

School of Public Policy and Administration

Weekly Newsletter

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Important Reminders

Change in Operating Hours

Effective Monday, March 3, 2014, please note, the operational hours for the School of Public Policy and Administration office located in 119 McLaughlin College will be:

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

Friday, 9:30am-4:30pm.

Call for LA&PS Student Association & Alumni Awards

Nominate the Great...

1. LA&PS Student, Student Association & Alumni Awards

Are you a LA&PS student or know LA&PS undergraduate students who have...

- made an outstanding contribution to student engagement?
- made an exceptional contribution to a LA&PS student association?
- distinguished themselves in volunteering, service & leadership?

If the answer is yes, the Office of the Associate Dean, Students invites you to submit nominations for the following student leadership awards:

- Commitment to Student Experience and Engagement Award, sponsored by York Alumni Relations.
- Outstanding Student Leadership Award
- Outstanding Student Volunteer Award

2. Student Association Awards

Are you a member of an outstanding LA&PS Association or know an outstanding LA&PS student association that has...

- contributed to student engagement and actively engaged current students with alumni throughout this year?
- contributed to the enrichment of the undergraduate experience in their Department or School of affiliation as well as the Faculty?

If the answer is yes, the Office of the Associate Dean, Students invites you to submit nominations for the following association awards:

- Commitment to Student Experience & Engagement Award sponsored by York Alumni Relations
- Outstanding Contribution to Student Experience Award

3. LA&PS Alumni Award

Do you know an outstanding LA&PS graduate who has...

- enhanced student experience in the Faculty by active engagement either inside or outside of the classroom or through involvement with a student association?
- continued to give back to the York community after graduation?

If the answer is yes, the Office of the Associate Dean, Students invites you to submit nominations for an alumni award.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 28, 2014.
For [more information](#) about this award and to submit a nomination click [here](#).

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.

In your email please include your full name, York student ID number and a brief description of your questions to be addressed. If the rotating advisor will not be able to hold office hours, you will receive an email notification.

Please note: there will be no advising on Thursday March 27 2014.

The Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies is moving to an on-line submission system for all petitions. Starting Monday, February 10, 2014, students will no longer be able to submit petitions in paper format, or in person. Students will access the Petitions System from our [website](#) using their PASSPORT YORK account.

Appeals of refused petitions will continue to be submitted in person at the Petitions Office in N 926 Ross, and to require completion of an Appeal Form, which they will download from our website.

Supporting documentation for petitions entered on-line also will continue to be submitted in hardcopy format to N 926 Ross, in accordance with the directions available to the student on the petitions system.

Message from the Undergraduate Program Director:

Dear Students,

In the next few weeks you may be asked to participate in two different student surveys.

The first one that has been announced is the University-wide Student Engagement Survey - for this one only 1st year and 4th year undergraduate students in all programs will be asked to participate.

The second survey is specific to students who are majoring in our Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) program. This survey is part of a cyclical program review that takes place typically every 7 years and this is the first one for the BPA given that the program with the new curriculum was launched in 2010.

I would like to urge you to participate in this survey to provide feedback on the various aspects of the program and help us in our constant efforts aimed at improving the education and services you receive at the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA). Please note that students who minor in Public Administration or are completing one of our Certificates at SPPA, are not eligible to participate in this survey.

Thank for your attention and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Regards,

Dr. Alena Kimakova

Associate Professor & Undergraduate Program Director,
School of Public Policy and Administration, York
University

**Faculty Research Profile Series: Brenda
Spotton Visano**

**“Fitting in by not fitting in...the Privilege of a Career as a
University Professor”**

Thursday March 20, 12-2pm, 140 McLaughlin College

Brenda Spotton Visano is a University Professor (who still has to pinch herself to believe it's true) of Public Policy (which she thinks sounds intriguing) and Economics (which, when she says it at parties, ends all conversation). She grew up in (a very different) Toronto (where she felt she never quite fit in).

