Thursday November 7th

Regenesi@York and York University Food Services
present: YUM! York University Market

Every Thursday afternoon from 12~4pm starting
Thursday October 24th until December 5th
Inside the **Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL)
Building** on the South end of campus.
Fresh produce, prepared vegetarian/vegan
goodies, raw snacks. Locally sourced, Sustainably
Produced, All Delicious.

*Closed during holidays and reading weeks.
For more information, please email:
regenesi.yorku@gmail.com

Seminars/Workshops

Applying for permanent residency

Offered by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and
Immigration and York International

A representative from the Ontario Ministry of
Citizenship and Immigration will be presenting on
the different streams in applying for permanent
residency:

Opportunities Ontario: Provincial Nominee Program

This is an Immigration Program through which
Ontario nominates to the federal government,
individuals and their families for permanent
resident status. International Students may be
eligible to apply for a permanent resident status
under one of the three streams available which
will be presented in this information session. There
will also be an opportunity for students to ask
questions afterwards.

**Friday, November 22, 2013
12:00 pm ~ 2:00 pm
Curtis Lecture Hall (K)**

*****Please note that Registration is mandatory*****

Email: iadvisor@yorku.ca

(include your student number, last name,
first name and faculty)

For more information on Opportunities Ontario,
please visit:

<http://www.ontarioimmigration.ca/en/pnp/index.htm>

Open Government Conference and Workshop Hosted by MaRS Discovery District

I am reaching out to the academic community,
namely the departments of public
policy/administration and political science, to
invite both faculty and students to an open
government conference and workshop hosted by
MaRS Discovery District in partnership with the
City of Toronto, City of Guelph, and the
Government of Ontario. We're bringing together
public servants from all levels of government along
with open government champions and change-
makers from civil society, academia, and the
private sector. To that end, please share this
invitation with your colleagues who are involved
with/interested in the areas of civic engagement,
open data, access to information, public policy
research, participatory budgeting, journalism, etc.
A limited number of discounted spots are available
for students at \$20 on a first-come, first serve basis
with the promo code "POSTSEC".

**Friday, November 22nd at 8:30 am
101 College Street
Toronto, ON M5G 1L7**

For the agenda, speakers, and registration info.,
visit: <https://govmakerday.eventbrite.com/>

Upcoming Workshops for Graduate Students

Hosted by the Teaching Commons

Time Management for Neuroscience Students:
(This session is targeted for Graduate Students in Neuroscience).

January 16th
1:00-2:00pm
163 Brain Science Building (BSB)

Please remember all our courses are **free of charge**
and are open to all Graduate Students

For more information, visit:
<http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/for-all-graduate-students/>

SPPA Events

MPPAL Info Sessions

The Masters of Public Policy, Administration and Law information sessions provide an overview of the MPPAL program. Topics covered include admission requirements and procedures, course content, career paths, financial aid, and the Graduate Diplomas in Democratic Administration and Justice System Administration.

Potential students can meet with some faculty members, and program officers for the MPPAL Program.

McLaughlin College, Room 140
York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto
[Map & Directions](#)

Thursday, Nov 21 - 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Saturday, Nov 23 - 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Osgoode Professional Development Centre
1 Dundas St. West, Toronto
26th. Floor

[Map & Directions](#)
Wednesday, Nov. 27 - 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, Dec. 4 - 5:30 - 7:30pm

To register for a session please email mppal@yorku.ca with the session date and your contact information.

Other Events

The Securitization of Migration and Asylum in Canada: Human Rights Challenges

Sponsored by the Office of the Master, McLaughlin College

Presented by: Professor Idil Atak

Tuesday, November 26th

12:00-1:30pm

140 McLaughlin College
Senior Common Room

LGBT Equality Litigation in the Caribbean Panel presentation

Hosted by Envisioning Global LGBT Human Rights

Thursday, November 21st

12:30 - 2:30 pm

Osgoode Hall Law School
Ignat Kaneff Building, Room 1014
Helliwell Cntr for Innovation in Dispute
Resolution, 1st floor

Today, same-gender intimacy is criminalized in 11 of the 12 Commonwealth countries of the Caribbean under laws introduced by British colonialism. Join us for this panel of Caribbean leaders who are working to advance LGBT rights in the Caribbean. The panelists will discuss the work and history of LGBT activism in Jamaica and Belize as well as current litigation to advance LGBT rights.

