

# 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.**

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. If the rotating advisor will not be able to hold office hours, you will receive an email notification. **Note: there will be no advising on Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

#### SPPA Events / News

##### Professor James C. Simeon Awarded the McLaughlin Fellows Award 2013/14

Congratulations to Professor James C. Simeon, Director of the School of Public Policy and Administration, for being awarded the Masters Fellow Award for 2013-2014. This award is given out each academic year to the McLaughlin Fellow who makes a significant contribution to the college. Congratulations James!

##### Practicum in Public Administration...in action!

As the Fall/Winter 2013-2014 school year draws to a close, we would like to congratulate the students enrolled in PPAS 4995: Practicum in Public Administration, for the great work that was done over

the last few months. One of the groups undertook a needs assessment consulting assignment for the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and presented last Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>. Professor Peter Constantinou, course director for 4995 was there to witness the presentation: "The client was ecstatic - saying it was professional quality work - well beyond their expectations. Personally, this is the best project and delivery I have seen in my 20 years of supervising this course. I couldn't be prouder." Below are a few pictures - the pre-meeting when nerves were all about, in the board room facing the client, and afterwards in MacDonald Block.



## Seminars

### **April Activities at the Career Centre**

The Career Centre is pleased to provide you with the calendar of activities for the month of April 2014, please refer to our [online calendar](#).

**Summer Job Search** – Students looking to increase their chances of finding a summer job are invited to drop into the [YMCA's Summer Jobs Service](#) on Tuesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 24 from 1:30-3:30pm in 205 McLaughlin College. The YMCA Summer Jobs Service helps students connect with employers in the GTA for diverse summer opportunities. Students who are between the ages of 15 – 30, intending to return to school in the fall, and eligible to work in Canada (S.I.N. or work permit) are invited to drop-into this session and register with the Y. Students can browse through a list of job opportunities, fill out an application form and leave their resumé to apply for the positions of their choosing. Students may also wish to register for the Career Centre's [Putting Job Search Strategies into Action workshop](#) to assist them in succeeding in securing a great summer job. Students interested in a career in visual arts are invited to log into the [Career Conversations Webinar with Ingrid Chu, Writer & Curator, in New York City](#) on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. During this online interview, Ingrid Chu, York alumna, will share her personal story and how her career path took her from graduation to starting up a non-profit commissioning organization in New York. Ingrid will answer students' questions and share tips about following a career path in visual arts and living and working in the United States.

**Further Education** – April is the last chance, until September, for students to attend our Further Education workshop series. These five, highly targeted, 1-hour workshops, are designed to address the unique issues and concerns that students might have about their applications at each stage of the process. After attending these workshops, students will be well on their way to developing strong, persuasive application packages for the next steps of their education.

**Hire a York student for a 4, 8, 12 or 16 months** - You know first-hand the talent here at York - innovative skills, fresh ideas and exposure to the latest practices! York's [internships and co-op](#) include a number of programs in Accounting, Business & Public Administration, Computer Science & Information Technology, Engineering, Human Resources, and Science. If you have a relationship with an organization or know of a York alumna/us who would be interested in hiring a York intern or co-op student, please let me know. We will reach out to them with

information about our programs and the myriad benefits of hiring a York student.

**TASTE** - York alumni who have graduated from Criminology, Marketing, Political Science, Finance, Accounting, Law, Women's Studies, Communication & Culture, Design, Environmental Studies, English, and Media Studies, have expressed interest in Taking A Student To Eat (TASTE) for a bite-sized mentoring opportunity. These **TASTE** lunches are a great way for students to learn about their career of interest from someone who is thriving in that field. Please share this unique opportunity with students and if you know an alumna/us who might be interested in sharing their career story, please encourage them to take part in TASTE!

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### **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](http://www.economicclub.ca)

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### **Dr. Danielle Martin on How to Build a Better Health-Care System**

**Where better to defend our health-care system than at a U.S. Senate hearing?** That's what Toronto's Dr. Danielle Martin did last month – and her elegant slap-down of America's view on Canadian health-care grabbed headlines worldwide and drew three-quarters-of-a-million viewers to [Health Care: U.S. vs. Canada](#).

How can we fix our own system which isn't broken...yet...but is breaking. If anyone can bring new answers to the debate, it's Danielle Martin. She's Vice President of Medical Affairs & Health System Solutions at Women's College Hospital and a founder of Canadian Doctors for Medicare.

If you want to hear how we can save our system, our health and even our lives without spending a zillion new dollars to go broke trying, join us.

**Monday May 12 2014, 6:30-8:00pm.** The Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles Street West Toronto (At the Museum subway stop and just down from Bloor and Avenue Road). \$34.95+hst. To register, click [here](#).

### Why can't politics solve Canada's problems?

I'll bet a tart reply is at the tip of your tongue. But you're not a Member of Parliament. They're the ones who craft the laws, direct the dollars, and pledge the loyalty. So why is their respect, popularity and usefulness so low? How did one of the world's most functional democracies go so wrong?