After graduating (barely) from high school, she spent a few years travelling (drifting) and working in different sectors of the economy – hospitality (waitressing), telecommunications (as a mail clerk), and the cultural sector (the job at the Royal Ontario Museum was so interesting!). She entered McGill University as a mature student (where she really didn't fit in) and graduated in economics.

Outside York, she has been President of the Canadian Women Economists Network (economists don't really see how gender matters though) and currently sits on the Ontario university pension and bargaining committees.

She's been honored with several professional recognitions including the University-wide Teaching Award, the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations Awards in both Teaching Excellence and Status of Women Award of Distinction and the Canadian Association of University Teachers Award for Dedicated Service.

In this informal talk, Professor Spotton Visano will look back at her career development and give a sense of what it has meant to her to be called a University Professor.

SPPA Events / News

PPAS 4200 Advanced Public Policy Analysis Student Mini-Conference

April 2, 2014 from 3:30pm-7:30pm

Faculty, students, staff and alumni of SPPA and York University are invited to learn about the exciting research of some of our current senior undergraduate students. Students enrolled in Advanced Public Policy Analysis with Professor Jennifer Dalton during this past academic year had the opportunity to work on extensive original research throughout the duration of the course. This mini-conference will showcase the culmination of their work. Further details on student presentation titles will be forthcoming.

- 3:30pm-4:00pm: Doors open
- 4:00pm-4:05pm: Welcoming remarks

- 4:05pm-4:50pm: Panel A – Canada’s Social Safety Net and Institutional Quality
- 4:50pm-5:35pm: Panel B – Law, Justice and Canadian Ideologies
- 5:35pm-5:45pm: Break
- 5:45pm-6:45pm: Panel C – Economic Policy and Institutional Developments (Chair: Professor Brenda Spotton Visano)
- 6:45pm-7:15pm: Panel D – Environmental Policy, Climate Change and Sustainable Development
- 7:15pm-7:30pm: Conclusion and Thanks

Any interested SPPA Faculty members are invited to chair Panel A (Canada's Social Safety Net and Institutional Quality), or D (Environmental Policy, Climate Change and Sustainable Development). Please contact Prof. Jennifer Dalton (jedalt@yorku.ca) to request a panel.

Other Events / News

“The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms: A Detailed Recollection of the Events Leading to the Constitutional Agreement of November, 1981”

CANADA SPEAKS Lecture Series Presented by the Honourable Roy McMurtry, QC. Former Ontario Chief Justice and Attorney General and Canadian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Order of Canada, Chancellor of York University.

March 26, 2014, 1:30-2:30PM, 001 Vanier College

For more information please visit
www.yorku.ca/laps/huma/cdns

Food Drive for North York Harvest Food Bank



The Centre for Student Success and the York University NOISE Project (The New Opportunities for Innovative Student Engagement) has teamed up to organize a food drive in support of the North York Harvest Food Bank.

The food collected through this drive will be provided to individuals and families seeking emergency food assistance, and help address hunger for those individuals living in the Jane & Finch community.

We invite you to participate and contribute to this worthy cause by asking your community of students, faculty and

staff to donate food items for the drive, which runs **Monday March 17th to Friday March 28th.**

All that is required when you participate, is to [register your area's support online](#) and **display a donation box or bin in your area.** All donated amounts collected during this time period will be picked up and delivered to the North York Harvest Food Bank at the completion of the food drive.

Why not be the area that raises the most food and have bragging rights!

Items to donate include:

- Grains, canned fish and meat, canned or dried beans, cooking oil, canned fruit and vegetables, fruit juice
- Cereals, healthy snacks and spreads, baby products such as formula, infant cereals, baby food, diapers, canned or powdered milk, spices and seasonings

We appreciate any contribution that you are able to make to help support the North York Harvest Food Bank.

If you have any questions, please contact [Sev Arslan](#) or [Diane Stadnicki](#). Help us fight hunger in our community!

