

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## Weekly Newsletter

January 2014 – Volume 2, Issue 1

### Important Reminders

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 through the main SPPA Office at [lapssppa@yorku.ca](mailto:lapssppa@yorku.ca).

In your email please include your full name, York student ID number and a brief description of your questions to be addressed.

### Announcements

#### LA&PS Course Performance Summary (CPS) forms

For all students in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LA&PS), please note that the drop off/submission location for all Course Performance Summary (CPS) forms has now changed, effective immediately, from 103 Central Square to **N926 Ross Building**.

The revised LA&PS Course Performance Summary form, which now includes the new submission location can be found at the following link:

<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/council/students/documents/CPS.pdf>

#### Call for nominations for the President's University -Wide Teaching Awards

The President's University-Wide Teaching Awards (UWTA) honour those individuals who, through innovation and commitment, have significantly enhanced the quality of learning for York students. Four awards are offered each year in the following categories:

- Full-time faculty with 10 or more years of teaching experience;
- Full-time faculty (tenured, tenure-stream, contractually limited appointments) with less than 10 years of experience;
- Contract and adjunct faculty;
- Teaching assistants.

The purpose of these awards is to provide significant recognition for excellence in teaching, to encourage its pursuit, to publicize such excellence when achieved across the University and in the wider community, and to promote informed discussion of teaching and its improvement. The awards demonstrate the value York University attaches to teaching.

Recipients of the awards, selected by the Senate Committee on Awards, receive \$3,000, have their names engraved on the University-Wide Teaching Awards plaques in Vari Hall and are recognized at convocation ceremonies. Nominations can be submitted by faculty, students or alumni.

The deadline for the 2014 President's UWTA is **Feb. 7, 2014**. Nominations may only be submitted online.

A PDF download of the [President's UWTA criteria](#) and online [nomination form](#) are available from the [Awards](#) webpage, at: <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/committees/awards/index-awards.html>

## SPPA Events

### Professionals Networking Event

The **Graduate Student Association of Public Policy, Administration and Law (GSAPPAL)** and the **Public Policy and Administration Students Association (PPASA)** from York University, are pleased to be hosting **2014's first Professionals Networking Event**.

This will be an event where students and professionals can mingle and meet other passionate, like-minded individuals. Managers and executives, do you want to scout the upcoming talent? Come out and meet the future of the public service. Alumni, come meet up with your old friends and make new ones. Students, have you wondered what life and work in the government is like? Come out to have a chat with your future co-workers.

The last day to register for the event is Tuesday January 21st. Register at <http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sppa/event.html>

### 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, Jan. 22 - 5:30 - 7:30pm

Tuesday, Feb. 4 - 5:30 - 7:30pm

Wednesday, Feb. 19 - 5:30 - 7:30pm

McLaughlin College, Room 140

York University

4700 Keele Street, Toronto

[Map & Directions](#)

Saturday, Jan. 25 - 12.00 - 1:00 pm

## Other Events/News

### January Events at the Career Centre

The Career Centre's annual winter [Career Fair](#) will be taking place on **Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am - 3:00pm in the Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) building** with over 50 employers offering full-time, part-time, summer and internship opportunities for York students and new graduates. The Career Centre team will also be offering Rapid Resume Review appointments on site during the fair for students and new graduates. There's no need for students to register for the fair, but be sure to book a Rapid Resume Review, through the [Career Centre's online registration system](#).

Employers are also back on campus with **Maxxam Analytics**, and **Target Canada** hosting [employer recruitment sessions](#) throughout the month of January. These sessions are a great way for students to meet face to face with employers to learn more about their company and its hiring needs.

The [Career Conversations](#) panel series with York alumni kicks off again this month with [Careers in Communications, Journalism and Marketing](#), on January 21<sup>st</sup> and [Discovering Green Careers](#) on January 29th. Students are invited to learn from York's alumni about what it's like to work in a specific field and how they took their York degrees and turned them into careers they love!

The Career Centre's popular [Job Search](#), [Career Exploration](#) and [Professional Etiquette](#) series of workshops will be offered throughout the month

of January including the popular [How to Find a Summer Job](#) workshop.

We'll also be offering support in the form of one-on-one appointments and workshops for students applying to graduate school. Workshops include:

- [Selecting a Post Graduate Program](#)
- [Organizing Your Post Graduate Application](#)
- [Understanding the Personal Statement](#)
- [Getting Started on Your Personal Statement](#)
- [Writing a CV or Resume for Your Post Graduate Application](#)

Grad students looking for careers outside of academia may also wish to attend these "special topic" workshops:

[Translating a CV to a Resume](#)  
[Exploring Career Options for Graduate Students](#)

Students are encouraged to register for these and our other workshops through the [Career Centre's online system](#).

