

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## Weekly Newsletter

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### Important Reminders

#### Last Date to Enrol Without Permission

Note that the last day to enrol in undergraduate courses without the permission of the instructor for fall and year courses is **September 22, 2013**.

#### Fee Payment Due Dates

Normally payments are due as follows:

- the undergraduate [registration deposit](#) is due soon after enrolling in courses;
- fees for fall and full year undergraduate course enrolments are due September 10;
- fees for program-based undergraduate programs (e.g. BDes) are due September 10.

Refund tables can be found:

<http://www.yorku.ca/sfs/refunds/tables/index.php?term=fw13&class=undergrad&section=general>

### Announcements

#### 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 Professor Alena Kimakova, the Undergraduate Program Director, will continue to be your primary advisor for your major, minor or certificate program offered by SPPA, the LAPS

Advisor will complement my work by being able to provide advice on ALL your degree requirements including general education, credits outside the major, major-minor, major-certificate combinations, general academic standing issues, etc.

Since there are still have some logistical issues to sort out and get the rotating advisor settled at SPPA, please go to the main SPPA Office at 119 McLaughlin College for directions to the LAPS Advisor's Office, continue to send your advising inquiries to my email at [sppaupd@yorku.ca](mailto:sppaupd@yorku.ca) and remember to include your full name, student number and list of questions/issues to be addressed.

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](mailto:lapssppa@yorku.ca). **If the rotating advisor will not be able hold office hours, you will receive an email notification.**

#### 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:

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<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

*See next week's announcements...*

## SPPA Events

*See next week's announcements...*

## Other Events

### 2013 Fall Career Fair Promotion

The annual Fall Career Fair is coming up next **Thursday, Sept. 26th from 10am - 3pm in the TEL building.** We would appreciate it if you could please promote the event where appropriate and encourage students to drop by any time throughout the day. You may send the attached e-vite to your student listservs and/or we would be happy to deliver some Career Fair flyers to your office - just let me know how many you need!

More than 47 employers will be at the fair recruiting York students and new graduates for full-time, part-time, internships and summer positions - students can see the full list of participating employers at [yorku.ca/careers/fair](http://yorku.ca/careers/fair).

### Upcoming McLaughlin College Lunch Talk ~ Friday September 20, 2013

**'Strong Constitutions: Why the Erosion of the Separation of Powers Makes Us Weak'**

Sep 20, 2013, 12pm-1:30pm

This talk will interest anyone concerned about the separation of powers, its origin, evolution and consequences for constitutional democracy.

The separation of powers is an idea with ancient origins, but it is often relegated to legal doctrine, public philosophy or the history of ideas. Strong constitutions boldly places the separation of powers on a social-scientific footing, arguing that it emerged with the spread of literacy, became central to constitutional thought after the Gutenberg revolution and faces unprecedented challenges in our current era of electronic communication. By linking the separation of powers to social-cognitive changes associated with the evolving forms of communication, the book suggests new ways of thinking about constitutionalism. Constitutional states use texts to coordinate collective action, and they do so by creating governmental agencies with specific jurisdiction and competence over distinct types of power. Cameron argues that constitutional states are not weaker because their powers are separated, but that they are generally stronger because they solve collective action problems rooted in speech and communication.

**A talk by The Honourable Justice Dalveer Bhandari: Public Interest Litigation in India**

**September 24, 2013 / 12:30 - 2:00 pm / The Faculty**

**Club, Main Lounge, 41 Willcocks Street, Toronto**  
Justice Bhandari is a judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at The Hague. Prior to his election to the ICJ in 2012, Justice Bhandari served as a judge on the Supreme Court of India. He also served as Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court and as a judge at the High Court of Delhi.

Justice Bhandari had a distinguished and successful career as an attorney at law for 23 years before he became a judge in the Indian higher

judiciary in 1991. He has been an Executive Member of the International Law Association, India Chapter since 1994. He was unanimously elected as President of the India International Law Foundation in 2007 and continues in that position.

Lunch will be served.