Humber College/Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) conference

Cracking the Broader Public Sector: A Guide for New Professionals

The Humber College Public Administration Post-Graduate Program has partnered with the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) to host an event on career opportunities in the Broader Public Sector.

The conference will begin with remarks from keynote Sevaun Palvetzian, CEO of the GTA CivicAction Alliance. Three workshops will follow the keynote speech including one workshop led by Alison Coke, CEO of the Ontario Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Senior members of Imagine Canada and the Ontario Non-Profit Network will also be running workshops.

The half-day event will run from **9am to 12:30pm at Humber College's Lakeshore Campus, in Building L, on Friday, March 28, 2014.**

For more information and to register, please visit
<http://www.ipac.ca/trg-event-mar28>

Find us on Facebook: Cracking the Broader Public Sector <https://www.facebook.com/events/259824607520011/> Find us on Twitter: #HumberIPAC

Canada: Place, Space and the Politics of Identity

A Graduate Student Conference, April 4 2014

On behalf of the Director to the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies, we cordially invite you to attend the first interdisciplinary graduate student conference, themed "Canada: Place, Space, and the Politics of Identity" on **Friday, April 4, 2014 from 8:30am-5:00pm**, in Kaneff Tower.

The conference will feature presentations and panels by students from various visiting English, Visual Arts, History, Theatre and Performance Studies, Music and Political Science programs; as well as York University students from LAPS and Fine Arts. In lieu of a keynote speaker, there will be a keynote roundtable currently featuring Drs. David T. McNab and Leslie Sanders. The conference program is attached to this e-mail for your reference. The conference CFP is also available at the conference site (www.robartsconference.wordpress.com).

If you are a Faculty member interested in chairing a panel, please e-mail [Mario D'Agostino](mailto:Mario.D'Agostino@utoronto.ca) with the particular session name and we will add you to the program.

2014 Cadario Lecture featuring Robert D. Putnam

"The Widening Opportunity Gap: Growing up rich and growing up poor in America today"

On **April 7**, the School of Public Policy & Governance (University of Toronto) will host Robert D. Putnam in the Annual Cadario Lecture.

Robert D. Putnam is the Peter and Isabel Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard, and the author of *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, and more recently *Better Together: Restoring the American Community*, a study of promising new forms of social connectedness. His previous book, *Making Democracy Work*, was praised by the Economist as "a great work of social science, worthy to rank alongside de Tocqueville, Pareto and Weber."

The Hon. Senator Hugh Segal, Master-elect, Massey College, will respond to Prof. Putnam's address. Professor Carolyn Hughes Tuohy, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Senior Fellow, SPPG, will moderate.

When: Monday April 7 from 5:30-7 pm

Where: MacMillan Theatre, 80 Queen's Park

Tickets: \$20 General, \$10 UofT affiliated, Free for UofT students

Register here: <http://cadarioputnam.eventbrite.ca>

Dr. Ben Bernanke to Address the Economic Club of Canada

A discussion with Dr. Bernanke (Former Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System): 8 Years of Crisis Management at the Federal Reserve and the Way Forward.

Tuesday April 22 2014, 11:45am-1:30pm. The Sheraton Centre, Grand Ballroom, 123 Queen Street West

\$150 Individual with tables of 10 available. Lunch will be served. Advance registration is required, numbers are limited. To purchase tickets online or download PDF registration form visit www.economicclub.ca

Seminars / Workshops

March Activities at the Career Centre

The Career Centre is pleased to provide you with the calendar of activities for the month of March 2013, please refer to the online calendar [here](#).