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### **Conference on Business, Human Rights and Law in Transnational Context**

**January 16-17, 2014**  
**Oakham House, Ryerson University,**

#### **Keynote Speakers:**

**Hevina S. Dashwood**

Department of Political Science, Brock University

**Michael Levi**

Cardiff University

High-profile corporate infringements of human rights –notably in the developing world-- have initiated discourses about how to better regulate transnational business activities. Through the collaborative efforts of a range of stakeholders, including governments, business leaders, and civil society, we have developed a series of important global standards, including the UN Global Com-

pact and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. There remain outstanding questions, however, including what are the respective roles of government, business, local communities, and civil society in operationalizing these and related human rights norms.

Set against the backdrop of recent global and domestic legal initiatives, this conference explores how we can use national, transnational, and international law to prevent human rights abuses in areas of special significance to Canadian business, including: mining and resource extraction, Indigenous and environmental rights, labour and worker safety, anti-corruption and bribery, and international trade and development. Speakers include world-renowned scholars and representatives from:

- The Canadian Chapter of the UN Global Compact
- Parliament of Canada
- Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada
- MiningWatch Canada
- The Justice and Corporate Accountability Project
- The Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety
- Sears Canada
- Bennett Jones LLP
- Baker & McKenzie LLP

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#### **To register, visit:**

<http://www.ryerson.ca/criminaljustice/business-human-rights-conference/index.html>

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### **Scholarly Communications Series 2013-14**

#### **Mapping the Library of Babel: Strategies for Constructing Literature Reviews**

**Speakers:** Scott McLaren, Humanities Librarian, Scott Library Professor, Graduate Program in Humanities; Maura Matesic, Social Science Librarian, Scott Library

**Monday, January 20th, 2014 10-11:30am**  
**280A York Lanes**

## Writing the Dissertation “Bird by Bird”

**Speakers:** Stephanie Bell, Associate Professor, Writing Department; Melissa Dalglish, Research Officer, Faculty of Graduate Studies; PhD candidate, Graduate Program in English.

**Friday, January 24th, 2014 10am-12pm**  
305 York Lanes

## Introduction to Mitacs for Graduate Students



Are you curious about what Mitacs is? And what it can offer you as a graduate student or a graduate supervisor, in any field? Join Christine MacDonald, Mitacs Director of Business Development, to learn about Mitacs professional development workshops (Step), research internships (Accelerate), postdoctoral fellowships (Elevate), and international research partnerships (Globalink). A world of learning and opportunity awaits!

**Tuesday January 21, 2014 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**280N York Lanes | No RSVP required**

**About Mitacs:** In partnership with companies, government and academia, Mitacs is supporting a new economy using Canada’s most valuable resource – its people. Mitacs programs offer many benefits to Canadian faculty members, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows:

- New ways to connect with Canadian companies through collaborative research projects
- Increased funding for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows
- Unique training opportunities for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows through applied research projects
- Business and entrepreneurial training for graduate students and postdocs
- A new way to recruit top, international undergraduate students
- Enabling Canadian students to undertake research abroad, collaborating with leading international researchers

Additional information about Mitacs can be found at [www.mitacs.ca](http://www.mitacs.ca)

## Migration Matters



### **Announcing...**

a new York initiative called **Migration Matters**, which will showcase migration scholars and scholarship at York. With the support of the VPRI’s Office and the Centre for Refugee Studies, we have a number of projects underway, including a series of seminars/roundtable discussions that will address pressing issues or questions related to migration (broadly defined) from a wide range of perspectives and fields of studies; and a Migration Matters York blog for networking and featuring migration scholarship and events at York. Watch for more details in the next few days. For more information about how you can participate, please contact Luann Good Gingrich at [luanng@yorku.ca](mailto:luanng@yorku.ca).

You are warmly invited to join us for the following special events:

**Kick-Off Event** | January 22, 2014 | 2:30 – 4:00pm  
519 Kaneff Tower

### ***Migration at the margins: Work, profit, or nation-building?***

Join the discussion with distinguished York scholars: **Leah Vosko** (Department of Political Science; Canada Research Chair, Feminist Political Economy); **Luin Goldring** (Department of Sociology; Coordinator, Research Alliance on Precarious Status); **Andrew Crane** (Schulich School of Business; Director, Centre of Excellence in Responsible Business)  
**Reception to follow** : 8th Floor Common Area, Kaneff Research Tower, Hosted by the Centre for Refugee Studies

### ***Migration and Memory***

January 29, 2014 | 12:30 – 2:00pm | 519 Kaneff Research Tower  
with **Michael Nijhawan** (Department of Sociology) & **Julia Creet** (Department of English)

## Inclusion Day Conference 2014

The Centre for Human Rights would like to invite the faculty, staff and students in the School of Public Policy and Administration to the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Inclusion Day Conference being held on January 23, 2014. The theme for this year's conference is "**Every\_Body: Rethinking the Bodies that Belong**". During this one-day conference participants will have the opportunity to explore the concepts of inclusion and belonging and critically analyze notions of space and the 'bodies' (people, knowledges, communities) that are/are not included.