Please RSVP at:

[www.osgoode.yorku.ca/research/rsvp](http://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/research/rsvp)

Event Code: BHANDARI

## War and Peace in the 21st Century

Presented by  
**BOB MATTHEWS**

Focusing on the international conflicts of today, Professor Emeritus (University of Toronto) Robert Matthews will create the idea of a layered approach to restoring and maintaining peace.

At the bottom would be the nation states in harmony with their diverse peoples (peace building, with peace not limited to negative peace), then layered on top of that would be effective regional organizations, and finally the global community of nations represented by the United Nations and its various organizations, including the Peacebuilding Commission, the UNHCR etc.

Professor Matthews will acknowledge that most violent international conflicts today begin as internal conflicts that are then internationalized and that to reach peace, responses from all levels will be required.

Co-sponsored by the Office of the Master, McLaughlin and the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA).

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**

**12:00PM – 1:30 PM**

**140 McLAUGHLIN COLLEGE**

**SENIOR COMMON ROOM**

**Everyone welcome** For further information, please contact Lorraine Myrie at x33825 or [lmyrie@yorku.ca](mailto:lmyrie@yorku.ca)

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

## **Call for Papers/Proposals**

### Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy 3

#### ~ Call for papers

The Department of Political Science at McMaster University, in conjunction with the Canada Research Chair in Public Policy and Globalization, Institute for Globalization and the Human Condition, Canadian International Council – Hamilton Branch, Centre for Engineering and Public Policy Global Health Program, and the Centre for Climate Change cordially invites graduate students to the third Graduate Conference on the Internationalization of Public Policy. The conference will be held January 27-28, 2014 in Hamilton, Ontario and is entitled *Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy 3*.

Drawing upon McMaster's expertise in the field of international and comparative public policy, the conference theme focuses on the global dimension of policy and aims to bridge the gap between international relations and public policy by investigating how "the global," including institutions, actors, structures and ideas intersects with regional, national and local jurisdictions to create particular policies and outcomes. Papers using a variety of approaches and addressing a range of issues related to the internationalization of public policy are welcome, including:

- Politics and policies of austerity
- Theories and applications of policy change and/or path dependency
- Global governance and public policy
- Development and poverty
- Citizenship, borders and international migration
- Foreign policy
- Global health and comparative health policy
- Environmental policy including climate change
- Employment and labour market policy
- Education and social policy
- International trade, finance and investment
- Arctic policies
- Transnationalism: civil society, labour, and business

- New constitutionalism

Open to Masters and PhD students, the interdisciplinary conference will provide students with the ideal setting to foster networks with fellow students and faculty in their area of research. More notably participants will benefit from in-depth feedback on their written work and presentation from a faculty discussant. Selected papers may be published in the McMaster Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition's Working Paper series or other venues.

To apply, please download and submit an application along with a 250 word abstract to Halina Sapeha and Scott Smith by email to [globalization.conference@mcmaster.ca](mailto:globalization.conference@mcmaster.ca). Details are available at the conference website: <http://www.politicalscience.mcmaster.ca/globalization-conference>

Financial assistance to help cover expenses may be available.

Deadline for abstract submission is **October 30, 2013.**

## Funding/Scholarships

### External Scholarship Information Sessions

FGS will hold 3 external scholarship information sessions for students:

- 1) Wed. Sept. 18, from 1:00 to 2:30pm,
  - 2) Fri. Sept. 20, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm, and
  - 3) Tues. Sept. 24 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm.
- All three sessions will be held in Room 519, Kaneff Tower.

Please feel free to contact me or our new Research Officer, Melissa Dalglish, at [fgsro@yorku.ca](mailto:fgsro@yorku.ca) if you have any questions.

### DAAD Student Funding Opportunities

We are writing to remind you of the following undergraduate and graduate student

funding opportunities available through the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). For more information on the individual grants and scholarships, please see the links below.

