

School of Public Policy and Administration

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Important Reminders

Academic Advising at SPPA

An LAPS Student Advisor is 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. **Note: there will be no advising on Tuesday April 29th and Thursday May 1st.**

SPPA Events / News

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that our Administrative Assistant Margaret (Margo) Barreto has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant in the School of Social Work, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, effective Monday April 28, 2014.

Margo has been an integral and extremely dedicated staff member in the School of Public Policy and Administration since it was established in 2006. Margo Barreto was the selected recipient of the 2012 President's Staff Recognition Award, specifically the Ronald Kent Medal. This award was established in 1979 by President Emeritus H. Ian Macdonald. The criteria for eligibility includes promoting and strengthening collegiality at York University, consistently going above and beyond what is required in one's position, and promoting the spirit and goals of York University. We were all so very proud to see this award be given to such a deserving staff person.

On behalf of all of the SPPA faculty and staff we would like to express our sincerest gratitude to Margo for all of her hard work and incredible contributions to SPPA throughout the past 8 years. Margo will be truly missed, but we would like to take this opportunity to offer her our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes in her new position. The School of Social Work is truly fortunate to

have such a knowledgeable and wonderful person join their team. Margo's professionalism, kindness and positive outlook have most certainly left a lasting impact with all of us here at SPPA. Thank you so very much Margo!



Margo is pictured here with her current SPPA staff [from left to right] Danalyn Byng, Margo Barreto, Richard Kwok, Jasmattie Jewan, and Maria Flores

BPA Student publishes article on NATO Council of Canada website

Congratulations to Bezhan Safah on the publication of a report on the future of Afghanistan after NATO. His report, entitled "Northern Atlantic Treaty Organization's Mission continues beyond 2014 in Afghanistan" can be found online [here](#).

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 4th. 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.” Pictured in the photo below are Koosha Totonchi, Zalma Abdi, Haider Maan, Ajay Nandalall, Anisa Vangjeli, Ramsen Yousif, and Professor Peter Constantinou (not in order.)



Pre-registration is required, by Monday, 21 April to robarts@yorku.ca.

The workshop will take place on Thursday, 24 April, from 10 am -12 noon, in 749 Kaneff Tower (Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies).

2014 Causal Inference Workshops: Main and Advanced

Northwestern University and Duke University are holding two workshops on Research Design for Causal Inference this year.

Main workshop: Monday – Friday, July 7-11, 2014 [at Northwestern]

Advanced workshop: Wednesday - Friday, August 13-15, 2014 [at Duke]

Both workshops will be taught by world-class causal inference researchers. Registration for each is limited to 100 participants. For information and to register: law.northwestern.edu/faculty/conferences/causalinference/

Removing the Canadian experience barrier webinar

The Ontario Human Rights Commission invites you to a FREE webinar on Removing the “Canadian experience” barrier. **Wednesday, April 30, 2014 11am-12pm**



Features an overview of the OHRC's Policy on removing the “Canadian experience” barrier and offers an opportunity to ask related questions.

RSVP By Monday, April 28, 2014 To Alicia Carr at rsvp@ohrc.on.ca or 416-314-4526. Please include your full name, job title and organization. Closed Captioning is available. If you need other Human Rights Code-related accommodations to take part, please contact us before Wednesday, April 23, 2014. The webinar will be

Seminars / Workshops

Writing Workshop for Graduate Students

Distinguished author Douglas Hunter will lead an exclusive Writing Workshop for York University Graduate Students. Doug is the author of a wide range of books of different genres in the fields of early Canadian history, business and sports, and his works have been celebrated by a number of prizes. He has been a winner of and finalist for the National Business Book Award and a finalist for the Nereus Writers’ Trust Non-Fiction Prize and the Governor General’s Literary Award. His journalism has appeared in major newspapers as well as the Literary Review of Canada, Canada’s History, Canadian Geographic, ON Nature, and online at History News Network. Doug is currently completing his PhD in History at York. He will talk about the writing process, approaches, the differences between trade and academic publishing, and how academic writing skills can be adapted to the trade publishing environment.

presented in English. A French webinar will be scheduled at a later date.

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 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 resumés 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.

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.

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!