Presentations that may be of interest to the faculty and students in the School of Public Policy and Administration:

1. **Title: Who are our new leaders? Some Thoughts on Gender, Race and Leadership**

**Abstract:** A presentation on the patterns of gender and race of new executives and board directors in the private and broader public sectors and some thoughts on organizational barriers and policy implications.

**Biography:** Bobby Siu teaches in the Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law program at York.

**Location:** 305 York Lanes,

**Time:** 3:45pm – 4:45pm

2. **Title: The Roots of Youth Violence: Implications for Ontario's Polytechnic Institutions**

**Abstract:** This presentation will explore the roots of youth violence and discuss the importance of the province's polytechnic post-secondary institutions developing a sustainable framework to address this issue. It will be argued that the essential pillars of this framework are: diversity & inclusion; sustainable community partnerships; and; research, data-collection & statistics

**Biography:** Humber College's Centre for Human Rights, Equity & Diversity works within the College to: heighten Human Rights and Diversity Awareness; ensure legislative compliance to the accessibility for Ontarians with

Disabilities Act (2005), the Ontario Human Rights Code, and the Employment Equity Act (1995)

**Location:** 353 York Lanes

**Time:** 3:45pm – 4:45pm

Registration is free and commences at 10:00am in room 280N York Lanes. To register for Inclusion Day and to view a snapshot of the full program please visit: <http://rights.info.yorku.ca/inclusion-day-conference-2014/>

If any faculty members would like to bring a class to any of the sessions, please contact [jtch-eng@yorku.ca](mailto:jtch-eng@yorku.ca) or [jglean@yorku.ca](mailto:jglean@yorku.ca) so that we can ensure all individuals are accommodated.

The Centre for Human Rights looks forward to seeing everyone at the 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Inclusion Day.

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## Call for Nominations: National Women's Leadership Event

2014 is a historic year in Prince Edward Island as we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference. In recognition of the Charlottetown Conference, where 23 men came together and began the conversation that laid the foundation for confederation, our project, **A Bold Vision** will select 23 women leaders to share their vision for Canada's future.

Canadians have the unique opportunity to nominate women from all walks of life to be a part of this project and present their hopes and plans for Canada's future. The selected 23 Canadian women leaders will complete their own visioning for Canada and be a part of an historic visioning session and conference taking place in Prince Edward Island on September 24-26, 2014. The results of the process will then be compiled and shared in a published anthology.

Please see our website [www.aboldvision.ca](http://www.aboldvision.ca) for more information. We are also on facebook at [facebook.com/aboldvision](https://www.facebook.com/aboldvision) and twitter [@aboldvision](https://twitter.com/aboldvision)

Currently, we are reaching out to partners across the country to share information on the project and encourage people to nominate outstanding women leaders.

Nominations close on **January 24, 2014**. We would appreciate if you would share this information with your members and associates. Our hope is to engage diverse women leaders across the country and we would appreciate your help spreading the word.

Regards,

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**Dawn Wilson, Executive Director**

PEI Coalition for Women in Government

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Phone: (902) 218-2184

Website: [www.womeningovernmentpei.ca](http://www.womeningovernmentpei.ca)

### **LGBT Rights in India: The Naz Foundation case in the Indian Courts**

On December 10, 2013, the Indian Supreme Court upheld a colonial-era criminal law which serves to criminalize homosexuality.

Join Envisioning Global LGBT Human Rights to discuss the history of the Naz constitutional challenge, the role of the LGBT movement, and the implications of the *Naz v Kaushal* decision.

#### **With panelists:**

- Vivek Divan, Policy Specialist at UNDP's HIV, Health and Development Group
- Nancy Nicol, PEI Envisioning Global LGBT Human Rights, YorkU
- Andrew Pinto, Partner at Pinto, Wray, James
- Vijaya Chikermane, ED ASAAP: Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention

**Monday January 27 2014, 12:30-2:30pm  
Room 1001, Osgoode Hall Law School**

For more information on Envisioning Global LGBT Human Rights,

See: [www.envisioninglgbt.com](http://www.envisioninglgbt.com)

Contact: [envision@yorku.ca](mailto:envision@yorku.ca)

### **18th Annual Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM)**

#### **Intersections: Governance, Democracy, Accountability**

The changing relationships among the public, private and nonprofit sectors are raising important issues for public management. Policy is increasingly 'mashed-up,' extending across multiple departments, relying on a diversity of agents for implementation and requiring new approaches to effective oversight. To varying degrees, both centralisation of executive powers and decentralisation of authorities are at play. Public management risks being hyper-politicised, just as citizens are demanding more meaningful engagement and utilising new channels to obtain it. These demands, in concert with financial constraints, have many worried about issues of democracy and accountability. At this crowded intersection, there are few easy answers, and the challenge for public management today is to formulate new ways to navigate these competing pressures.

