SPPA Events / News

SPPA faculty to receive University Professor title at Spring Convocation

Two York professors will be awarded 2014 University Professorships for their scholarship, teaching and participation in University life or contribution to the University as a community.

Susan Dimock and Martin Lockshin, both professors in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LAPS), were selected by York University’s Senate Committee on Awards to be given the honorific title – University Professor. Dimock and Lockshin will be honoured at York University’s spring convocation ceremonies in June.

A University Professor is a long-serving, tenured faculty member who has made an extraordinary contribution to the University as a colleague, teacher and scholar, including significant long-term contribution to the development or growth of the University or its parts; significant participation in the collegium through mentorship, service and/or governance; sustained impact over time on the University’s teaching mission; and recognition as a scholar.

During her time at York University, Susan Dimock has been an active member of the collegium and has participated in many aspects of University governance. She has been the chair of the University Senate, chair of Faculty Council, master of McLaughlin College, director of the York Centre for Practical Ethics, president of the York University Faculty Association, and a member of the hiring committees for both the President and the Provost of York.

Dimock’s research interests span topics in ethical theory and practical ethics, including political and public sector ethics, political philosophy and the philosophy of law. She is currently researching criminal law and criminal justice within the framework of a broader political conception of a just society.

In addition to being an active researcher and author of numerous books and scholarly articles, Dimock teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in moral, political and legal philosophy. She is a winner of York’s most prestigious teaching award—the President’s University-Wide Teaching Award—and has developed a range of pedagogical materials for teaching philosophy. Her passion for and wide mastery of topics in value theory, her wit and her extraordinary presentation skills combine to make her a sought-after speaker. Dimock participates in a variety of scholarly workshops and conferences throughout the world.

New Staff Nominee to the Board of Governors

As a result of an election at large, MPPAL Alumni, Dragan Spasojevic has been nominated by full-time non-academic employees for membership on the Board of Governors. He replaces Debbie Jamieson who has ably served since July 2004. Upon confirmation by the board, he will begin serving a two-year term effective July 1. Spasojevic is the manager of Community Relations & Crime Prevention at York University. He will join Salvatore Paneduro who was appointed last year to the second board seat for non-academic employees.

Other News

McLaughlin College Graduation Celebration – June 16th, 2014 at 6:30 PM

Professor David Leyton-Brown, Master of McLaughlin College; Claire Simpson, President McLaughlin College Chapter York University Alumni Association, and Dr. Jamie Laws, Chair of McLaughlin Alumni Steering Community cordially invite you and your guest to a celebratory awards ceremony for those graduating with academic distinction: Monday June 16th, 2014; Senior Common Room, 140 McLaughlin College

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RSVP (including # of guests) by June 5th, 2014 to: email bacchus@yorku.ca or Call: 416-736-5128  
Parking available at Founders Road East Visitors Lot for $10.00  

No Easy Walk to Freedom Documentary  
Premiere: June 1st, 2014  
Date: Sunday, June 1 at 12:00 pm  
Documentary: No Easy Walk to Freedom  
Location: TIFF Bell Lightbox (as part of the Inside Out Toronto LGBT Film Festival.)  
No Easy Walk to Freedom, a new documentary by veteran filmmaker Nancy Nicol, tells the story of the struggle to strike down Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code. Filmed in Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Lucknow and rural India, No Easy Walk to Freedom is moving examination of the struggle to decriminalize homosexuality in contemporary India. Told through the voices of lawyers, activists and community leaders, No Easy Walk to Freedom exposes human rights violations perpetrated under Section 377 and documents the growth of queer organizing in India in the context of this historic battle to overturn a colonial-era law.  
The film premiere will be followed by a panel including: Helen Kennedy, ED Egale Canada; Junic Wambya, ED of Freedom and Roam Uganda; Ponni Arasu, a lawyer with Voices Against 377; Nancy Nicol, director of No Easy Walk to Freedom.  
Visit the following website to find out more & purchase tickets: http://insideout.ca/torontofestival/program/no-easy-walk-to-freedom

Graduate Research Workshop on Migration and Settlement – June 11  
Wednesday, June 11, 2014 I 8:30 am - 3:30 pm York University, Kaneff Tower, Room 519, 4700 Keele Street  
CERIS invites you to an interactive workshop showcasing research findings on migration and settlement by emerging scholars in Ontario. In this all-day event, recent and prospective PhDs will present on three major themes including New Forms of Precariousness; Migrant Health and Wellbeing; and Citizenship, Multiculturalism, and Identity. Following the presentations, the audience will have an opportunity to receive hands-on training on how to write research summaries and mobilize research to the general public. For more information, see flyer or visit: http://www.ceris.metropolis.net/?tribe_events=workshop-on-recent-doctoral-research-regarding-migration-and-settlement

