

School of Public Policy and Administration

Weekly Newsletter

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Important Reminders

Last Day to Add A Course With Permission of the Instructor

Please note that **Friday, October 4, 2013** is the last day to add a course with permission of the instructor for all Fall 2013 courses. **Friday, October 25, 2013** is the last day to add a course with permission of the instructor for all Year long courses.

Students interested in enrolling in a course with permission from the instructor MUST obtain a Request to Enrol Late form from the SPPA, room 119 McLaughlin College. The form must be completed by the student and signed by the instructor. Once completed students must return the form to administrative staff in the main office for final approval. Final permission is given based on approval of the instructor and space availability in the course.

SPPA October Hours of Operation

The SPPA will be open during the following hours for the month of October:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm

Friday 9:30am-4:30pm

University Closure

The University will be closed for Thanksgiving on Monday, October 14, 2013. Note that the SPPA will not be open and classes will not be held.

Student Advising

We are pleased to announce that an LAPS Student Advisor will be now available at the School of Public Policy & Administration (SPPA) in McLaughlin College on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8.30am-4.30pm starting Thursday, September 12, 2013.

While drop-ins and all majors (including non-SPPA majors/minors) will be welcome by the Rotating LAPS Advisor, you may request an appointment through the main SPPA Office at lapssppa@yorku.ca. **If the rotating advisor will not be able hold office hours, you will receive an email notification.**

Announcements

Meet the SPPA Directors

Professor James Simeon
Director
Associate Professor

Dr. James C. Simeon is an Associate Professor and the Director of the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA), Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University, Toronto, Canada. He is a Member-at-Large of the Executive of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) and a past President of CARFMS. He also serves as the Coordinator of the International Association of Refugee Law Judges' (IARLJ) Inter-Conference Working Party



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Process. His primary areas of research are international refugee law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, public policy and public administration. He has published widely in these areas of research and he has organized and led many highly successful academic and professional conferences, symposia and workshops. Before joining the faculty at York University he served as the IARLJ's first Executive Director and prior to that he was a Member and Coordinating Member of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB).

Professor Alena Kimakova
Undergraduate Program Director
Associate Professor

Professor Kimakova serves as the Undergraduate Program Director at the School of Public Policy & Administration and in this role provides academic advising to current and prospective students in our undergraduate programs which include:



Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Specialized Honours and Honours Minor in Public Administration Professional Certificate in Public Administration and Law Professional Certificate in Public Policy Analysis

Professor Kimakova specializes in the analysis of political and economic determinants of public policy. She is cross-appointed between the Economics Department and the School of Public Policy & Administration, and teaches courses in international economics, economic development, political economy and research methods including program evaluation.

Professor Daniel Cohn
Graduate Program Director
Associate Professor

Welcome to the School of Public Policy and Administration, and if you are a graduate student, the Master of



Public Policy, Administration and Law Program and the Graduate Diploma in Justice System Administration.

As the graduate program director, I am responsible for the relationship between the graduate students and our School and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, as well as the academic and operational aspects of the MPPAL program. In doing this I execute the strategic plan and policies approved by the MPPAL Program Council (the faculty members appointed in the program and your student reps who you appoint to attend our meetings), which themselves are in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the higher bodies of the University. The Justice System Administration Graduate Diploma is coordinated by my colleague Les Jacobs. If you are currently a graduate student studying with us, I look forward to getting to know you as your studies progress. If you are considering graduate studies in the future, I would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss your options and what we have to offer.

Have a great year.

Daniel Cohn

New! Online Undergraduate Wait List Request Form for PPAS Courses

Due to on-going student demand, the SPPA established an online wait list feature for all Public Policy and Administration Studies courses at the undergraduate level. Students interested in a course(s), but who are unable to enrol, may use the wait list form as way to express their interest in a specific course. Space often becomes available in courses as students continue to make changes to their course schedules.

The wait list form is **now available for Winter 2014 courses**. The form will be updated accordingly for all following academic terms. You may find the online form using the following link:

<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sppa/waitlist.html>

If students are unable to enrol in a course because the course is full or due to reserved seating, they should complete the online form to express interest in the course. These requests are monitored daily by SPPA staff and permissions will be granted based on available space in a course and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students will be notified of their permission decision via the email provided on the form. **Students are expected to check their email on a regular basis for a permission decision notification.**

Note that completion of the form does not guarantee enrolment in a course.

Seminars/Workshops

Social Policy Ideas Lab 2013-2014

Lab Session: Learn to Write so You can Write to Learn

Professor Thaddeus Hwong
Saturday Oct. 12, 2013,
ACW 206
1:30 - 4:30 pm

Immersing in the examination of pressing social policy issues that affect all of us in our society, students will learn a set of essential skills in critical thinking, information literacy and effective communication that will not only help them in their studies but also in their careers.