IRSPM 2014 explores the implications for public management of the evolving intersections of governance, democracy and accountability.

April 9-11, 2014 – Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada

Earlybird registration until **February 1, 2014**. Register at: <http://www.irspm2014.com/index.php/irspm2014/IRSPM2014>

### **George Elliott Clarke gives Kitty Lundy Memorial Lecture**

Faculty, students and staff are all welcome to attend George Elliott Clarke's upcoming lecture on Feb. 3. The Kitty Lundy Memorial Lecturer for 2014, Dr. Clarke will present a paper entitled: "Poles Apart? The 'Great Black North' in Canada & Sweden."

Admission is free, but registration is required because of limited seating in the theatre. Full details can be found at: <http://www.yorku.ca/laps/lundy/>

## Call for Papers/Proposals

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: 2014 YIHR Research Symposium**

#### **The Crossroads of Health**

The York Institute for Health Research (YIHR) is currently accepting abstracts for its annual Symposium tentatively set for **Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. This year's Symposium has a distinct emphasis in recognizing *innovative cross-disciplinary* papers and ideas that demonstrate multifactorial dimensions of health. Researchers from all disciplines engaged in health-related investigations are invited to submit an abstract to present at the symposium. Both undergraduate and graduate papers will be accepted. The theme this year is innovation and research at the crossroads of health. The health sector is increasingly incorporating concepts, applications, and technologies from multiple disciplines and this event is geared towards highlighting these emerging innovations. Students presenting will have the opportunity to submit their papers for publication to an online YIHR journal, *Health Tomorrow*

<http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/ht>

#### **Past presentations have included research on:**

- Mathematical modeling of disease
- Health policy and equity
- Using GIS to map health indicators
- Ethical issues in health research
- Social, cultural, and economic determinants of health
- engineering/physics and medicine
- the future of health
- new approaches to dealing with health

#### **Submission Guidelines:**

1. Include your name, program and area of study
2. E-mail address
3. Title of Abstract
4. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words
5. Presentations will be approximately 15-30 minutes, including Q and A sessions
6. Please send presentation abstracts to Emanuel Ebrahim [emanuel5@yorku.ca](mailto:emanuel5@yorku.ca) or Rahat Hossain [rahath.rh@gmail.com](mailto:rahath.rh@gmail.com) no later than

**January 16, 2013**. An email will be sent to all those who have submitted an abstract.

A symposium schedule and location will be posted on the YIHR website: <http://www.yorku.ca/yihr/>

### **Second Call for Papers: Vulnerability in Context**

#### **Workshop at the University of Ottawa October 9-10, 2014**

**Co-Convenors:** Patrick Fafard and Christine Straehle, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa

Vulnerability is a concern of both medical and bioethics, and, increasingly, of public health ethics. It is also a central concern of global justice. However, the *concept* of vulnerability, what it is and why it is morally salient is under-theorized in all of these fields.

This workshop aims to bring together theorists who work on conceptualizing vulnerability as an action-guiding principle in political and moral philosophy; and bioethicists and public policy theorists working on instances of vulnerability in specific health contexts. The exchanges generated by the workshop will help assess the heuristic value of the concept of vulnerability that is being developed in the context of political theory and moral philosophy.

We solicit submissions that discuss either the concept of vulnerability in its theoretical aspects, or that propose discussions of vulnerability in an applied context with a specific focus on health care provision, globally and domestically. We are particularly interested in discussions of vulnerability for the cases of organ sales, care giving and addictions but are open to other case studies of vulnerability.

#### **Deadline for submission of abstracts (250 words):**

Jan 17th, 2014 **Notification of Acceptance:**

March 1st, 2014 **Submission of Papers:**

August 30th, 2014

#### **Abstracts should be submitted electronically to:**

Christine Straehle, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa, [Christine.straehle@uottawa.ca](mailto:Christine.straehle@uottawa.ca)

## **Invitation to submit proposals: Nordic Political Science Association Conference**

Gothenburg, Sweden 12-15 August 2014

Workshop 4: New insights in the study of electoral behavior and turnout

Extensive individual- and aggregate-level meta-analyses have shown that turnout is connected to an array of factors. Numerous studies have suggested an association between voting and age, socio-economic resources, religiosity, party identification, gender, political interest and political knowledge. Others have identified institutional arrangements and contextual features that influence turnout including the electoral system, the economy, the political culture in a country, and the closeness of elections. Far from being exhaustive, however, interesting new findings on electoral behavior and turnout keep on emerging. Recently, for example, it has been shown that the effect of education on various aspects of political participation may be relative, being conditioned by the level of education in a person's environment or by his/her position in social networks. Other recent contributions have elaborated the assumed causal link between education and turnout. Education appears to be proxy for pre-adult experiences factors since differences in political engagement can be found even before entering higher education. With regard to vote choices, education may have, however, become more important over the past decades.

