

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## Weekly Newsletter

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### Important Reminders

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. *Please note: advising appointments will not be held on February 11th & 13th.*

### Announcements

#### LA&PS Course Performance Summary (CPS) forms

For all students in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LA&PS), please note that the drop off/submission location for all Course Performance Summary (CPS) forms has now changed, effective immediately, from 103 Central Square to **N926 Ross Building**.

The revised LA&PS Course Performance Summary form, which now includes the new submission location can be found at the following link:

<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/council/students/documents/CPS.pdf>

#### Call for nominations for the President's University-Wide Teaching Awards

The President's University-Wide Teaching Awards (UWTA) honour those individuals who, through innovation and commitment, have significantly enhanced the quality of learning for York students. Four awards are offered each year in the following categories:

- Full-time faculty with 10 or more years of teaching experience;
- Full-time faculty (tenured, tenure-stream, contractually limited appointments) with less than 10 years of experience;
- Contract and adjunct faculty;
- Teaching assistants.

The purpose of these awards is to provide significant recognition for excellence in teaching, to encourage its pursuit, to publicize such excellence when achieved across the University and in the wider community, and to promote informed discussion of teaching and its improvement. The awards demonstrate the value York University attaches to teaching.

Recipients of the awards, selected by the Senate Committee on Awards, receive \$3,000, have their names engraved on the University-Wide Teaching Awards plaques in Vari Hall and are recognized at convocation ceremonies. Nominations can be submitted by faculty, students or alumni.

**The deadline for the 2014 President's UWTA is Feb. 7, 2014. Nominations may only be submitted online.**

A PDF download of the [President's UWTA criteria](#) and online [nomination form](#) are available from the [Awards](#) webpage, at: <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/committees/awards/index-awards.html>

## SPPA Events

### MPPAL Info Sessions

The Masters of Public Policy, Administration and Law information sessions provide an overview of the MPPAL program. Topics covered include admission requirements and procedures, course content, career paths, financial aid, and the Graduate Diplomas in Democratic Administration and Justice System Administration.

Potential students can meet with some faculty members, and program officers for the MPPAL Program.

**Osgoode Professional Development Centre  
26th. Floor**

**1 Dundas St. West, Toronto**

[Map & Directions](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 4 - 5:30 - 7:30pm

Wednesday, Feb. 19 - 5:30 - 7:30pm

To register for a session please visit [http://www.yorku.ca/gradppal/info\\_sessions.html](http://www.yorku.ca/gradppal/info_sessions.html)

## Other Events/News

### Public Policy Administration Student Association (PPASA) SOCIAL EVENT

#### **“Mix and Mingle” Pub Night!**

Take a break from studying and come out for a night filled with Good Food, Funk, and Fun. Interactive games and Prizes!!!

**Shopsy’s Sports Bar in York Lanes!  
7-9PM, TUESDAY FEB 4TH**

RSVP is a must!

SIGN UP HERE: <http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sppa/event.html>

### Reflections on the Career Development of a Political Science Professor

**“Guns, Lies, and Video Clips: Thinking critically about global security”** Presented by **David Mutimer**

David Mutimer is a Professor of Political Science and Fellow of YCISS. His research considers issues of contemporary international security through lenses provided by critical social theory, as well as inquiring into the reproduction of security in and through popular culture.

Much of that work has focused on weapons proliferation as a reconfigured security concern in the post-cold war era, and has tried to open possibilities for alternative means of thinking about the security problems related to arms more generally.

More recently he has turned his attention to the politics of the global war on terror, and of the regional wars around the world presently being fought by Canada and its allies.

Professor Mutimer will look back at his career development and give a sense of what it has meant to him as a Professor of Political Science.

**Thursday January 30, 2014 12-1:30PM**

**Senior Common Room, 140 McLaughlin College**

Everyone welcome, light refreshments provided. For further information, please contact Lorraine Myrie at x33825 or [lmyrie@yorku.ca](mailto:lmyrie@yorku.ca).

### Creative Writing: Reading Series

**Presents: Aleksandar Hemon**

Author of *The Lazarus Project*, which was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and the National Book Award, as well as *The Question of Bruno; Nowhere Man, Love and Obstacles* and *The Book of My Lives*.

**Friday January 31, 11:30AM-1:00PM, 305 Founders College.** All are welcome.

**Join The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry,  
OC, O.Ont, QC., as York celebrates the  
release of his memoirs**

York's Chancellor, the Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, has agreed to speak at McLaughlin about the issues that have interested and motivated him throughout his long and distinguished career, as described in his recent book.:

Mamdouh Shoukri, President and Vice-Chancellor with Lorne Sossin, Dean, Osgoode Hall Law School and David Leyton-Brown, Master, McLaughlin College, invite you to join them at a talk given by The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, OC, O.Ont, QC. to celebrate the release of his book, "Memoirs and Reflections"

**Wednesday, February 12th, 2014 1:30-3pm** (Talk 1:30pm, Book Signing and Light Refreshments 2:30pm) Robert R. McEwen Auditorium, Executive Learning Centre Schulich School of Business  
**R.S.V.P. by February 4th:** 416-736-5307 or online: [yorku.ca/eventsvp](http://yorku.ca/eventsvp) Event Code: 867

**Late January Workshops from the Writing  
Centre**

**Spaces limited to the first 25 students attending.  
Location: Writing Centre - S312 Ross**

**Essays Made Easy**

**Thursday, January 30, 2014 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

Do you ever have trouble getting started on your essays? Do you wonder what professors expect from your assignments? The "Essays Made Easy" workshop will help you improve your writing by providing a systematic approach to essays that result in clear, well-organized papers. You will learn how to develop a well-considered thesis statement, and how to use evidence effectively to support your position. You will also discover the difference between summary and analysis, and see how they interact within an essay to provide a logical, coherent argument.

