

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## Weekly Newsletter

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### Important Reminders

#### 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.**

### Announcements

#### 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.

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## Seminars/Workshops

*See next week's announcements...*

## 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

### Registration

To register for a session please email [mppal@yorku.ca](mailto:mppal@yorku.ca) with the session date and your contact information.

## Other Events

### McLaughlin College Lunch Talk - Thursday September 26, 2013

**"The Early Years of McLaughlin College"**

**Presented by**

**MASTER DAVID LEYTON-BROWN, DR. JAMIE  
LAWS & PROFESSOR H. TOM WILSON**

McLaughlin College was founded in 1968, named for Col. Sam McLaughlin, pioneer of the Canadian auto industry who was the first person to receive an honorary doctorate from York University. In our 45th year, we have a lot to be proud of. We also have a lot to laugh about – given the extraordinary shenanigans that our students have been involved in!

Today you'll hear stories from one of McLaughlin's first students – Dr. Jamie Laws, who was also the first President of the Residence Council as well as Professor Tom Wilson, McLaughlin's first Academic Advisor. They'll relate stories about our first Master, George Tatham – an incredibly fit athlete, extraordinary pianist, legendary geography professor, and inspiration to students.

Hosted by the Office of the Master, McLaughlin College

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2013**  
**SENIOR COMMON ROOM**  
**140 McLAUGHLIN COLLEGE**  
**12:00PM – 1:30 PM**

**Everyone welcome**  
**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

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

### **When Hell Freezes Over: 20 Years of fighting Big Oil in Ecuador's Rainforests**

Please save the date!

The YCPPL and CERLAC are please to present the afternoon symposium:

**When Hell Freezes Over: 20 Years of Fighting Big Oil in Ecuador's Rainforest**  
**A Symposium on the Historic *Aguinda v. Chevron* Lawsuit**

**When:** October 30 at 12:30 - 2:30pm  
**Where:** Moot Court Room at Osgoode Hall Law School

The lead Ecuadorian lawyer on the case, Pablo Fajardo, will be speaking as well as Humberto Piaguaje Lucitante, a long-time indigenous leader who has been affected by Chevron's contamination of the Amazon. Professors David Szablowski of Law & Society and Shin Imai from Osgoode will be commenting.

Read more about the case here:  
<http://chevrontoxico.com>

It promises to be a fascinating discussion. Please save the date -- we will provide you with further details in the next few weeks.

### **Second Annual Robarts Lecture**

The Second Annual Robarts Lecture in Canadian Studies and Collective Book Launch

In this series of lectures, prominent York scholars will provide their intellectual autobiographies,

reflecting on their career in and contributions to the study of Canada.

This year **Pat Armstrong** (Sociology and Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, LA&PS) will reflect on "Working for Care: Caring for Work."

This event will also include a collective book launch for Canadian-themed publications by members of the university community.

Thursday October 3, 2013  
4:00 - 6:00 PM  
Senate Chambers, 9th floor Ross Building

**City of Toronto: International Students Festival - Sat Sept 28th, 2013 - 1pm to 5pm**

The **City of Toronto** will be hosting their annual "**International Students Festival**" this **Saturday September 28th, 2013 from 1pm-5pm** at 55 John Street (corner of King and John) in Toronto.

This event is coordinated by the city, in conjunction with a number of academic partners, colleges and universities in the GTA, including York University.

This is a celebration of international students and all that they bring to our city and institutions.

For the festival schedule and registration information, please see the following link:

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=2590707b1a280410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD&vgnextchannel=401132d0b6d1e310VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD&vgnextfmt=default>

## Call for Papers/Proposals

### Call for papers ~ International Conference ~

#### Theme: "Re-engaging the African

#### Diasporas: Pan-Africanism in the Age of Globalization"

#### **3RD BIENNIAL KWAME NKRUMAH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (KNIC3)**

#### **Theme: "Re-engaging the African Diasporas: Pan-Africanism in the Age of Globalization"**

Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Vancouver, Canada and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana are pleased to invite you to participate in the Third Biennial Conference, Kwame Nkrumah International Conference (KNIC3)

**Conference Date(s): August 21-23 2014**

**Conference Site:** Kwantlen polytechnic University in British Columbia, Canada.

The 2014 interdisciplinary conference will provide a platform for scholars and students from educational institutions from across the globe to share ideas on how to pool resources and to provide a synergy of knowledge, efforts, projects and programs in Africa and throughout the African world community that are designed to develop the intellectual, social, economic as well as cultural life opportunities of people of African heritage.