In addition to our regular series of [Career Exploration](#), [Job Search](#), [Professional Etiquette](#) and [Further Education](#) workshops offered daily at the Career Centre or at one of our satellite locations in Complex 2 (Bethune College on Wednesdays) or the Learning Commons (Scott Library), students are invited to attend the following special events this month:

- We are excited to be hosting the third [Classrooms to Careers](#) event from March 18th to 21st. Through a series of workshops, webinars and hands-on training, this year's event aims to arm graduating students with practical tips for securing and succeeding at their first job.
- Thanks to generous sponsorship from Alumni Relations, the [Career Conversations](#) series continues throughout the month of March with exciting panel discussions:
- Students with an entrepreneurial spirit may be interested in attending [Discovering Careers in Project Management & Consulting](#) on March 26th – the first time we've ever offered a session on this topic!

Knowledge Mobilization Sessions

The Knowledge Mobilization (KMb) Unit at York will be providing the following learning sessions for York University researchers, staff and graduate students to help make their research relevant to professional practice and policy development throughout the Winter 2014 semester:

Impact and Accountability in KMb – NEW As KMb has emerged as an important component of publicly funded research, issues of impact and accountability are closely related. This session will unpack these two terms in a KMb context and share experiences from York's KMb Unit to help researchers understand, articulate and sufficiently resource KMb activity. **April 16 9:30-noon York Lanes 280A**

KMb Strategy Building Granting councils are asking more and more for research teams to identify their KMb strategy. In this hands on session, learn about strategic elements, create a draft strategy for your project, and tips on how to present your strategy. **March 25 1:30-4:00 York Lanes 280A**

Social Media Sessions

Wordpress Blogging is emerging as a popular medium to share information and express ideas. Researchers are finding interesting uses for blogs to complement their scholarship. Join us and learn what blogging can do to enhance your KMb efforts. **March 20 1:30-4:00 York Lanes 280A**

Click [here](#) to register for any of the sessions, please visit or contact Krista Jensen, KMb Officer, via email at kejensen@yorku.ca or 416-736-2100 ext 88847

Call for Papers / Proposals

Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration

Call for papers for Volume 4, Issue 1, of the Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration (OxMo), the student journal dedicated to protecting and advancing the human rights of refugees and forced migrants.

Click [here](#) for more details on OxMo and how to submit.

Deadline: March 28 2014

Policy & Politics Conference 2014

The challenges of leadership and collaboration in the 21st Century

Bristol Marriot Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol

16th-17th September 2014

Call for papers, deadline May 31, 2014:

The recent global financial crisis and associated austerity measures have led to a reconfiguration of the role of the state and a fundamental reshaping in the design and delivery of public services.

State and non-state actors are struggling to cope with the scale of change, the speed with which adjustments are being made and managing a range of 'wicked issues' in the absence of necessary resources. In this uncertain environment, policy issues and objectives are often ill-defined, constantly shifting and lack clear direction. There is also huge variability in the coping strategies and creative responses being enacted by public leaders in different contexts.

Partnerships, co-production and networks have been viewed as an antidote to the 'ungovernability' of complex issues in public and social policy. However, collaborative governance is also fraught with difficulties and pitfalls and raise questions about legitimacy, accountability and social justice. Within this context, the 2014 conference seeks to address questions around the themes of leadership and collaboration. We ask participants to interpret this call broadly but some key questions might include:

- What scope is there for creative leadership in contemporary policy and politics?
- How can leadership and/or collaboration drive innovation in the design and delivery of public services?
- What capacity do non-state actors have to influence policy and politics?
- What impact can leadership and collaboration have on legitimacy, accountability and social justice in public policy?
- What are the challenges for public leadership and collaboration in a global context?

Papers are invited in any areas of public or social policy. In writing their papers authors are re-requested to reflect on the conference theme.

Click [here](#) for conference details and to submit an abstract.

York University's Centre for Refugee Studies: 9th Annual Student Conference

May 3-4, 2014

At COSTI Immigrant Services, 760 College Street,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M6G 1C4

Neither Here Nor There: Refugees, Forced Migration, and the Landscapes of Displacement

This event offers graduate and upper year undergraduate students from various disciplines, as well as researchers and practitioners with a keen interest in migration and refugee issues, an opportunity to present and discuss research and other works with like-minded individuals in a collegial, supportive, and inclusive setting.