Seminars / Workshops

Pakistan Beyond Tremors and Terror: Critical Engagements with Political, Economic and Cultural Change  
The Pakistan Conference Committee has organized an academic conference on Pakistan, titled Pakistan Beyond Tremors and Terror: Critical Engagements with Political, Economic and Cultural Change.  
The goal of the conference is to move beyond the dominant narratives of Pakistan in the mainstream media and in recent academic (and policy) knowledge production, which has often reproduced crude and overly narrow analyses of the country and its people. It has been analyses which seems to be more committed to promoting United States foreign policy objectives than to stimulating any serious academic inquiry.  
This conference will bring together scholars and students whose research moves beyond these prevailing views for a more complex understanding of Pakistan and its people. We seek to critically interrogate the "war on terror", religious violence and other topics scarcely covered in the mainstream.  
A full conference schedule can be found on the Pakistan Beyond Tremors and Terror website.

Session One: New Forms of Precariousness  
(9:00am–10:10am)  
This session explores the policy and experiences that affect migrant workers and international students at a global and local level. Topics include temporary work, live-in caregivers, access to education and student mobility.  

Presenters:  
Geraldina Polanco, York University; Oluwabukola Oladunni Salami, University of Toronto; Francisco Javier Villegas, University of Toronto; Gunjan Sondhi, York University; Wambui Gichuru, Western University.

Session Two: Migrant Health and Wellbeing
This session focuses on the physical and mental health of immigrants and refugees, especially women. Topics include utilization of and access to health services, memory and trauma, employment and its effects on health.

Presenters:
Janette J. Brual, Queen’s University; S.M. Tariqul Islam, Laurentian University; Bharati Sethi, Wilfrid Laurier University; Sajedeh Zahraei, University of Toronto; Christine Nabukeera, York University.

Session Three: Citizenship, Multiculturalism, and Identity
(11:40am–12:50pm)
This session looks at the factors that shape migrants’ identity formation and expression. Topics include immigrant diversity, dimensions of citizenship, identity re-negotiation, and belonging.

Presenters:
Laura Reidel, Wilfrid Laurier University; Rhiannon Mosher, York University; Snežana Ratkovic, Brock University; Evadne Kelly, York University; Janine Rose, York University.

To attend, please RSVP at http://cerisgraduateresearch.eventbrite.ca. We look forward to seeing you on June 11!

Public Sector Change Leadership – New Zealand Experience
This is advance notice of a world-class happening in Wellington, New Zealand in November 2015. Wellington, called ‘the coolest little capital on the planet’, is celebrating 150 years as New Zealand’s capital city. And New Zealand is 30 years on from the origins of groundbreaking New Public Management reforms, with a wealth of experience and learning to share.

The program planned is innovative, relevant, and engaging and is presented in three-part harmony:
1. Action learning leadership development built around a practical project with organizational outcomes (22 November to 2 December)
2. Change leadership conference reinforced by international experts and site visits (24-26 November)

Political and public service change leaders attending the program will discover the value proposition of acquiring new thinking, practices, and connections.

To register, express your interest, or get more information, please contact profdev@vuw.ac.nz.

Summer Workshops on Research Methods
A special series of non-credit, no-fee, workshops for graduate students, 4th year students planning to begin graduate studies and others interested in brushing up on their basic research skills. You may attend any workshop or all of the workshops depending on your interest.

Please Note: During the workshop sessions dealing with statistics participants who wish, will have the opportunity to learn not only the mathematical theory but also how to calculate the statistics presented and how to use them in research (if they choose). All of this “technical work” will be presented and taught using EXCEL. Those who wish can purchase an inexpensive and very good guidebook to using Excel for statistical work. Pace, Larry (2013) The Excel Data and Statistics Cookbook, Third Ed. Available for $14.83 (US) at http://www.lulu.com as an e-book (downloads as a PDF which is yours forever). MPPAL student can apply to have the cost of the book rebated as a program expense. If you do wish to learn the “technical work” it is advisable to bring a laptop to the relevant workshops.

For more information, please contact the workshop leader: Prof. Daniel Cohn, dcohn@yorku.ca or 416-736-2100 ext. 77276

A more complete syllabus with additional suggested electronic readings will be posted shortly on Prof. Cohn’s website on Monday May 5th at: http://www.yorku.ca/dcohn/courses.html

All sessions are in MC140 (The McLaughlin College Senior Common Room) and will start at 7pm. Light refreshments will be available.

