

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§ion=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 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. **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

Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2014

The Winter School is a cross-border postgraduate programme located in the heart of the Alps

under the auspices of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

The 2014 edition will focus on **“FEDERALISM AND MULTILEVEL CONSTITUTIONALISM”**.

Dates and venues: 3-14 February 2014

The first week (*3-8 February*) takes place at the Faculty of Law and School of Political Science and Sociology, Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck, **Austria**;

the second week (*10-15 February*) takes place at the Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism, European Academy Bolzano/Bozen (EURAC), **Italy**.

Deadline for applications (accepted online only):
25 October 2013

The Winter School on Federalism and Governance is **designed for** participants from all nationalities who wish to deepen their knowledge on federalism and multilevel constitutionalism via an interdisciplinary and comparative approach. We welcome applications from doctoral, postgraduate and undergraduate students, researchers, officials, employees of national/international organizations or NGOs, as well as interested citizens.

The Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2014 explores how federalism contributes to the understanding of multilevel, integrated decision-making. It is a unique opportunity to be trained on theoretical and practical aspects of federalism and multilevel constitutionalism.

The Winter School offers a broad range of lessons on federalism and governance providing in-depth analyses and practical knowledge. Lectures focus mainly on Europe but include also Asia, Africa and the Americas. During **the 10-day-full time programme** several case-studies will be presented by experts and key actors who manage these issues on a daily basis.

Please see the attached flyer for the list of lecturers and major details on the Winter School.

To apply and for further information, please visit:
www.eurac.edu/winterschool

SPPA Events

See next week's announcements...

Other Events

Robarts Center for Canadian Studies Events

1. September 11, 2013- Centre for Aboriginal Student Services- Welcome Feast

2. September 17, 2013- Canadian Writers in Person Lecture Series- Annabel Lyons
3. September 23, 2013- New Israel Fund of Canada, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University and the Nathanson Centre for Transnational Human Rights and Security- Minorities and the State in Canada and Israel
4. September 24, 2013- Glendon School of Public and International Affairs/ Office of the Vice President Research and Innovation- Tackling Ontario's Challenges
5. September 26, 2013- Graduate History Student Association- Historians' Craft- Ben Bradley
6. September 26-29, 2013-Global Suburbanisms: Governance, Land and Infrastructure in the 21st Century A Suburban Revolution? An international conference on bringing the fringe to the centre of global urban research and practice - The City Institute at York University (CITY)
7. October 10, 2013- Graduate History Student Association- Historians' Craft- Dr. Shirley Tillotson
8. November 7-8, 2013- Brock University- The 27th Annual Two Days of Canada- "Educating [in] Canada: Inequalities, Controversies, Debates, Possibilities"

Register Now for Maytree's Five Good Ideas Fall 2013 Program

Welcome to the new Five Good Ideas season!

Join us for the first session of the Fall 2013 season.

Five Good Ideas on Why You Should Welcome Complaints

with Fiona Crean, Toronto Ombudsman
Monday, September 23, 2013
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Complaints can transform service, but few of us know how to handle them well. Too often they are a source of irritation and create defensiveness. But engaging with and valuing the knowledge of service users can generate improvements and

better performance. As drivers for cultural change, complaints are a great source of innovation. Turning complaints into compliments and making the most of them are value-adds and ensure the organization remains relevant. Making the most out of complaints is just common sense and a cost-effective way to be cutting edge in service delivery.

[Register now](#) ➔

Space is limited so please register early. There is no cost for the workshop and a light lunch will be provided.

Welcome to YIHR Student Committee meeting- Thursday Sept 12 @ 10am

On behalf of the YIHR student community, I would like to invite you to the first 2013-2014 YIHR committee meeting on Thursday September 12th at 10am in Room 519, Kaneff Tower. This meeting will be important to develop a plan for this year's student activities. We encourage all of those who are interested in promoting health research and interested in getting involved in York's student community to come and join us. Feel free to share how you would like to get involved in YIHR, your ideas for promoting health research at York and to learn about current YIHR student engagement initiatives.

I would like to congratulate and introduce you to this year's YIHR Student Committee reps:

YIHR Graduate Student Representative: Igor Gontcharov

YIHR Undergrad Student Representative: Emanuel Ebrahim

Head of Communications: Urooj Zaman

Health Research Workshop Coordinator, Zeinab Alamagan

Health Research Workshop Support, Sabiha Ahmad

Meeting details:

Date: Thursday September 12, 2013

Time: 10am

Venue: Room 519, Kaneff Tower

Call for Papers/Proposals

Second Call for Papers- Discourse & Dynamics: Canadian Women as Public Intellectuals, Mount Allison University, New Brunswick, October 16 – 18, 2014

CFP Deadline: September 30 2013

2014 Association of Italian Canadian Writers Biennial Conference - Call for Participation
Writing and Translating Culture: Bridging Differences Together- Montreal, May 1 to 4, 2014

Submission Deadline: October 15, 2013

The *International Journal of Migration and Border Studies* - Inaugural Issues

CFP Deadline: November 1, 2013

2013 Canadian Association for Work and Labour Studies (CAWLS) Inaugural Conference, Brock University, May 2014

CFP Deadline: December 1, 2013

Alternate Routes: A Journal of Critical Social Research: Capitalism in the Classroom: Neoliberalism, Education and Progressive Alternatives

CFP Deadline: January 5, 2014

Intl Political Science Association

The International Political Science Association will hold its 2014 World Congress July 19-24 in Montreal.