Refugees and forced migrants navigate a tumultuous series of landscapes—both physical and abstract—throughout their long, dramatic and uncertain journeys. Whether travelling from home to camp (and beyond), from legal protection to vulnerability, or from familiar social spaces to new and chaotic networks of relations, refugees and forced migrants act and are acted upon within complex constellations of power and agency. Studying and representing these complexities can be challenging for refugees, aid workers, and academics alike. In the course of these various passages, refugees frequently find themselves in the spaces “in between”—difficult to define, conceptually challenging, and often perilously vulnerable to exploitation.

This conference aims to use the multiple, rich understandings of the term “landscape” as a conceptual launch-pad from which to explore the many facets of forced migration. Through a sharing of research, knowledge, and experience from multiple perspectives, we hope to contribute a fresh voice to the understanding of global forced migration.

A selection of strong papers submitted to the conference will be considered for publication in a peer-reviewed CRS Student Caucus publication. If you are interested in having your submission considered for publication, please indicate this in your abstract submission. Only the best submissions from the conference will be considered for inclusion in this exciting inaugural publication.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: Individuals or groups wishing to participate in the conference **MUST** submit a 250-word abstract **by April 15th, 2014** (both for Canadian and international submissions). Presenters who wish to be considered for publication in the CRS Student Caucus publication must send their completed papers to crsstudentconference@gmail.com by May 2nd, 2014.

For more information about presenting at the conference please contact crsstudentconference@gmail.com or you can visit www.yorku.ca/crs.

For more information about registering for the conference and event details, please refer to our website <http://crsstudents.wordpress.com/>

International Society of Public Law

Conference: Call for Papers

Rethinking the Boundaries of Public Law and Public Space

Those who are interested in international law or comparative public law may be interested in this call for papers & panels for the inaugural event of the newly established International Society of Public Law (<http://icon-society.org/site/index>). The conference is entitled "Rethinking the Boundaries of Public Law and Public Space." The event will take place at the EUI, Florence (June 26-28, '14) and will feature some major luminaries, Jeremy Waldron, Robert Keohane, Seila Benhabib, and Joseph Weiler among others. Proposal **submission deadline is March 30**. More details are available [here](#).

Contests

Innovative 'IDeAs' wanted for making Ontario more accessible

Innovative Designs for Accessibility (IDeA) competition

York University students, along with students from other Ontario universities, are being challenged to put their creative minds to work to develop solutions that will make the world more accessible for persons with disabilities, including new ideas for devices, software, architectural design, awareness campaigns or policies.

[The Innovative Designs for Accessibility \(IDeA\) competition](#) is an initiative organized by the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), in partnership with the Government of Ontario. The province-wide competition is being overseen by the IDeA Working Group, comprised of representatives from engineering and design Faculties at several Ontario universities.

Students will vie for \$3,000 in prizes, with entries that must address barriers to accessibility in five categories: attitudinal, physical/structural, information and communications, technological, and systemic. The 2013-

2014 IDeA Competition features a bonus prize of \$1,500 that will be awarded to the submission that best addresses barriers in para-sport and active living.

York students can find rules and registration information here. The deadline for contest submissions is April 6. Students interested in submitting their idea or concept should review the rules and criteria, register and then submit the concept by e-mail to ideas@yorku.ca by the end of the business on April 6.

Submissions will first be evaluated by York University and then successful candidates will move on to a second round of judging conducted by a panel of experts in the five categories. Evaluations will be based on innovation, cost-effectiveness and practicality. Judges will also place a premium on entries whose format itself demonstrates consideration to accessibility issues.

In the spring, a selection of finalists will be invited by COU to showcase their designs at an event that will bring together key players from industry, academia, government, the investment community, entrepreneurs and students to pursue collaborative opportunities for innovation. More details on this event are forthcoming.