In addition, recent accounts of electoral behavior and turnout have suggested some completely new independent variables such as genes, personality traits and physical health. There is also lot to be learned regarding social networks and electoral behaviour. Not only is voting transmitted from parents to child, children may motivate political engagement among their parents, and peers living in the same household can influence each other.

The workshop warmly welcomes studies examining all aspects of electoral behaviour and turnout

from institutional-, neighbourhood-, network- or individual-level perspectives or a combination of the various levels. We also encourage comparative approaches. Papers utilizing data from national election studies, government registers, or natural or survey experiments are particularly appreciated.

**Deadline for submission of proposals: January 18, 2014.** Proposals should be sent to:

Chair:

Hanna Wass

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## **Wanted: Student presentations for second annual Undergraduate Research Fair**

Undergraduate students and instructors who are in the process of writing and grading particularly strong, final research papers, are encouraged to consider the Undergraduate Research Fair. **Applications to participate in the multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Fair are due by Jan. 20, 2014** – but students are encouraged to apply early.

York University's second annual Undergraduate Research Fair, jointly sponsored by York University Libraries and the Office of the Vice-President Research & Innovation, will be held on Feb. 25, 2014 from 10:30am -1:30pm in the Scott Library Collaboratory.



Admission to the juried fair is competitive. Undergraduate students can apply by submitting a graded, research-based project or honours thesis prepared between January and December 2013, along with a 250-word abstract.

“While the 2013 fair was limited to undergraduate students in the social sciences and humanities, we still received nearly 100 remarkable applications,” explains Catherine Davidson, associate university librarian and Undergraduate Research Fair steering committee member. “This year we are welcoming applicants from all nine faculties, including Glendon College, to this pan-university celebration of student researchers, and we look forward to reviewing a large number of strong applications.”

Those undergraduate student researchers selected to participate in the Fair will have the opportunity to share their work by designing a poster and presenting the results of their research to the York community in a friendly, cross-curricular environment. A workshop on designing and presenting a poster will be offered to participating students, and the Libraries will arrange to print the posters at no cost to the participants.

Prizes of \$500 (plus honourable mentions) will be awarded to participants deemed to have the best lower-year project, best upper-year project, best honours thesis and best poster session. In addition, the Libraries offer an Information Literacy award of \$600 to the researcher who develops and explains his/her information research strategies best. Fair participants may also have their papers published in a peer-reviewed journal sponsored by York University Libraries.

For more information about the Fair, participant eligibility and application details, visit the Undergraduate Research Fair website, at: <http://undergradresearchfair.blog.yorku.ca/>

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**Accepting Graduate Student essays for the Queen’s Policy Review 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](mailto:qpr@queensu.ca)

For further information, please see:

[www.queensu.ca/sps/qpr](http://www.queensu.ca/sps/qpr)

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**Contribute to JPPAL!**

The Journal of Public Policy, Administration and Law (JPPAL) is published twice annually. The journal is now accepting submissions for our upcoming Spring 2014 publication. **Submission deadline is January 31, 2014**. All submissions will be refereed anonymously by at least two blind reviewers. Interested authors must [register](#) with the journal. Please refer to [Author Guidelines](#) on the JPPAL website.

Please contact Danielle Thibodeau, JPPAL Editor-in-Chief, if you have any questions.

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**The Health Tomorrow Journal: Interdisciplinarity and Internationality is accepting article submissions for its second issue**

**Deadline for submission: January 31, 2013**

*Health Tomorrow: Interdisciplinarity and Interna-*

*tionality* is an open-access journal founded by members of the York Institute for Health Research (YIHR). YIHR is home to a new breed of health researchers who actively conduct research from within interdisciplinary teams and cross-sectoral networks. This peer-reviewed journal is dedicated to publishing innovative and diverse health scholarship from emerging and established academics from all disciplines. This digital journal offers another forum for students to become involved in interdisciplinary health research and share their findings with others in a collegial environment.

We encourage you to visit our website for submission details: <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/ht/about>

For further questions, contact our editorial team at: [htii@yorku.ca](mailto:htii@yorku.ca) or visit our website at: <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/ht/index>

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### **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](mailto: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**.