• Thurs. May 29th Research as a Social Science and as a Public Policy Pursuit / Getting Started with Excel
• Thurs. June 5th From Question to Execution -- Research Design Ensuring Validity and Reliability: Dilemmas of Qualitative and Quantitative Research
• Thurs. June 19th Qualitative Research, Documentary Evidence and ‘Qualitative Data Sets’
• Thurs. June 26th Qualitative Research: Key Informant Interviewing and Participant Observer Methods
- Thurs. July 17th  Describing Data with Graphs and Numbers
- Thurs. July 24th  Describing Relationships between Data with Graphs and Crosstabs
- Thurs. July 31st  Margin of Error, Confidence and Significance (Z and one sample “t”)
- Thurs. Aug 7th  Are the relationships meaningful? Part I: Return of the Crosstab
- Thurs. Aug 14th  Are the relationships meaningful? Part II: Two Sample “t” tests and ANOVA
- Thurs Aug 21st  Regression Analysis

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/

Call for Papers / Proposals

Guelph Jazz Festival Colloquium 2014

Call for Papers

“The future is always here in the past”  -Amiri Baraka, “Jazzmen: Diz & Sun Ra”

“We will make our own future Text” -Ishmael Reed, Mumbo Jumbo

The Guelph Jazz Festival, in conjunction with the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre, the University of Guelph, and the SSHRC funded International Institute for Critical Studies in Improvisation (IICSI) invites proposals for presentations at our annual three - day international interdisciplinary conference. This year’s colloquium will take place September 3rd to 5th as part of the 21st annual Guelph Jazz Festival (September 3-7). It will bring together a diverse range of scholars, creative practitioners, arts presenters, policy makers, and members of the general public. Featuring workshops, panel discussions, keynote lectures, performances, and dialogues among researchers, artists, and audiences, the annual colloquium cuts across a range of social and institutional locations and promotes a dynamic international exchange of cultural forms and knowledges.

Please send (500 word) proposals (for 15 minute delivery) and a short bio by May 31, 2014 to: The 2014 Guelph Jazz Festival Colloquium c/o Dr. Ajay Heble, Artistic Director, The Guelph Jazz Festival email: jazzcoll@uoguelph.ca

Visit the following link for more information:
http://www.improvcommunity.ca/content/guelph-jazz-festival-colloquium-2014

CFA: 2015-2016 EURIAS Fellowship Programme

Apr 15, 2014 to Jun 5, 2014

The European Institutes for Advanced Study (EURIAS) Fellowship Programme is an international researcher mobility programme offering 10-month residencies in one of the 16 participating Institutes: Berlin, Bologna, Budapest, Cambridge, Delmenhorst, Edinburgh, Freiburg, Helsinki, Jerusalem, Lyon, Marseille, Paris, Uppsala, Vienna, Wassenaar, Zürich. The Institutes for Advanced Study support the focused, self-directed work of outstanding researchers. The fellows benefit from the finest intellectual and research conditions and from the stimulating environment of a multi-disciplinary and international community of first-rate scholars.

EURIAS Fellowships are mainly offered in the fields of the humanities and social sciences but may also be granted to scholars in life and exact sciences, provided that their proposed research project does not require laboratory facilities and that it interfaces with humanities and social sciences. The diversity of the 16 participating IAS offers a wide range of possible research contexts in Europe for worldwide scholars.

Applicants may select up to three IAS outside their country of nationality or residence as possible host institutions.

The Programme welcomes applications worldwide from promising young scholars as well as from leading senior researchers. The EURIAS selection process has proven to be highly competitive. To match the Programme standards, applicants have to submit a solid and innovative research proposal, to demonstrate the ability to forge beyond disciplinary specialisation, to show an
international commitment as well as quality publications in high-impact venues.

For the 2015–2016 academic year EURIAS offers 44 fellowships (22 junior and 22 senior positions).

All IAS have agreed on common standards, including the provision of a living allowance (in the range of € 26,000 for a junior fellow and € 38,000 for a senior fellow), accommodation (or a mobility allowance), a research budget, plus coverage of travel expenses.

Application:

• Applications are submitted online via www.eurias-fp.eu, where, you will find detailed information regarding the content of the application, eligibility criteria, and selection procedure.

• Applications period April 15th—June 5th, 2014, 12 pm (noon) GMT.

• Late applications will not be considered.