For more information, contact: envision@yorku.ca
or visit: www.envisioninglgbt.com

Citizenship and Immigration Canada: A View from the Inside

Elinor Caplan

Former MPP (1985-1997) and Minister of Health, Government of Ontario; former MP (1997-2004) and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration (1999-2002) and Minister of National Revenue (2002-2003), Government of Canada

Discussant: Christopher Anderson, Wilfrid Laurier University

**Friday, November 22nd
10:30-11:45am
York Hall B213
Glendon Campus
(2275 Bayview Avenue)**

For further information, contact: Willem Maas,
maas@yorku.ca



Trouble and Turmoil What happens to public trust when government seems beset by problems – of its own doing or created by others?

When: November 25, 2013, 9:00 -10:30 AM.
(Registration opens at 8:30 AM)

Where: South Dining Room. Hart House. 7 Hart House Circle, University of Toronto

Featuring: Joan Andrew, Public Servant in Residence, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Ryerson University; Michael Fenn, Senior Advisor, Strategy Corp; John Michael McGrath, Reporter, Queen's Park Briefing. Moderated by: Michael Kurts Assistant Vice-President, Strategic Communications and Marketing, University of Toronto

What: Since the start of 2013, a number of governments in Canada have stewed in a sorcerer's brew of various kinds of trouble and turmoil. Please join our panel members, who bring experience and advice from a broad range of

backgrounds, in an interactive discussion of this important issue.

ONLINE registration ONLY! Register early as this event is expected to sell out! To register, visit:
<http://www.ipac.ca/Toronto/registration-nov25>

For all event details, visit:
<http://www.ipac.ca/documents/Nov%2025th%20Flyer.pdf>

Call for Papers/Proposals

Canadian Public Administration Call for Papers

Performance Evaluation in Canadian Public Organizations: How Far Have We Come?

Submission deadline: November 30, 2013

Submitting government programs to evaluation is one way to inform elected officials and the public about whether programs are achieving touted goals in a fair and efficient manner. Several factors—legislative, political, organizational and scientific—can explain the inclusion of performance evaluation in the political agenda and its implementation in public organizations. Calls for innovative practices, marginal changes and continuity in programs can emerge from performance evaluations. There are, however, potential negative consequences to performance evaluation, such as (a) feelings of inability to develop performance management, approaches and measurement; (b) cynicism and apathy in the public service regarding the concept of “performance” and the prospect of improving organizational performance; (c) unease about stronger accountability relationships; and (d) lack of concordance between the political and legislative discourses that promote performance, and actual administrative practices.

Knowledge of performance-evaluation practice in the public sector is widely dispersed across fields like municipal affairs, health care and education. In Canada, as elsewhere, performance evaluation is a complex topic of interest fed by various scientific disciplines (e.g., public administration,

management, economics and political science). Areas of investigation include rationale, theory, modeling, management, measurement, implementation, utilization and performance value. In recent years, Canadian Public Administration, the refereed scholarly publication of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, has communicated findings on performance evaluation practices, focusing specifically on management, accountability and human resources. However, there have been few in-depth, critical analyses of related factors such as complexity, innovation, change and the role of discourse in developing and integrating these practices into decision-making processes.

Canadian Public Administration invites academics and practitioners from Canada and abroad to submit papers in English or French, which explore the development, practice and consequences of performance evaluation in various sectors in Canada (e.g., health administration, education administration, municipal management, social services). The goal is to generate a dialogue among researchers, decision makers and professionals about the state of practice with performance evaluation in public administration. Submitted papers should document practice in one or more program areas in public administration in Canada and explain 1) how performance evaluation is used; and 2) the effects of performance evaluation on interventions, organizations and governance.

Potential contributors could choose to respond to the following questions:

- a) At the international level, what is the state of the art of performance evaluation?
- b) What are the current practices of performance evaluation in Canadian public organizations and what are the challenges for practitioners?
- c) What is the gold standard, if there is one, for performance evaluation in Canada and Quebec?

The guest editors will also consider other relevant topics (examples include performance management, performance measurement, and related topics).

To submit a paper

Papers should be submitted to Canadian Public Administration via the journal's online manuscript tracking system at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/capa> no later than **November 30, 2013**.

All submissions will undergo peer review by leading experts in the field prior to final acceptance.