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## **Theoria and Praxis: International Journal of Interdisciplinary Thought**

Call for Submissions

Deadline: April 30, 2014

### The Idea of Human Rights

Human rights have become a dominant political discourse in the 21st century. Its impact has been felt across the globe and has become irretrievably bound up with issues of development, social justice, racial and gender equality, and sexual orientation. The purpose of this Theoria and Praxis issue is to ask a series of questions meant to interrogate the very foundations of the notion of human rights.

Topics open to participants include, but are not limited to, the following:

- What are the intellectual groundings of human rights?
- What is its connection to the history of liberalism and liberal democracy?
  - Are human rights in contradiction with the economic, social and political structures of society?
- What is the fate of human rights in the "developed world?"
  - Can human rights provide a legal and philosophical framework for the "development" of societies?
  - Are human rights a problematic category? That is, do they distract and draw attention away from the harsh realities of politics, economics and cultural difference? Do they, in other words, reflect a dominating Western discourse?
  - Are they a continuation of an imperial project designed to surreptitiously inculcate a set of hegemonic practices and institutional frameworks?

Contributors are also asked to think of human rights as open to a fundamental philosophical and social scientific questioning. That is, are human rights justified by and through human nature? Are they a remnant of a religious worldview? Or do they represent, in light of the recent anniversary of UN Charter of Hu-

man Rights, the advent of a new form of governance and politics that is meant to deeply impact and change the nature of societies in the 21st century and beyond? Neither are submissions, by any means, to be confined to these questions alone. In fact, we will gladly and seriously consider all papers that we receive. Manuscripts shall be subject to a double-blind reading, ensuring the integrity of the peer-review process. All submissions should be between 6,000 and 12,000 words, and include abstracts of no more than 200 words (in Microsoft Word file format).

We welcome those interested to please submit their papers and proposals, and all relevant inquiries, to Theoria and Praxis at: [theoriaprxis@yorku.ca](mailto:theoriaprxis@yorku.ca)

**Deadline: April 30, 2014**

Theoria and Praxis is edited by Paul A. Brienza and Yasar Bukan. For further information please visit <http://theoriaprxis.yorku.ca>

## Funding/Scholarships

### **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.

For Further Information and Application forms please visit: [www.yorku.ca/vpfa/yuaf.html](http://www.yorku.ca/vpfa/yuaf.html)  
For Questions, Clarifications, or Assistance with the Application Process, please contact:

AODA Office: 416.736.2100 ext. 20512  
Submit Applications To:  
YUAF, c/o Senior Executive Officer  
Office of the Vice-President Finance and Administration,  
950 Kaneff Tower

## THE MACKENZIE KING SCHOLARSHIPS 2014

The following is information regarding the 2014 W.L. Mackenzie King Open and Travelling Scholarships.

The **Open Scholarship** is available to graduates of Canadian universities who pursue graduate study in any discipline, in Canada or elsewhere. One Open Scholarship is awarded each year. The value has recently been about \$9,000 but it is subject to change.

The **Travelling Scholarship** is available to graduates of Canadian universities who pursue graduate study in the United States or the United Kingdom in the areas of international relations or industrial relations. Recently four scholarships of \$11,000 each have been awarded annually, but the number and the amount are subject to change.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Applications must be made to the Faculty of Graduate Studies of your “**home**” university. This is the *Canadian* university from which you most recently graduated or at which you are currently enrolled. You must be a graduate of a Canadian university when tenure of the scholarship begins. You may apply for both scholarships with a single application if the eligibility criteria are met for both.

**Completed** application packages, including all of the documents listed above, must be submitted to Sandra Yiu at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, 230 York Lanes. Please **do not** have reference letters and/or transcripts sent separately.

The scholarship deadline is **February 1, 2014**. Additional information can also be found at <http://www.mkingsscholarships.ca/criteria.html>

**For further information, please contact:**

**Melissa Dagleish**, Research Officer -

[fgsro@yorku.ca](mailto:fgsro@yorku.ca)

OR

**Sandra Yiu**, Scholarships and Awards Coordinator

- [fgsac@yorku.ca](mailto:fgsac@yorku.ca)

## Transportation Association of Canada Foundation scholarships to students

**The Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Foundation is pleased to once again offer its Scholarship Program** to support and encourage bright, young students pursuing a career in transportation. In 2013, the program offered 49 scholarships with a total value of \$181,000. Since its inception over 321 scholarships worth more than \$1.3 million have been awarded.

A new and exciting feature has been added to the TAC Foundation Scholarship program. **Employment Connections** will provide a way for the Foundation's major donors to connect with top scholarship applicants (recipients and finalists) about future employment opportunities in their organization. TAC Foundation scholarships now BOTH support education in transportation-related disciplines AND connect transportation and roadways sector employers with the best and brightest young professionals entering the field.