Selection Procedure

• Scientific assessment by two international reviewers

• Pre-selection by the international EURIAS Scientific Committee

• Final selection by the IAS Academic Boards

• Publication of results: January 2015

For further information on the Programme, please consult our website: www.eurias-fp.eu

For further information on the IAS and their specific working conditions: www.eurias-fp.eu/ias

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GRF One Health Summit 2014

In response to the overwhelming demand, the deadline for abstracts submission for the 3rd GRF One Health Summit 2014 is extended to May 31, 2014!

Authors from research, education, industry, policy, UN- and International Organizations, and civil societies are invited to submit abstracts on one of the conference topics.

The 3rd GRF One Health Summit 2014 from 05 - 08 October 2014 will continue the dialogue at the interface of human-, animal- and environmental health and will also include food safety and security, water, sanitation and hygiene issues. It will expand the scientific knowledge base but also show-case successful implementations of the One Health concept to contribute to public health efficiency.

GRF Davos invites you to submit your abstract here: http://onehealth.grforum.org/programme/call-for-abstracts/ by the deadline of 31 May 2014 on one of the following conference topics:

• Public/Global Health
• Diseases
• Environment and health impact
• Food & Agriculture
• Global Change & Sustainable Development

Further details on each topic are also at the following link: http://onehealth.grforum.org/programme/conference-topics/

The summit covers all aspects of health on the human-animal-ecosystem interface including both strategies and processes, technical and managerial aspects focusing on tools, standards and data and the application of business processes.

Particular focus will be set on Public / Global Health, NCDs and Disease Control, Environment and Health Impacts, Food Safety & Security, Health and Agriculture, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, within the context of Global Change & Sustainable Development.

Submitted papers are welcomed on projects, case studies, concepts, strategies and theories that focus on the establishment, implementation, maintenance, and improvement of a global One Health approach and its added value to a sustainable development process. Selected papers will be published in our e-journal Planet@Risk.

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Dupont Summit on Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy

The purpose of the Dupont Summit is to promote interdisciplinary dialogue about pressing issues related to science, technology and the environment. The conference mirrors the interest of the PSO and its partners in promoting conversation about current policy concern.

Prominent scholars, government officials, and other experts will be on hand, and we hope you will join in the discussion. Some of our past speakers include former Director of Central Intelligence James Woolsey, the Mayor of Grand Rapids, Michigan George Heartwell, Congressman Robert C. Scott, and Associate Director of Arizona State University's DC Office of the Consortium for Science, Policy, & Outcomes Mahmud Farooque, plus others from various organizations such as the National Science Foundation, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the National Academy of
Engineering, as well as numerous prestigious colleges and universities. Visit our website for more details on the Dupont Summit or view last year’s program.

How to Submit a Proposal

In order to submit a paper for consideration, please send a 1-2 page abstract to PSO Executive Director Daniel Gutierrez-Sandoval at dgutierrezs@ipsonet.org. Topics of interest include, but are by no means limited to, health, energy, national security, information technology and telecommunications, environment science and climate change, biotechnology, HIV/AIDS, space, and the ethical, legal, and social implications of existing and emerging technologies. The early consideration deadline is October 5th, 2014. Due to space constraints, this year we will be accepting fewer proposals for presentation. Proposals submitted by the early deadline will be given priority.

About the PSO

The Policy Studies Organization disseminates policy scholarship through its numerous academic journals, book series, conferences, and programs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Matthew Brewer (Director of Outreach and Open Source Materials) either by email or by phone: 202-349-9288, brewer@ipsonet.org

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**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 requested to reflect on the conference theme.

Click here for conference details and to submit an abstract.

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**Summer Opportunities**

**International Summer School on the Geopolitics of Natural Resources**

June 16-21, Université Laval


Co-organised by Hautes études internationales (HEI) of the Université Laval and The School of Public Policy (University of Calgary), this summer school will focus on some major issues of the natural resources’ geopolitics in a multidisciplinary scope (political science, economics, law, geography, etc).


Please note that all the conferences will be simultaneously translated.

Contact our assistants: ressourcesnaturelles@hei.ulaval.ca
Call for Applications Summer School on Parliaments 2014 in Brussels

There are still places available for the 3rd Summer School on Parliaments 2014 in Brussels (September 8-19)! This is a great opportunity for graduate students and junior researchers to learn from and meet established scholars from the field of legislative studies.

The summer school is aimed at doctoral students and junior scholars with research interests in the areas of parliamentary and legislative studies. In addition, the Summer School may be of interest to junior professional researchers attached to the research and administrative services of national and regional parliaments.

More details on the schedule, accommodations and application procedure are at the following link:

http://standinggroups.ecpr.eu/parliaments/?page_id=53

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