The conference will provide a platform to map out development strategies within and outside the frameworks of Africa's development instruments, such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Africa Union's Sixth Region Project, which is aimed at integrating people of African descent in the continent's development.

In addition, the conference aims to:

- (a) engage in a critical inquiry into Pan-Africanism as both an ideology and a project, focusing on exploring and mapping out synergies in the intellectual, political, economic, and cultural realms to develop and strengthen ties between the

African continent and the African Diaspora.

(b) interrogate Pan-Africanism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, focusing on its rich and formidable and tortuous history, achievements, shortcomings, and challenges and map out strategies for the future.

(c) critically examine, present, and mobilize innovative ideas and cutting edge research aimed at mapping out strategies, solutions and trajectories for the future of Africa's socio-economic and political development within the context of the seemingly inexorable globalization process and particularly, against the backdrop of the neo-liberal and neo-conservative agendas.

(d) provide avenues for the creation and exchange of knowledge, which can then engage and contribute to break the continent's cycle of underdevelopment and to provide the intellectual and practical ground for Africa's Second Liberation, or what some call the "African Renaissance."

The hope is that the body of knowledge to be mobilized at the conference would be used by various levels of government, NGOs, CSOs in Canada and globally, not only to craft and implement policies relevant to Africa, but also form the basis of mobilizing and generating newer forms knowledge to address the continent's problems.

The interdisciplinary nature of the conference will facilitate the creation and sharing of knowledge across disciplines, helping participants to fill gaps in knowledge, and to borrow and adapt new and different perspectives from colleagues in other disciplines. For both scholars and participants from civil society organizations (CSOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the conference will be an ideal forum for a cross-fertilization of praxis-based knowledge, where theory and practice will inform each other.

With its focus on issues concerning political economic development and underdevelopment, peace and security, governance and democracy, local and global social justice, scholars and activists will find the KNIC3 a welcome opportunity to explore, debate, share views, and even collaborate.



Also, it is hoped that there will be the exploring and mapping out of strategies for meaningful and substantive collaborative projects in the intellectual, political, economic, cultural and technological realms for the benefit of the people of African continent and its Sixth Region.

The inaugural African Union (AU) Summit in Maputo in July 2003, announced a truly “historic” decision for the formal inclusion of Africans living in the Diaspora as the “Sixth Region” in the AU’s organizational structure. According to the African Diaspora Association of Canada (ADAC) “this decision to open the door to the Diaspora is in part the recognition that today several hundred million African descendants now live in countries around the world. The decision also dramatically expands the reach of Africa into the power corridors of Washington, New York, London, Paris, Rome, Ottawa, Rio de Janeiro and elsewhere.” (ADAC, 2011)

In fact, the ADAC further observed that “there are now more than 36 million citizens of African descent in North America alone, with a combined purchasing power of more than \$450 billion per annum – a sum that if represented by a single country would make it one of the fifteen largest economies in the world. Africa is home to over one billion people. The economic and commercial potentials of the world’s second largest continent are enormous. This fact points to the great opportunity and potential to link Canadian and African decision-makers and stakeholders through KNIC3 and initiatives to arise from the conference. It is envisioned that these initiatives will accrue enormous benefits to scholars, researchers, community-based organizations (GBOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), government policy makers around the world.

The conference will further afford participants an opportunity to share research and ideas on the realities, challenges, and strategies of the Pan-African movement in the age of globalization, with a particular focus on ways of harnessing the intellectual, human, socio-cultural, and spiritual resources of people of African descent for the development of Africans everywhere. Finally, the conference will debate and share knowledge on the role and impact of globalization vis-à-vis African development and integration into the world economy.

This year’s conference is a sequel to, and builds on, the very successful inaugural Kwame Nkrumah International Conference (KNIC) held at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in the summer of 2010 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial KNIC held at KNUST in the fall of 2012. KNIC3 takes off from where the first two conferences ended by seeking to mobilize cutting edge research and innovative ideas on African development within context of 21<sup>st</sup> century global trends.

KNIC3 invites submissions from international and Canadian scholars, graduate and undergraduate students in any Canadian and foreign institutions of higher learning, as well as members of Non-Governmental Organizations and Civic Society Organizations (NGOs and CSOs).