**The application deadline is February 17, 2014**

Full details and application forms for the 2014 TAC Foundation Scholarship Program are online.

For more information, visit: <http://tac-atc.ca/en/about-us/tac-foundation/scholarships>

## Internship Opportunities

### Parliamentary Internship Programme

See Parliament from the inside...as a Parliamentary Intern.

Work for Members of Parliament.

Study with colleagues from across Canada.

A paid non-partisan internship from September 2014 to June 2015

The Parliamentary Internship Programme is an initiative of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) that gives interns the chance to:

- Work with a Government and an Opposition MP
- Study Parliament and politics in an interdisciplinary environment
- Undertake comparative study tours in Canada and abroad
- Discuss with leading thinkers and political decision-makers
- Join outstanding colleagues
- Build public knowledge of Parliament

Ten positions available for Canadian professionals under 35 years old with a university degree.

Applicants from all disciplines are encouraged

Stipend of \$22,000 for a ten month internship from September 2014 to June 2015

It is an unforgettable year and provides invaluable practical experience for students seeking either academic or professional careers.

Apply Online now: [www.pip-ppsp.org](http://www.pip-ppsp.org)

**Application Deadline is January 31, 2014**

**Fast Track Your Municipal Career Today!**  
**Apply for the 2014-2015 Ontario Municipal Management Internship Program**

AMCTO is accepting applications from candidates interested in participating in the Ontario Municipal Management Internship Program for 2014-2015.

After 7 years of the program, past Management Interns are now plying their trade successfully in various senior management roles across Ontario and contributing positively to building strong city government. Ontario's Municipal Management Internship Program was developed by AMCTO with funding support from the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and FedNor to address the critical need to attract and train the next generation of municipal leaders. Throughout the program year, Management Interns can expect to gain hands-on experience in municipal business lines under the supervision of a municipal Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or similar designate.

In addition, interns will be engaged in a suite of learning and skill development while receiving up to \$5,000 for training opportunities (i.e. conferences, workshops etc.) in addition to their salary.

The 2014-2015 program commences in June 2014. The **application instructions and materials** for prospective Interns are now available, at: [http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Careers/Internship\\_Program/To\\_Apply/content/Careers\\_Pages/Internship\\_Pages/To\\_Apply.aspx?hkey=9a35683e-f7ee-49bd-9ac9-164b74b8a5c2](http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Careers/Internship_Program/To_Apply/content/Careers_Pages/Internship_Pages/To_Apply.aspx?hkey=9a35683e-f7ee-49bd-9ac9-164b74b8a5c2)

For additional information, please visit the **AMCTO Municipal Management Internship Program** webpage, at: [http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Careers/Internship\\_Program/content/Careers\\_Pages/Internship\\_Pages/About\\_the\\_Program.aspx?hkey=6eb58829-0ed8-4d52-ba7d-ff2f9ec18a5b](http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Careers/Internship_Program/content/Careers_Pages/Internship_Pages/About_the_Program.aspx?hkey=6eb58829-0ed8-4d52-ba7d-ff2f9ec18a5b)

So if you are motivated to pursue a career as a municipal management professional, we invite you to submit your application today!

**The submission deadline for candidate applications is February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

For any questions related to the program and/or applying, please contact Rick Johal, Director of Government Relations and Legislative Services. [Rjohal@amcto.com](mailto:Rjohal@amcto.com)

**York Career Centre information sessions covering all York Internship Programs**

Please attend this session if you are interested in applying to the Bachelor of Public Administration Internship Program (BPAIP), which is a **paid internship program**.

Before applying to an Internship Program, students must attend a mandatory Internship Information Session, which is offered throughout the year. During this session, the Internship Coordinator provides an overview of the program, academic eligibility requirements, application and job search processes, program expectations and non-refundable fees. **Students must have attended an Internship Information Session within a year of applying to the program.** Students who attended

an Internship Information Session more than a year prior to submitting their application are required to attend another session to ensure they receive the most up-to-date information about the Internship Programs.

#### Upcoming information sessions:

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014, 10:00- 11:30am in  
109 Atkinson College

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014, 10:00 - 11:30am in  
3033 Lassonde Building

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, 10:00 - 11:30am in  
109 Atkinson College

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014, 2:00 - 3:30pm in  
3033 Lassonde Building

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014, 10:00- 11:30am in  
109 Atkinson College

Thursday, March 6, 2014, 2:00 - 3:30pm in  
3033 Lassonde Building

Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 10:00- 11:30am  
in 109 Atkinson College

## Contests

### David McFadden Energy Entrepreneur Challenge

Honouring past OCE Board Chair David McFadden, the David McFadden Energy Entrepreneur Challenge invites university (undergraduate and graduate) and college students from across Ontario to address challenges facing the energy sector.