Those interested in submitting a proposal to established panels can do so at the Congress website until October 7th. You can find more information and the list of panels at

<http://www.ipsa.org/events/congress/montreal2014/submit-abstractpaper-proposal>

The Association is also accepting proposals for "closed" panels until October 7th. A closed panel is one where all participants (chair, discussant and paper-givers apply as a group).

Please find out more by visiting their panel submission website:

<http://www.ipsa.org/events/congress/montreal2014/submit-panel>

CFP: Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science

22st Annual Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science
Bone Student Center
Normal, Illinois
April 4, 2014

Call for Papers

All undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit papers for the twenty second annual Conference for Students of Political Science sponsored by the Illinois State University Department of Politics and Government.

We welcome papers on any topic related to government and/or politics. All subfields and political perspectives are welcome. Panelists at the previous conferences included 850 students attending over 100 colleges and universities. The conference offers students the opportunity to present their research in panel sessions and to engage other students in discussions of each other's work.

If you are interested in participating in this exciting event, please complete the online proposal submission form or submit a cover letter, containing your contact information (including email address), your school, and the name of the faculty member with whom you are working, and a draft copy of your paper (or the actual paper) by March 2, 2014. Awards for best papers

are funded by Pi Sigma Alpha.

Conference website (and submission page):

<http://pol.illinoisstate.edu/current/conferences/>

(Google: conference political science students)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the

conference coordinator:

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This conference is sponsored by the Undergraduate Political Science

Association, The Graduate Student Association, Pi Sigma Alpha, and The Department of Politics and Government at

Illinois State University.

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<http://lilt.ilstu.edu/habitat/>>

Funding/Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT Metrolinx Rob MacIsaac Fellowship

[The Rob MacIsaac Fellowship](#) is being offered for the third year! It enables students to conduct research during their school term under an academic supervisor with access to Metrolinx staff and resources (including, GO Transit, Union Pearson Express and PRESTO), and transition into

an internship at Metrolinx related to their research.

Each student receives two 2,500 grants; one for the successful completion of each segment of the program, plus over 10,000 (17.03/hour) during their four month internship with the possibility of extending their work if they are graduating.

If you have someone in mind that you think should apply, or know of someone who's work would be applicable, please forward them the link to the "Rob MacIsaac Fellowship" posting (http://www.metrolinx.com/en/aboutus/careers/current_opportunities.aspx) and our website (www.metrolinx.com/fellowship).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support,

-Maureen

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Contests

See next week's announcements...

Employment Opportunities

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Volunteer Opportunities

Be A Student Leader

The new academic year is fast approaching and with it comes opportunities for you to achieve your academic, personal and professional goals. At LA&PS, we are committed to **enhancing your university experience**. This is why our **Centre for**

Student Success has planned some very exciting opportunities for you this Fall!

Count yourself in and take advantage of these opportunities to learn new skills, meet exciting people and build your résumé with a Certificate of Recognition:

COACH Guide

As an upper year LA&PS student, you can apply to be a COACH Guide and have the opportunity to develop personal and professional skills by helping a returning student make a smooth transition back to university. As a COACH Guide you will be a resource, providing information, support and suggestions to ensure the successful return of our reactivated students. At the same time, you will receive COACH mentor training and develop employer sought after skills and experiences.

COACH Guide Profile: Knowledgeable **3rd or 4th year student** with a B average or better

Your Commitment: Approximately 3 hours per month (September to April)

Information: www.yorku.ca/laps/students/engage/coach/

Registration: www.yorku.ca/laps/rsvp/event5.html

Student Success Leader

The LA&PS **Student Success Leader Program (SSL)** is our newly enhanced program that takes the best of our student ambassador and our mentorship programs. It has been designed to provide an opportunity for you to grow personally, academically, and professionally. You will have an opportunity to advance your skills, such as communication, presentation and networking, while allowing you to meet new and interesting people.

SSLs act as a resource by providing information, about LA&PS/York Services and assist students to

make a smooth transition to university and how to be successful students. It is a great way to impart the experience and knowledge that you have gained as a successful LA&PS student with a group of peers.

SSL Profile: Knowledgeable **2nd, 3rd or 4th year student** with a B average or better

Your Commitment: Approximately 3 hours per month (September to April)

Information: www.yorku.ca/laps/students/engage/ssl/

Registration: www.yorku.ca/laps/rsvp/event6.html

The **application deadline** for Both opportunities is **Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 11:59pm.**

If you would like to learn more about these opportunities or have any questions please call 416.736.2100 ext.33668 or email us at mycentre@yorku.ca

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Centre for Student Success
Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

Internship Opportunities

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Other

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