### **Plenary Themes and Topics:**

- Plenary themes and topics to be discussed include (but are not limited to) the following:
- African Union International
- Global Africa and Globalization
- Pan-Africanism and Globalization
- Pan-Africanism in the 21st Century
- Measuring Pan-Africanism
- Brain-Drain/Gain
- Pan-Africanism for the 21st Century
- The political economy of African Integration
- The Scramble for Africa and the Post-Colonial Nation-building Processes
- The geopolitics of Africa’s North-South Divide
- Governance, Democracy and Development in Africa
- The Imperative of African Integration
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- The New Scramble for Africa and the BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, and China)
- The ideology and geopolitics of the “phones”: Lusophone, Francophone, Anglophone Africa vs. Africa-phone Africa
- The United States of Africa or the Africa Nation
- The Pan-African Congresses and Pan-Africanism
- The European Union and the African Union
- China, the West, and Africa

- Enforcers and barriers to inter-African engagement
- Enforcers and barriers to Africa-Diaspora engagement
- Africa and its Diasporas: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow
- Perspectives on globalization and African development and underdevelopment
- Global African unity in the age of globalization: strategies and tactics
- Pan-Africanism: Historical, contemporary and future trajectories
- Pan-Africanism: A reality or a pipedream?
- Pan-Africanism and praxis: from theory to practice
- Globalization and Africa's economic development
- Globalization and Africa: a nirvana or a curse
- Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Pan-Africanism
- Obama, AFRICOM, and African Security; Terrorism and Counter-terrorism
- Globalization and Social Justice and Western interventions in Africa
- The Communist Party of France and Francophone Africa
- Africa and the West in the 21st century: Neo-liberal globalization or Neo-colonization
- China and Africa: New engagement or new imperialism
- Fifty years of the Organization of African Unity (African Union)
- Africa's 6th Region
- The spiritual and religious dimensions of pan-Africanism
- Gender politics and pan-Africanism
- The political economy of pan-Africanism
- Economic Pan-Africanism
- Pan-Africanism and *paxAfricana*
- Pan-Africanism or Pan-Africanisms?
- Cultural Pan-Africanism
- The Black Atlantic and Pan-Africanism
- Whose Pan-Africanism?
- Global Africa and the Politics of Ex/inclusion

- The Neo-Liberal Agenda versus the Pan-Africanist Agenda
- The Black/African Left
- The Black/African Right, Pan-Africanism and Globalization
- Does Age Matter? : 21st Century Pan-Africanism and the Youth
- Does Gender Matter? : 21st Century Pan-Africanism and Women
- Does Class Matter? Who rules; who is ruled: 21st century Pan-Africanism and Power politics
- Does Race Matter? Race, Colour, and Pan-Africanism
- African development: Resource curse of leadership curse?
- Corruption Inc. Kletocracy and African governance

### **Paper Abstract Submission:**

Abstracts of approximately 250 words for papers of 20 minutes' delivery duration -- coupled with suggestions of panels consisting of 3 panelists each -- are welcome and should be e-mailed, with a short bio-note (50 words) contact address, and one to three keywords related to the area of research to: Dr. Charles Quist-Adade, [knic@kwantlen.ca](mailto:knic@kwantlen.ca) no later than **March 15, 2014**, final notification of selection to be communicated by **April 30, 2014**.

Although efforts are being made to secure some funding for the encouragement and assistance of participation by scholars from outside North America and Europe -- especially young scholars -- the organizers are unable, at this time, to offer financial support. Therefore, as of now, participants are responsible for their own expenses until later notified otherwise. Participants from countries requiring a visa to enter Canada must make arrangements to secure them before they travel to Canada.

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## Funding/Scholarships

### James R. Mallory Research Grant for 2014

The Canadian Study of Parliament Group, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that brings together parliamentary experts, academics, and public servants with an interest in the role, function and reform of parliamentary institutions, is pleased to announce the 2014 competition for the James R. Mallory Research Grant for the Study of Parliament.

The Mallory Grant is meant to inspire continued interest in the parliamentary system of government. The purposes of the grant are: to sponsor original research on parliamentary institutions in general and parliamentary government at the federal, provincial and territorial levels in Canada in particular; to promote the publication of such research in the publications of the Canadian Study of Parliament Group (CSPG); and to foster a broader understanding of parliamentary government and institutions among interested Canadians.

Applications are encouraged from informed observers of parliamentary institutions including academics, journalists, professionals and others with a demonstrable research background. The grant enables the recipient to employ research assistance, to acquire unique resources necessary for carrying out the research, and/or to spend research time at the Parliament in Ottawa and/or at the legislatures in the provincial and territorial capitals.

Further information is available on the CSPG Website:

<http://www.studyparliament.ca/English/pdf/MalloryGrantSep2013-e.pdf>

<http://www.studyparliament.ca/English/awards/en.htm>

## Contests

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## Employment Opportunities

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## Volunteer Opportunities

*See next week's announcements...*

## Internship Opportunities

*See next week's announcements...*

## Other

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