[Visit the IDeAS Rules and Regulations web page](#) for submission guidelines.

York Region's "Make Rental Happen" Student Challenge

York Region is accepting entries for its Make Rental Happen Student Challenge. Open to all post-secondary students. Share your ideas on how to increase the availability of rental housing for a chance to win both recognition and cash prizes. See the [website](#) for details. **Challenge closes April 11 2014.**

Gunn Award for Best Historical Essay on International Migration in Canada

Closes April 30, 2014

In their effort to preserve the legacy of Canada's immigration history and to support continued excellence in research in Canada on international migration, the International Migration Research Centre (IMRC) and the Canadian Immigration Historical Society (CIHS) are jointly offering a \$1000 award for a fourth-year or graduate-level research paper on the historical evolution of Canadian immigration policy or a historical analysis of Canadian immigration related to specific places, events, or communities.

The Gunn Award for the best historical essay on international migration in Canada is an interdisciplinary award, and will therefore consider papers from any discipline in the social sciences and humanities (e.g. sociology, political science, global studies, history, communication studies, etc.) that addresses international migration in Canada from a historical perspective. The award is national and will accept applications from graduating fourth-year students and graduate students enrolled in Canadian universities, in either French or English, from across the country. The paper will be reviewed by a committee made up of IMRC and CIHS associates/members. The award will be conferred jointly by the IMRC and the CIHS and will be given out annually in the fall.

Submission Format:

- Between 15-20 pages in length
- 1.5 line spacing
- Cover page with name and contact information (name should not appear on subsequent pages)
- Pages numbered
- Submissions in English or French
- Citation in APA or MLA style

Submit 4 copies by mail to the IMRC and 1 electronic submission to imrc.wlu@gmail.com by **April 30th**. For more information about last year's winner, go to <http://imrc.ca/category/gunn-award/>

Ontario Graduate Policy Research Challenge

This is a new and exciting opportunity for graduate students to share their research and innovative ideas in the areas of postsecondary education, employment and labour market with policy leaders in Ontario. The Challenge will...

Make connections: The Challenge seeks to create links between the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) and policy research at higher education institutions in Ontario by facilitating dialogue between students, policy leaders and research faculty.

Support Ontario graduate research: This competition is open to graduate students and recent graduates from masters', doctoral and post-graduate certificate programs at Ontario publicly-assisted universities and colleges. Applicants are asked to formulate their research into a policy brief that demonstrates how their ideas can be applied to postsecondary education and labour market issues in Ontario.

Reward new ideas: The top 25 applicants will receive awards worth \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 and present their

ideas at MTCU.

Application Materials: The Call for the 2014 Competition, the Application Form and the Faculty Letter of Support can be found here:

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eg/eopg/programs/ohcrif.html>

Timelines: The deadline for the competition is **March 24, 2014**. Applications and any questions or concerns should be sent to GraduateChallenge@ontario.ca.

Funding / Scholarships

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Award for Statelessness Research 2014

This year, UNHCR and the Statelessness Programme at Tilburg University are again cooperating to offer awards for research in the field of statelessness. Papers, articles and dissertations written by undergraduate, graduate or doctoral students are eligible for this award. Details of the award and the nomination criteria for 2014 can be found [here](#).

Fellowship Opportunity – Ananta Centre, India

The Ananta Centre is offering a two-month fellowship for international students to gain exposure to India's policy landscape during summer 2014. The fundamental aim is to foster prospective leaders and increase their responsiveness to national and international issues facing India. The call for applications is open until **April 30, 2014**.

More information can be found on the [Ananta Centre](#) website.

Call for Nominations for the Annual National Student and Thought Leadership Awards in Public Administration

Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration, Institute of Public Administration of Canada

The National Student and Thought Leadership Awards in Public Administration, a joint initiative of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) and the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration (CAPPA), aims to recognize talent in Canadian schools at the

regional level and at the national level. It will promote excellence in public administration and showcase the top talent emerging from Canadian programs each year.

