

School of Public Policy and Administration

Weekly Newsletter

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Important Reminders

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If you wish to unsubscribe from the SPPA Newsletter, please send a reply email to lapssppa@yorku.ca asking to be removed from the mailing list. Thank-you.

SPPA Hours of Operation: June – August 2014

The SPPA office will be open during the following hours from June 1st, 2014 – August 31st, 2014:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Notices

Exciting SPPA Courses Available F/W 2014-2015: The International Refugee Protection Regime I & II

Looking for exciting 3.00 credit courses?

How about:

The International Refugee Protection Regime I: Critical Problems: AP/PPAS 4111 3.00 A Fall 2014

Date: Mondays

Time: 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Course Director: Professor James C. Simeon

Course Description:

Using multi-disciplinary analytical approaches/perspectives, the current state of the international refugee protection regime will be examined to reveal the underlying forces and dynamics at the root of the critical problems and the probable solutions facing those seeking international protection. This course will prepare students to do an Experiential

Education/Community Based Learning opportunity with an international organization or NGO in the Winter Term.

The Winter Term course is available as follows:

The International Refugee Protection Regime II: Research Seminar: AP/PPAS 4112 3.00 M Winter 2015

For Further Information Contact: School of Public Policy & Administration

(416) 736-5384

NOTE: We encourage students from any and all related Liberal Arts & Professional Studies programs (Law and Society, Political Science, Sociology, Diaspora Studies, Global Studies, Anthropology, History, International Development Studies, Environmental Studies, Health etc.) to take advantage of this exciting academic opportunity.

SPPA Events / News

Professor Marcia Rioux appointed to Order of Canada

York University Distinguished Research Professor **Marcia Rioux** has been appointed a member of the Order of Canada in recognition of her scholarship in the field of social justice and for her advancement of the rights of persons with disabilities.

The announcement of Rioux's induction was made June 30 by Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada David Johnston. Appointment to the [Order of Canada](#) is one of Canada's highest civilian honours. Rioux will be invited to a ceremony to accept her insignia at a later date.

Rioux, a professor in the School of Health Policy and Management in York's Faculty of Health, is co-director of [Disability Rights Promotion International](#), a multi-year project to monitor disability rights nationally and internationally. She founded the master's and doctoral programs in Critical Disability Studies at York University and is director of the York Institute of Health Research.

Rioux has also been an adviser to federal and provincial commissions, parliamentary committees and international NGOs, as well as United Nations agencies. Earlier this year, Rioux was presented with the Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award by David Onley, then lieutenant governor of Ontario, in recognition of outstanding contributions to Ontario communities.

AP/HREQ 4740 6.00M: Ideology, Social Policy, and the State - Summer 2014

July-August Course

D2 Course Offering – Enrol Now!

This course is centered on a core struggle between working-class Ontarians and a corporate governing class as it is worked out in the schools of poor, racialized and immigrant communities. A major section of the course will draw on student experience of growing up and going to school in Toronto or elsewhere in the world.

Format: Three hour seminar

Monday to Friday 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Practicum in Public Administration Students Ajay Nandalall, Anna Marie Grant & Olessya Ozkan – Achieve Positions within the Ontario Government

Student **Ajay Nandalall**, Specialist Honours in Public Administration (Law, Justice & Public Policy) and recent admit into the MPPAL program, has achieved a Summer Student position at the following Ministry due to his work with SPPA Professor Peter Constantinou in the Practicum in Public Administration course (PPAS 4995). His position details are below:

Ministry: Ministry of the Attorney General
Branch: Innovation Office (Project Management Office)
Position: Project and Communications Assistant (Summer Student)

Moreover, the student is also in the process of interviewing for the following position:

Ministry: Ministry of the Attorney General
Branch: Durham Region Crown Attorney's Office
Position: Office Assistant (Summer Experience Program)

Next, Honours Major Political Science & Minor in Public Administration student **Anna Marie Grant** who also completed the Practicum course with Professor
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Constantinou has gained a position within one of our Ontario Ministries, with details as follows:

Ministry: Ministry of the Attorney General

Branch: Corporate Policy and Tribunals Branch

Position: Policy and Programs Assistant (Summer Student)

Additionally, former Practicum in Public Administration student **Olessya Ozkan** has also achieved a position in the Ontario government with details as follows:

Sector: ServiceOntario

Branch: Private Service Providers Branch

Unit: Customer Care Division

Position: Business Advisor

Our congratulations go out to our students for their recent accomplishments!

Red Cross Certified CPR Level HCP Courses

June 1st, 2014 – August 1st, 2014

York University's School of Nursing is offering CPR courses this summer.

Location: 304 Health, Nursing and Environmental Studies Building (HNES)

Sponsor: Canadian Red Cross

Website: <http://www.synergy-employment.com/yorkcpr>

Seminars / Workshops

Three Day Strategic Grant Proposal Writing Workshop

To be held at: **Ryerson University**

Toronto, Ontario

August 11 - 13, 2014 8:30AM ~ 5:00 PM

Our grant writing workshop offers you key, proven strategies to develop winning proposals. Here's what you'll learn to make your next proposal competitive and successful:

- Writing persuasive proposals
- Identifying relevant government, foundation, and corporate funding sources

- Establishing an efficient pre-proposal planning process
- Developing and organizing results-oriented proposal ideas
- Preparing and writing content to effectively meet proposal guidelines
- Managing and streamlining submission procedures and follow-up

Strategic Proposal Writing – You will learn why a successfully written proposal requires an organized, systematic approach to conveying your story.