- **StudyScholarship for all other fields:**

Deadline is Nov. 15, 2013 ( <https://www.daad.org/?p=gradstudy> )

- **ResearchGrant for short/long term:**

Deadline is Nov. 15, 2013 ( <https://www.daad.org/gradresearch> )

\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: Since York is a DAAD Partner institution, all York applicants (except those applying to the Performing/Visual arts Study Scholarship) **MUST submit their applications through the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies.** The complete application package must reach our offices **by Oct. 18 2013** to be considered for pre-selection. To ensure a smooth application process, students should ensure that all accompanying documents have been included and that application materials have been collated in the proper order, following the guidelines on the DAAD website.

## Contests

*See next week's announcements...*

## Employment Opportunities

### CPSA - Seeking an Executive Director

**Executive Director**  
**Canadian Political Science Association**

The Canadian Political Science Association is seeking an executive director. The CPSA is currently engaged in a process of strategic development and outreach, and the Association is interested in attracting an autonomous and engaged person who can contribute to its development and profile in the years to come.



The executive director participates actively, along with the administrator, in the management and growth of the association. Under the guidance of the president, members of the executive and board of directors, the executive director contributes to the strategic planning and development of the association, to its governance, to its budgetary processes, to its communication strategies and outreach plans (including the renewal and development of the association's web site — with the appropriate technical support), and to its external relations. The executive director also plays an important role in the planning and organization of the association's annual conference, and in the preparation of the meetings held by the executive, the board of directors, or various committees. We also foresee an active role for the executive director in the planning and maintenance of the scholarly and applied publications of the Association.

This is a permanent position associated with the Association's Ottawa office (but not necessarily located in Ottawa). The position is for two days a week, with some flexibility expected in the distribution of working time over the course of the year. Over time, the number of days in the contract could grow, if the association is successful in raising additional revenues. Salary and working conditions are competitive.

Candidates should have an advanced degree in political science (a Ph.D. being an asset), be able to work in both official languages, have strong and demonstrated leadership, management and strategic planning capacities, and possess a good knowledge of new communications technologies.

Candidates should submit a letter of application and a curriculum vitae by email, and make arrangements to have two letters of reference submitted by email to Michelle Hopkins, Administrator, Canadian Political Science Association ([cpsa-acsp@cpsa-acsp.ca](mailto:cpsa-acsp@cpsa-acsp.ca)). Review of applications will begin on October 1.

## Volunteer Opportunities

*See next week's announcements...*

## Internship Opportunities

*See next week's announcements...*

## Other

### Graduate "survival skills" resource: Becoming a More Productive Writer in 2013-2014

Dear Graduate Students,

Do you have writing goals for your thesis, dissertation, or other writing projects in 2013-2014? Have you resolved to be a more productive writer this academic year? If so, join our community of writers by subscribing to the Productive Writer listserv to receive emails twice a month with advice and strategies for becoming a more productive writer.

Sponsored by the Cornell Graduate School, the Productive Writer is free and open to all, especially graduate students who are writing papers, proposals, fellowship applications, theses, and dissertations. It's easy to join; just click [here](http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=0017CAV_ERFAzFItvY27y25gw%3D%3D). ([http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=0017CAV\\_ERFAzFItvY27y25gw%3D%3D](http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=0017CAV_ERFAzFItvY27y25gw%3D%3D))

Later this month you will begin receiving messages, every other week, about managing your time for greater writing productivity, reducing distractions, staying motivated, revising/editing, binge writing, communicating with your advisor or editor, dealing with writer's block, managing procrastination and perfectionistic tendencies, and creating/maintaining a writing support group.

We hope you will join us to become a more productive writer this year.

Best,

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**Human rights and creed consultation**  
**survey now open**

The Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) is updating its 1996 [Policy on Creed and the Accommodation of Religious Observances](#) – and we need your help.

Please consider filling out our [Human Rights and Creed Survey](#), and sharing it with your networks and peers. We want to hear from individuals, employers and other groups what creed means, experiences of discrimination based on creed and its root causes, as well as challenges and success stories for accommodating creed beliefs and practices.

For more detailed discussion of these and other issues, see [Human rights and creed: emerging issues](#) – a summary of a longer research and consultation report that will be released soon.

Your feedback and responses to this survey will help us as we revise the policy.

Regards,

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