Learning Outcomes

- 1) Writing is learning: how you learn now determines what your life will be
- 2) Identifying the problem you want to solve: why should we care?
- 3) Imagining different possible solutions: dream big, be bold, push the envelope, test the limits
- 4) Searching for relevant and useful ideas to reject or not reject solutions from the Wild Wild Web: the truth is out there but you need to really look for it

5) Choosing the best available and applicable solution in context: everything is contingent in some way and this is not postmodern babble even you are a realist

6) Organizing your thoughts: seeing the forest, not just the trees

7) Structuring your presentation of the solution: using the scientific method as your best defense

8) Building your arguments: what's wrong with your arguments?

9) Making good use of evidence: who said that and what's the source? Say what you mean and mean what you say in pursuing an equal society for all

Please bring your favorite computer/tablet/smart phone for use in the Lab Session.

To register for the lab session, please send a blank email to spil@yorku.ca.

Social Policy Ideas Lab (SPIL) is designed to engage students outside the classroom through experiential learning so the students will learn to become not only a productive employee but also an informed citizen in our civil society. SPIL is funded by the Academic Innovation Fund of York University.

Professor Thaddeus Hwong envisions students as our hopes and dreams for a better tomorrow. His research in the financing of an equal society informs his teaching in income tax, public finance, social policy and research methods. For his academic profile, see <http://goo.gl/7txIal>.

SPPA Events

Undergraduate Open House

To launch the new FW 2013-2014 academic year the School of Public Policy and Administration would like to invite all Public Administration major/minor/certificate students as well as students interested in Public Administration programs to an Open House.

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

TIME: 12:30PM-2:00PM

LOCATION: 140 McLAUGHLIN COLLEGE, SENIOR
COMMON ROOM

Come meet faculty, alumni, and learn more about the School, its programs and all that it has to offer. This Open House is also an opportunity for students to meet and welcome our new LA&PS Academic Advisor.

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.

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

[Map & Directions](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 23 - 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, Oct. 30 - 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, Nov 13 - 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, Nov. 27 - 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, Dec. 4 - 5:30 - 7:30pm

McLaughlin College,
Room 140
York University
4700 Keele Street, Toronto

[Map & Directions](#)

Saturday, Oct. 5 - 12.00 - 2:00 pm
Thursday, Oct. 10 - 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Saturday, Oct. 19 - 12.00 - 2:00 pm
Thursday, Nov. 7 - 5.30 .7.30 pm
Saturday, Nov 16 - 12.00 - 2:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 21 - 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Saturday, Nov 23 - 12.00 - 2:00 pm

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

Other Events

Invitation to Career Opportunities in the Federal Public Service

Graduate Students interested in pursuing career opportunities in the federal public service are invited to a presentation by Tony Giles from HRSDC (Human Resources and Skills Development Canada).

Tony will be on campus on Wednesday Oct 9th to meet with and present to Graduate Students interested in pursuing **career opportunities in the federal public service**. Tony is the Director General, Strategic Policy, Analysis and Workplace Information of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC).

Tony will talk about the mechanics of recruitment, and what a student needs to get their foot in the door, how to do well in an interview, etc. The presentation is geared towards the Social Sciences Graduate Students, but is open to all Graduate Students at York.

Date: Wednesday Oct 9th, 2013

Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

Location: Senate Chamber, N940 ROSS
Seating is limited, so students need to RSVP please e-mail Barb Wells wellsb@yorku.ca to secure a seat.

“A Music Career in the Making”

Presented by
HOWARD LEYTON-BROWN

Dr. Howard Leyton-Brown studied in Europe with two of the most respected violin teachers of the twentieth century. As he was concluding his studies in England World War II was declared and he enlisted in the Royal Air Force. After the war he joined the London Philharmonic Orchestra. He relocated his family to Canada, and settled in Regina, where as well as pursuing a solo career, he

served, at various times, as Director of the Regina Conservatory of Music, Saskatchewan Director of the Western Board of Music, conductor of the Regina Symphony Orchestra, concertmaster of that orchestra, and Head of the Department of Music at the University of Regina. He is now Professor Emeritus of Music, and still teaching violin.

Professor Leyton-Brown will give an account of the people and events which brought a dream to reality. Ranging from early training in Australia to advanced study in Europe and finally in the United States, the discussion will also cover professional activities which developed as a result.

Hosted by the Office of the Master, McLaughlin

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2013
SENIOR COMMON ROOM
140 McLAUGHLIN COLLEGE
4:00PM – 5:30 PM

Everyone welcome
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

For further information, please contact Lorraine Myrie at x33825 or lmyrie@yorku.ca

Internship Opportunities

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Other

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Call for Papers/Proposals

See next week's announcements...

Funding/Scholarships

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Contests

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Employment Opportunities

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Volunteer Opportunities

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