Strategic Grant Research - This course will introduce you to new tools and techniques that will help identify and cultivate government, foundation, and corporate grant makers.

Strategic Program Planning - You will gain a sound overview on how to ensure your proposals are clear, significant and compelling.

Tuition for our Three-Day Grant Writing Workshop is \$598 USD per person, with a \$50 off discount for early sign-ups (10 business days or more before the workshop). Each participant will receive the following items:

- * ISFD Certificate of Completion accredited by CFRE with 15 Continuation Education Units (CEU)
- * Strategic Grant Writing Development Proposal Workbook and Bonus Materials, Fundraising & Research CD
- * On-Going Consulting Services with ISFD Instructors & Staff

Registration:

- 1) [Online](#)
- 2) Phone - Call us at **(877) 414-8991**. An ISFD consultant will assist you with your registration and answer any questions.
- 3) Email - Send an email to info@isfdonline.com with your basic contact information and a seat will be reserved.

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)
3. Biennial writers and readers festival featuring public debate of challenging issues (27-28 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

Graduate Student Conference: Canadian Democracy at a Crossroads

On February 12 and 13th, 2015, the Bell Chair in Canadian Parliamentary Democracy at Carleton University is hosting a graduate student conference: **Canadian Democracy at a Crossroads?** This conference offers graduate students broadly interested in the study of Canadian politics and government an opportunity to gather in the nation's capital, present and receive feedback on their research from a scholarly audience, and engage in professional development and networking.

Proposals should include:

- (1) First, last name and field of study;
- (2) Institutional email address;
- (3) Institutional affiliation, including current status in graduate program;
- (4) Name and email address of supervisor;
- (6) Title of proposed paper; and
- (7) an abstract of no more than 200 words.

Please send your proposals to bell.chair@carleton.ca by **Friday, October 31, 2014**.

There is no conference registration fee. Financial support is available.

More information about the conference is available at <http://carleton.ca/polisci/canadian-democracy-crossroads/>

The 5th International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC Davos 2014

The 5th International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC Davos 2014, held on 24 – 28 August 2014 in Davos, Switzerland is this year's key conference for *integrative disaster and risk management*.

Register before the 15 July and benefit from *15% off* the regular registration fee.

The IDRC Davos 2014 serves as the science and technology input platform for the post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA2) and provides recommendations towards the UN World Conference WCDRR in Sendai, Japan in March 2015.

Learn more about the extensive [scientific conference programme](#) and the outstanding set of international [keynote and plenary speakers](#) that await you in Davos.

Hurry, as the *15% reduction offer* is only valid until 15 July 2014.

We look forward to welcoming you and your ideas at the thought-provoking IDRC 2014 this August.

Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://idrc.info/home/>

MITACS Opportunities for Postdoctoral Fellowship & Mitacs Globalink Research Internship

Mitacs Elevate Postdoctoral Fellowship

- Two-year fellowship valued at \$115,000 (plus \$15,000 non-cash value in training)
- Customized training in professional and R&D management skills
- Long-term research project with a private-sector partner
- Open to all disciplines
- **Letter of Intent Deadline: August 6, 2014, at 5:00 pm PST**
- **Application Deadline: August 19, 2014, at 1:00 pm PST**

For more information, please visit [Mitacs Elevate](#) or contact elevate@mitacs.ca.

Mitacs Globalink Research Internship

Currently in its sixth year, the **Research Internship** is accepting faculty applications for summer 2015. Faculty supervise international senior undergraduates who travel to Canada to undertake research projects of mutual interest.

- 12-week research internship in summer 2015
- Open to professors in all disciplines

- Open to interns from Brazil, China, India, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Vietnam
- Mitacs oversees matching and travel logistics and provides student funding
- Competitive process for interns
- Submission deadline for faculty projects is **June 18, 2014**

For more information visit: www.mitacs.ca

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 dgutierrez@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

Summer Opportunities

NXT City Prize 2014 – Volunteer Opportunity

We need volunteers for NXT City Night!

Thursday, August 14, 2014

NXT City Night is the awards ceremony for the [2014 NXT City Prize](#), which is being held by [Distl](#) in partnership with the City of Toronto and the Chief Planner, Ms Jennifer Keesmaat.

NXT City Night will be attended by over 400 guests including some of Toronto's top business and civic leaders, development companies, and politicians. This is a terrific opportunity to network with some of the City's most influential individuals and organizations, as well as to meet like-minded peers in your field.

We need help with the following roles:

- **Set up/tear down**
- **Registration table**
- **Ushering**
- **VIP Usher**
- **Stage Manager**
- **Bartenders (must have SmartServe)**
- **Photography/Video (own camera required)**

You'll need to be available on Thursday, August 14, 2014 from approximately 4pm to 10pm. Volunteers for set up will need to be available at 10am that morning. Food and drinks to be provided to everyone.

A one hour in-person information session will also be held the evening before on August 13, 2014.

If interested, please email info@distl.co or call [647.470.7021](tel:647.470.7021) and indicate your role preference.

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

Internships

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