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

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

Asian Heritage Month Education Roundtable and Asian Heritage Month Lectures

We would like to invite you to the 10th Anniversary of the
Asian Heritage Month Education Roundtable and Asian
Heritage Month Lectures

MULTICULTURALISM, EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Plenary Addresses and Asian Heritage Month Lectures by

- Donna Quan , Director of Education, Toronto District
School Board
- Angela Gauthier , Director of Education, Toronto
Catholic District SchoolBoard

Asian Heritage Month Education Roundtable Panel Discussion

Chair: Professor Carl James, Director, York Centre for
Education and Community, York University "Introduction
to the topic: Multiculturalism, Education and Youth"

Panelists:

- Professor Eve Haque, Languages, Literature &
Linguistics, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional
Studies, York University, "The limits of
'Multiculturalism within a Bilingual Framework'"
- Jaclyn San Antonio, PhD Candidate, OISE, University
of Toronto; Community Developer at Community
Development Council Durham; former Youth Service
Provider Network Coordinator at Agincourt
Community Services Association
- Kosal Ky, Graduate Candidate, Education, York
University, "2nd Generation Canadian-Born
Cambodian Women's Voices in Ontario's Schools"

With Director Donna Quan and Director Angela Gauthier
also sitting on the panel

Q and A

- Opening Addresses by Dean Martin Singer, Dean,
Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York
University
- Justin Poy, Honorary Patron, Asian Heritage Month
(CFACI)

Chairs:

- Naomi Adelson, Associate Dean, Research, Faculty of
Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University
- Thabit Abdullah, Associate Dean, External, Faculty of
Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University

FREE ADMISSION. Please register by e-mail:
asianheritagecanadian@yahoo.ca **Monday, 12th May,
2014, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Sandra Faire and Ivan Fecan
Theatre, Accolade East Building, York University

Presented by Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional
Studies

Co-presented with

York Centre for Asian Research; York Centre for Refugee
Studies; York Centre for Education and Community;
Canadian Studies Program, University College. University
of Toronto; OISE, University of Toronto; Asian Heritage
Month Festival 2014; Social Services Network

Asian Heritage Month Festival 2014 is partially funded by
the Government of Canada through the Department of
Canadian Heritage, Citizenship and Immigration Canada,
and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

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

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 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/>

Summer Opportunities

Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies: Summer Short Courses

June 1-26, 2014

The Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS) at The American University in Cairo (AUC) is offering the following four short courses during the month of June 2014:

- International Refugee Law (June 1 - 5, 2014)
- Protection Challenges among Vulnerable Migrants and Refugees in Transition Times: Egypt as a Case Study (June 8 - 12, 2014)
- Addressing Global Trends: Psychosocial and Mental Health Interventions for Refugees Living the Urban Context (June 15 – 19, 2014)
- Immigration Detention: Challenges of a Growing Trend (June 22 -26, 2014)

The courses are offered for graduate level students, researchers and practitioners in the field of migration and refugees. The maximum number of participants in each course is between 10 - 30. All courses are conducted in English and no translation facilities are provided. Participants should have a sufficient command of the English language.

Interested applicants can apply for one course or for all the four courses. The fee for each course is \$ 500. Tuition waiver options are offered only to qualified candidates from the developing countries. However, participants who get tuition waiver are responsible for the cost of their flight to and accommodation in Egypt.

NB: Non- Egyptian applicants are strongly encouraged to apply three weeks before the course start, in order to

have enough time to obtain their visa. All courses will take place in the Tahrir Campus in Downtown Cairo. The exact location and room numbers will be forwarded to accepted participants before the start of the courses.

Deadlines for submitting applications for this course:

- For participants who are self sponsored, sponsored by other organization or their employers: 5th of May
- For Participants requesting tuition waiver: 12th of May
- Deadline for paying course deposit (30% of the total course's fee) is 12th of May

To apply for the courses:

1. Fill out the application form on CMRS website: <http://www.aucegypt.edu/GAPP/cmrs/outreach/Pages/ShortCourses.aspx>
2. Send the application to cmrscourses@aucegypt.edu with your most recent C.V

Applicants may apply and be accepted to more than one course. Please do not hesitate to contact cmrscourses@aucegypt.edu if you have any difficulty with the application process. Applicants accepted for the course will be notified by email within a week after the deadline for submitting the application.

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.

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.

Ontario Helping Youth Find Work, Build Skills

Ontario is helping over 100,000 students find jobs and launch their own businesses this summer so they can build the skills they need to succeed.

This year, students can visit ontario.ca/readysetwork to access an [easy-to-use assessment tool](#) that can help them:

- Find a job through Employment Ontario partners
- Strengthen their resume writing skills
- Apply for funding to start their own summer companies

Helping young people find work is part of the government's economic plan that is creating jobs for today and tomorrow. The comprehensive plan and its six priorities focus on Ontario's greatest strengths -- its people and strategic partnerships.