Accepted papers will be published in September 2014 (Volume 57, issue 3). For information on the submission process, please contact Christy Paddick, Managing Editor at cpaddick@ipac.ca. To discuss ideas for potential papers, please contact Nathalie Dubois, a guest editor of this theme issue at ndubois@santepub-mtl.qc.ca

Transnational Migration and Changing Citizenship Regimes:

Workshop at the University of Ottawa,
March 21, 2014

Citizenship regimes are shifting insignificant ways in response to the global movement of people, in ways that serve to encourage some migrants and discourage others. This workshop will consider the ways in which citizenship regimes have shifted – in particular, whether they have become more or less compatible with democratic principles (understood as a commitment to inclusive equality) – in response to the transnational movement of people. We will consider a range of examples of changing citizenship regimes, including (but not limited to):

a) the changes in developed states who are competing for skilled migrants to such an extent that they shift their citizenship regimes to make it easier for skilled migrants (but not unskilled migrants who are, equally, needed to fill acute labour shortages in developed states) to earn citizenship;

b) the changes in developed states to make it more difficult for even genuine refugees to both claim asylum and, where their claims are recognized as legitimate, to gain permanent resettlement outside of their country of origin;

c) the imposition of citizenship tests and other pre-naturalization demands, often directed at particular immigrant groups, intended to make the acquisition of citizenship more challenging.

Confirmed speakers:

Avigail Eisenberg, University of Victoria, Canada
Peter Niesen, Hamburg University, Germany
Steven On, National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
David Owen, University of Southampton, UK

Abstracts (250 words) should be sent by **November 30, 2013** to the following addresses:
Patti T Lenard (Patti.Lenard@Uottawa.ca)
Christine Straehle (christine.straehle@uottawa.ca)

**The York-Ryerson Joint Graduate Program
in Communication & Culture**

**Invites submissions for participation in
Future Communications**

A one-day symposium and open house for current and prospective grad students

Friday, December 13, 2013
Morning & Afternoon at York University
Evening at Ryerson University

The York-Ryerson Joint Graduate Program in Communication & Culture welcomes proposals for paper presentations, poster presentations, roundtable discussions, workshops, and creative artwork. Both ongoing and completed research is welcome.

The theme “Future Communications” can be interpreted broadly to include investigations of all aspects of culture, media, politics, policy, technology, and creative practice.

For information/registration, please visit:
<http://cmct.gradstudies.yorku.ca/events/>

**Accepting graduate student essays for our
Winter 2014 issue**

Queen’s Policy Review is accepting graduate student essays for its 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

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 31st , 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 Kanef Tower



2014 John Peters Humphrey Fellowship
In International Human Rights or
International Organization

Open to students at Canadian Institutions studying
in Law OR at an advanced level in Political Science
(OR its equivalent)

Awarded to outstanding students to support them
in the pursuit of full-time graduate studies in the
fields of international human rights or
international organization at leading institutions in
Canada or worldwide. Each year, at least one
fellowship may be set aside for students entering a
Masters level programme.

Honouring John Peters Humphrey, a renowned
Canadian international lawyer who worked to
promote wide ratification of the major
international and regional human rights
instruments.

Value of each scholarship

- Up to CDN\$35,000
- A maximum of CDN\$25,000 for tuition and fees
- A stipend for living expenses of CDN\$10,000
- Awards will be for a one-year period of study

Eligibility criteria and the 2014 Application are
available as of September 20, 2013 at
www.ccil-ccdi.ca

Closing Date is November 22, 2013

More information available at: www.ccil-ccdi.ca



**CNC/CODATA's Sangster Award for
Graduate students (or recent grads)**

The award was established by Dr. James Sangster
of Sangster Research Laboratories, who has been a
long time member and supporter of CODATA at
both national and international levels. It is targeted
at graduate students whose field of study supports
the goals and activities of CODATA, namely to help
foster and advance science and technology
through developing and sharing knowledge about
data and the activities that work with data.
Applications for the award were received from
graduate students attending universities across
Canada and highlighted that data activities within
Canada are in a very healthy shape for the future.

This award, valued at Can. \$3000, will enable a
graduate student enrolled in a Canadian
University, or a graduate who has completed his or
her graduate degree within 3 years of the
application deadline, to attend and present their
work at the 24th International CODATA
Conference, Data Challenges for Global
Sustainability / Future Earth, 2 - 5 November,
2014, New Delhi, India. It is expected that the
award winner's field of study will support the
general objectives of CODATA, namely, to help
foster and advance science and technology
through developing and sharing knowledge about
data and the activities that work with data.

**The deadline for applications will be set for the last
day of March in the year of the conference and the
announcement of the award winner will be made
by the end of April.**

For further information, visit: Sangster
Award: <http://www.codata.org/canada/sangster>
CNC/CODATA: <http://www.codata.org/canada>
CODATA: <http://www.codata.org>

Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunity for undergraduate students to become co-editors of an e-Journal

I am a student currently in my 4th year at the Royal Military College in Canada and enrolled in the Political Sciences Program.

I, as well as a colleague, would like to respectfully request your cooperation in an endeavor of ours. We are currently co-editors in an undergraduate publication called Federalism-e. This publication aims to regroup essays made by undergraduate level students regarding federalism, federal politics in Canada, or federal politics abroad. Our publication aims to be fully bilingual so texts in both official languages (French and English) are accepted.