Alison Loat and Michael MacMillan, co-founders of the think tank, Samara, interviewed 80 former MPs and came up with some surprising observations about how politics is practiced in Canada.

Their new book, *Tragedy in the Commons*, asks: "What exactly do we want our Members of Parliament to be doing?"

Alison Loat and Michael MacMillan will speak at the Ramsay Breakfast on Tuesday, May 6. So please join us and in doing so, vote to get to the bottom of what's wrong at the top.

When: Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.

Food for Thought: 8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.

Questions & Answers: 8:40 a.m.

Done and Gone: 8:59 a.m.

Where: The University Club - 380 University Avenue, Toronto

Price: \$60.00 +hst and includes your copy of "Tragedy in the Commons"

Tables of 10 also available for \$600 +hst and include 10 copies of "Tragedy in the Commons"

To register, please click on the registration link below. If you register and find you can't attend, please give us 48 hours notice in advance, or unhappily, your payment will have to stick. To book your tickets, click [here](#).

## Other Events / News

### Access to Ontario Post-Secondary Education for Non-Status Immigrants: Seeking Research Interview Participants

We are currently seeking interview participants for a research project looking at barriers in accessing post-secondary education in Ontario for immigrants without full immigration status.

If you identify as:

- Someone who has either applied, considered applying, successfully enrolled or were denied admission to an Ontario university or college, AND
- Did not have full Canadian immigration status (i.e. permanent residency or study permit) at the time of application,

we would be interested in hearing from you.

Interviews will be conducted one-on-one in the Toronto area and will be scheduled **between April 1st, 2014 and May 31st, 2014**. They will be approximately 1.5 hours in duration. TTC tokens and an honorarium of \$25 will be provided.

All information and will be kept strictly anonymous and confidential. Please forward this information to anyone you know who might be interested.

To discuss the project and/or participate in an interview, please contact:

Philip Ackerman (FCJ Refugee Centre), [packerman@fcjrefugeecentre.org](mailto:packerman@fcjrefugeecentre.org), 416-469-9754 x228 or Navjeet Sidhu (Social Planning Toronto), [nsidhu@socialplanningtoronto.org](mailto:nsidhu@socialplanningtoronto.org), 416-351-0095 x219

This project is being coordinated by FCJ Refugee Centre, OCASI, No One is Illegal Toronto, Social Planning Toronto, local migrant youth and community advocates.

### **More about this Project: Access to Post-Secondary Education**

This community-led research project will highlight the voices and experiences of migrants with precarious immigration status and their experience with accessing post-secondary studies in Ontario.

Migrants with precarious status in Canada have extremely limited access to post-secondary education in Ontario – both in terms of actual admissions restrictions, as well as structural and financial barriers to participation. These barriers have real impacts for individuals' daily lives and future career and professional goals (including immigration).

We believe that this project will provide an evidence base which documents the experiences of migrants and the systemic barriers to accessing post-secondary studies in the province, and will provide an effective starting point for further campaigning, research and advocacy on this important issue.

This project is being coordinated by FCJ Refugee Centre, OCASI, No One is Illegal Toronto, Social Planning Toronto, local migrant youth and community advocates.

## **Migration Matters: Arts-based Methodologies in Migration Research**

**April 22, 2014, 2:00 – 4:00pm, 626 Kaneff Tower**

Featuring

- “Thoughts Sit Like Stone in Me’: Dramatic Storytelling in the Ethnographic Study of Interiority” by Magdalena Kazubowski-Houston (Assistant Professor, Department of Theatre)
- “Title TBC” by Modesto Amegago (Assistant Professor, Department of Dance)
- “Milagros for Migrants: On and Beyond the Tomato Trail” by Deborah Barndt (Professor, Faculty of Environmental Studies)

Moderator: Luann Good Gingrich (Associate Professor, School of Social Work & Coordinator, Migration Matters)

Stayed tuned for other Migration Matters events coming soon: [www.yorku.ca/migrationmatters](http://www.yorku.ca/migrationmatters)

## **Call for Papers / Proposals**

### **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](mailto:crsstudentconference@gmail.com) by May 2nd, 2014.

For more information about presenting at the conference please contact [crsstudentconference@gmail.com](mailto:crsstudentconference@gmail.com) or you can visit [www.yorku.ca/crs](http://www.yorku.ca/crs).

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

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](mailto:imrc.wlu@gmail.com) by **April 30th**. For more information about last year's winner, go to <http://imrc.ca/category/gunn-award/>

## Contests

### 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-

## 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](http://www.councilofthefederation.ca).

## Jobs / Paid Positions

### Student & Community Leadership Development (SCLD) is Hiring!



Come check out SCLD's Hiring Page for a full list of the positions we're hiring for: <http://sclد.yorku.ca/work-for-sclد/>. We're accepting applications now and be sure to check out the different deadlines for the various positions because they are not all the same.