Up to 10 finalists will be selected to pitch their idea at OCE's 'Discovery' trade show and conference on May 12-13, 2014. The winner, to be announced on May 13 at Discovery, receives \$25,000 and a suite of business services to assist in advancing the business concept.

**About the Challenge:** The theme for this Challenge is "Enlightened Energy". Many of us take for granted the energy we need to heat and air condition our homes and businesses; power our industries; and propel our vehicles. However, in many areas of the globe, energy is scarce or even unavailable. The challenge is to create energy solutions that are practical, affordable and sustainable. The energy solution should also be ex-

portable and adaptable to the needs of different parts of the world. More than just commercially viable the solution should also help contribute to safer, healthier and more environmentally sound communities.

**How to Apply:** To enter, the applicant must complete a three-minute pitch video and upload to YouTube. An entry form must be completed and sent to Binny Arora at [energychallenge@oce-ontario.org](mailto:energychallenge@oce-ontario.org) no later than **January 31, 2014**. Videos will not be eligible for the award without the submission of a completed entry form. For more information on the challenge and David McFadden's vision, please visit our website and watch our promotional video, at: <http://www.oce-ontario.org/programs/talent-programs/entrepreneurship-fellowships/mcfadden-challenge>

Should you have any questions about this program, please contact Binny Arora, Program Manager at [Binny.Arora@oce-ontario.org](mailto:Binny.Arora@oce-ontario.org)

### University and College students can write their way to a \$1,000 award

Ontario students who are passionate about engineering and public policy are encouraged to enter the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy's (OCEPP) 2014 Student Essay Competition.

Students may write on one of the five provided topics and will compete in the college/undergraduate university or university graduate category. The winner in each category will receive a \$1,000 award and registration to the centre's 2014 Public Policy Conference, to be held in Toronto on **May 30, 2014**.

To view competition criteria, submission requirements or essay questions, please visit:

[http://members.peo.on.ca/index.cfm/document/1/ci\\_id/97162/la\\_id/1](http://members.peo.on.ca/index.cfm/document/1/ci_id/97162/la_id/1)

Winning papers from past competitions can be viewed from the **For Students** page of the OCEPP website, at: [http://members.peo.on.ca/index.cfm/ci\\_id/32340/la\\_id/1.htm](http://members.peo.on.ca/index.cfm/ci_id/32340/la_id/1.htm)

**Contest closes March 3, 2014**

## **STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST 2014 Fraser Institute**

**Topic:** The rise of crony capitalism: how government and business gain at the taxpayers' expense

### **Categories and Prizes:**

#### **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.studentessaycontest.org)

<http://www.fraserinstitute.org/education-programs/students/essay-contest-entry-form.aspx>

## Summer Opportunities

### **YorkU Study Abroad**

This opportunity allows you to participate in a YorkU summer course abroad, taught by a YorkU professor for YorkU credit. Applications are due **January 31<sup>st</sup> 2014**. For more information, check out: [international.yorku.ca/yorkuabroad](http://international.yorku.ca/yorkuabroad)  
York International, 200 York Lanes, [yu-abroad@yorku.ca](mailto:yu-abroad@yorku.ca)

No special permission is required. Credits and grades are added directly to your transcript and can count toward your degree. OSAP is applicable. Financial Aid is available.

Locations and courses include:

China - Nanjing

AP/CH 3050 6.0: Advanced Modern Chinese and Culture [New for 2014!]

England, UK - London

AP/EN 3592 6.0: Literary London [New for 2014!]

France - Chambéry

AP/FR 3089 6.0 French Language and Society

Germany - Berlin

AP/GER 2020 6.0: Intermediate German in Berlin [New for 2014!]

Greece - Athens

AP/ANTH 3110 6.0, Section C: Acquiring Research Skills (Knowledge of Greek is not required)

Italy - Rome and Florence

AP/Italian 3761 3.0 Italian Medieval and Renaissance Civilization and/or

AP/Italian 3771 3.0 Modern and Contemporary Italian Culture (Knowledge of Italian is not required)

Scotland - Edinburgh

FA/THEA 3000 3.0 – Production Practicum

South Africa - Limpopo Province AP/HUMA 4147 6.0: Children's Culture in Context - Field Study in South Africa [New for 2014!]

Spain - Ávila

AP/SP 2020 6.0: Intermediate Spanish Abroad [New for 2014!]

### **York Region Summer Jobs**

York Region hires students for a limited number of summer jobs (from May to August). Students may apply to a general posting from December to January for the summer of the next year.

York Region will be accepting applications for summer student positions between the dates of December 17, 2013 to **January 17, 2014**.

For more information please visit: <http://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/yorkregion/Careers/summerstudentemployment/>