We thus require submissions from undergraduate students from all around the country and the World. The process is as follows: After constituting an editorial board, we solicit submission from different universities. The submissions can be original work or can be essays produced by the students for a class as long as the main theme is federalism. These submissions are then handed over to the editorial board (with names removed, following a double blind system) and extensively reviewed. Drafts are then sent back to the students for corrections and so on until a satisfactory article has been submitted.

We need both contributors as well as students to act as members of the editorial board. Note that students can act as both (they will of course not be given their own work to review).

Thus, taking into account your position, we humbly ask that you pass on the message to your students and have them contact me if they are interested. I would ask you to encourage your students to undertake such an endeavor as it is an excellent exercise in academic journal writing and a good opportunity to get work published at the national level.

I thank you for reading this. Do not hesitate to pass my email address directly to your students and know that I remain available for any questions you or anyone else might have through this email address s26181@rmc.ca or by phone at 289-456-1890.

Regards, Travis Lane

Internship Opportunities

See next week's announcements...

Contests

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

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/>

NOVEMBER EVENTS AT THE CAREER CENTRE

The Career Centre is pleased to provide you with a PDF of the calendar of activities for the month of November 2013. Alternatively, you may refer to our [online calendar](#).

The annual [Volunteer Fair](#) is taking place on November 14th from 10am-3pm in Vari Hall. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved, build career-related skills, gain experience, and meet people who share their interest in making a difference. Students can find out which organizations are attending and read about their volunteer opportunities on the [Volunteer Fair website](#).

Immediately following the Volunteer Fair, the Career Centre will be hosting a Career Conversations panel discussion with York alumni entitled, [Discovering Careers in NGOs, Human Rights and Social Justice Organizations](#). This panel, taking place from 3:30-5:30pm in the Harry Crowe Room, 109 Atkinson College, is a great opportunity for students to connect with professionals and get the inside scoop on what it's really like to work in this field.

The Career Centre will be co-hosting two more Career Conversations panels in November: [Discovering Careers in Technology](#) (in partnership with the Centre for Student Success, LAPS) on November 5th and [What Can I Do with a Degree in Humanities?](#) (in partnership with the Department of Humanities, LAPS) on November 13th. These

panels will feature York alumni working in various roles within organizations as diverse as IBM, Metrolinx, Maclean's and Rinx Entertainment.

The Environmental Studies Internship Program (ESIP) will also be hosting a panel discussion on November 14th from 2:00-4:00 pm in 248 HNES. During this panel discussion, [Unearthing Green Internships](#), students will hear inspiring stories and learn from the experiences of former ESIP interns.

This time of year, many students are applying to further studies. The Career Centre's [Further Education Workshop Series](#) will be offered throughout the month of November. These five, highly targeted, one-hour workshops, are designed to address the unique issues and concerns that students might have about their applications to further studies.

Students can register for these activities through the [Career Centre's online system](#).

CAREER CONVERSATIONS PANEL SERIES **PRESENTS:**

Hosted by the Career Centre

The **Career Conversations** Series, sponsored by [York Alumni Relations](#), is a series of panel and webinar discussions that focus on various fields of interest and are designed to provide students with an opportunity to connect with employers and alumni; gain insight into areas of interest to them; and get advice from professionals currently working in the field. During these sessions Employer and Alumni participants will address and discuss questions from a Career Centre moderator, students and new graduates on topics such as:

- their personal career paths
- how their university education is relevant to their particular position
- the realities of the sectors they work in
- strategies for entering the sector
- opportunities within their fields

- resources for connecting with professionals in that field

Register and see the full list of panels at:
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Station Contractor Begins Work for York University Station November 2013

Work will soon begin on the next phase of station construction with the mobilization by the York University Subway Station contractor EllisDon. EllisDon will begin bringing equipment and forces onto the York University Station construction site as they gear up for full mobilization and the next number of years of subway station construction. The site is located between York Boulevard and the Kaneff Tower/Archives Building and Ian Macdonald Boulevard near the Seymour Schulich Building. Work will take place in the Contractor Work Zones and Station construction areas on the map below.

Early mobilization work includes:

- Starting on November 2, 2013, water will be pumped out of the station box. There will be some construction related noise related to the pumping.
- Contractor site preparation which includes extending the construction site fencing on Ian Macdonald Boulevard across from the Archives of Ontario.
- Mobilization of heavy equipment on to the site.

The erection of two (2) tower cranes on the east and west ends of the construction site (red circles on map).

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