Criteria and Procedures

1. Selecting winners:

CAPPA members will solicit and judge entries (best paper, best professional report, or best graduating student, however defined) from their students, and select a winner in the undergraduate and/or graduate levels (as applicable to each department).

Representatives from the IPAC regional groups will be asked to help with the adjudication. Together, the students from each institution are the National Student Award winners.

2. Giving local recognition:

We encourage programs, departments and schools to hold recognition events for the winners. Again, you may want to approach your local IPAC group to provide recognition. In some cases the local regional group may have more than one university in their catchment area, so the range of winners will be broader.

3. National recognition on web sites:

The winning entries will be celebrated by IPAC and CAPPA on their respective websites. The names, contact information, brief bios, and synopsis of the accomplishment of the top graduate and/or undergraduate students will be forwarded to CAPPA at the contact point noted below. **The deadline for receiving these packages is April 1, 2014.**

4. The IPAC National Conference, June 1st – 4th, 2014, Edmonton, Alberta:

The winners from every program will receive an invitation to the IPAC national conference. The IPAC Endowment Fund has committed to paying the registration fees for the winners. Each program would be responsible for securing funding for winners to the IPAC conference (travel and hotel). We are hopeful that funding can be solicited from multiple sources: university travel funds for students, student societies, your program resources, local and provincial governments, IPAC regional groups, and local sponsors.

All of the National Student Award winners will be asked to participate in an E-poster session describing their best piece of research or analysis.

A jury will select and rank the three best E-poster presentations for the Thought Leadership Awards. The Gold winner will receive \$1000, the Silver winner will

receive \$500, and the Bronze winner will receive \$250. The winners will also be recognized on the IPAC and CAPPA web sites.

A social event will be jointly organized to honour all the participants and the National Student and Thought Leadership Award winners. In 2014 the winners will be announced at the Celebration of Excellence Reception on Monday, June 2 in Edmonton.

We look forward to receiving notification of your top students by April 1, 2014.

For each nomination, please include:

- nominator's name and contact information
- nominee's name and contact information;
- a brief bio (no more than 100 words); and
- synopsis of accomplishment (i.e., top student, best, paper, project or research, etc.)

Please forward all nominations to youngb@uvic.ca. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Belle Young at youngb@uvic.ca; 250-721-8056, or Gabriella Ciampini at gciampini@ipac.ca; 416-924-8787 x223.

Internships

Council of the Federation Youth Internship

The Council of the Federation Secretariat is now accepting applications from across Canada for its 2014/2015 Youth Internship Program.

The Council of the Federation Youth Internship Program is aimed at encouraging young Canadians to more actively participate in public policy development, public service, government, and political life. It provides young people with hands-on work experience and an opportunity to improve their understanding of how intergovernmental relations operate in the Canadian federation.

Located in Ottawa, this paid internship begins in August 2014 and continues for a period of 12 months. Applicants must be aged 25 and under, have graduated from an undergraduate or graduate program at a recognized university, and be legally able to work in Canada. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in Canadian politics and federalism, and be able to communicate in English and French.

The application deadline is **May 29 2014**.

For more information and to download an application form, please go to www.councilofthefederation.ca.

Attention all first-year students and those in the final year of a four-year program

You're invited to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement!

Watch for your email invitation from President Shoukri, take 20 to 30 minutes to complete the NSSE survey and help improve your campus culture and university experience. Once you've finished, you can relax with a FREE latte on us.

You could also win one of the following prizes:

- 5 x \$500 Tuition Waivers
- 10 x \$25 YU-Card "Top-Ups"
- 10 x \$25 Keele/Glendon Bookstore Coupons

The Faculty with the highest participation rate will WIN the NSSE Championship Cup.

yorku.ca/nsse | Survey closes: March 31, 2014