**De-Mystifying Academic Essay Writing  
Friday, January 31, 2014 1:30 - 2:30 pm**

How can I make sense of my essay assignment? Where can I look online for help with the writing process? Why do I keep getting "C's" on my essays? Why are things that were acceptable in high school not acceptable in university? What are those things, by the way? Why is academic writing so hard? Stop freaking out and learn how to make your writing "more academic" and therefore more clear, concise and error-free. This is a hands-on workshop, so if you have a previously graded assignment sample or an essay-in-progress, bring it to the session and get ready to use what you learn right away.

**The Tenacious Campaign to Make Ontario  
Fully Accessible to People with Disabilities  
– What's Next and How Can You Get  
Involved?**

**Presented by: David Lepofsky, Chair, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance**

Want to know about the cutting edge issues that Ontario's disability accessibility advocates will be pressing over the next weeks and months? Want to know how you can get involved, whether you have a disability or not?

Come to this public forum to hear from David Lepofsky, who is spending a month as a Roy McMurtry Clinical Fellow at Osgoode Hall Law School. This talk is open to students, faculty and staff at York, and anyone else who wants to attend. Come to learn and share your ideas. NOTE: ASL Interpreting will be provided at this event.

Where: Room 280N, second floor of York Lanes  
When: **Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 2:00—3:30pm**

Space is limited. Please RSVP via email to: [sufia@yorku.ca](mailto:sufia@yorku.ca) Seats will be confirmed only for those who have sent the RSVP and received an email confirmation from Sufia.

More about David Lepofsky: For nineteen years, David Lepofsky has played a leadership role and advocated for the enactment, implementation and enforcement of disability accessibility legisla-

tion in Ontario. From 1994 to 2005, David Lepofsky led the Ontarians with Disabilities Act Committee. That coalition successfully campaigned for ten years to win passage of two new Ontario laws to make Ontario fully accessible to persons with disabilities - the Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2001 and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005. As of late February, 2009, David became the Chair of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance. Awards include investiture in the Order of Canada (1995), the Order of Ontario (2007), and the Terry Fox Hall of Fame (2003), honorary doctorates from Queen's University and the University of Western Ontario, and awards from other organizations including e.g. the City of Toronto, the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Ontario Bar Association Public Lawyers Section, the Advocates Society, the Ontario Crown Attorneys Association, the Ontario March of Dimes and Community Living Ontario.

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### **Mitacs Steps Workshops**

These workshops are free for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. However, the preauthorization of a valid credit card is required as part of the registration process. For answers to some frequently asked questions, please visit our help page: <http://step.mitacs.ca/faq>



#### **Practice Your Presentation Skills I**

When: **Tuesday, February 4, 2014**

Time: 8:30am - 4:45pm (Registration begins at 8:00am SHARP)

Room: 305 York Lanes

Registration: <http://step.mitacs.ca/workshop/2014/02/practice-your-presentation-skills-i-toronto-february-4-2014>

**Description:** The simple truth is that people who present well in front of groups are far more likely to succeed at captivating, persuading and inspiring others, and are generally perceived as better leaders. In summary, one's ability to present will help determine their success in business. In this one-day workshop, theory is introduced in short bursts, and participants spend the majority of time practicing their presentation skills and receiving onsite feedback. The focus on extensive

practice and feedback is what makes the program meaningful, and is what makes the learning stick.

#### **Skills of Business Etiquette**

When: **Wednesday, February 5, 2014**

Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm (Registration starts at 8:00am SHARP)

Where: York University, Atkinson Building

Room: Leith Room (004 Atkinson)

Registration: <http://step.mitacs.ca/workshop/2014/02/skills-business-etiquette-toronto-february-5-2014>

**Description:** This practical workshop focuses on teaching transferable skills to communicate with confidence and poise. You will have the opportunity to practice in a variety of situations and receive feedback from peers and the instructor. Whether the focus is customer service, supervision, team building or leadership, strong interpersonal communication skills are the foundation for success. In a safe environment, you will practice, discuss and reflect on your learning experiences. You will complete a self-assessment and set goals for ongoing development.

#### **Discovering the Entrepreneur Within**

When: **Wednesday, February 5, 2014**

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm (Registration begins at 8:45am)

Where: Ryerson University (*Note: This workshop is held on Ryerson campus, not at York, but is open to all York students.*) Room: CED 701, Heaslip House (297 Victoria Street)

Registration: <http://step.mitacs.ca/workshop/2014/02/discovering-entrepreneur-within-toronto-february-5-2014>

**Description:** Would you like to be an entrepreneur, do you have what it takes? Discover the important traits required to be a successful entrepreneur, how to assess risk, what makes a good business plan - and how to pitch it! Join Mitacs Step for an informative and interactive full-day workshop.

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### **Hart House Presents: 2014 Hancock Lecture**

Hart House is pleased to announce the 2014 Hancock Lecture featuring Vass Bednar, Queen's Park Policy Advisor and Action Canada Fellow.

Join us and hear how games are energizing and engaging the newest generation of politically charged citizens. From transit and health care to poverty and equality, how can we jump into these necessary, and often complex, conversations and effect change? Policy, politics and political engagement don't just exist in the classroom or Queen's Park, they shape the world we live in and are part of every moment of our lives.

When: **Tues., Feb. 11, 2014 at 7 p.m.** | Where: Hart House Theatre, 7 Hart House Circle, Toronto  
 Cost: Free for students / \$5 non students / Reserve tickets online  
 Visit [www.harthouse.ca](http://www.harthouse.ca) for more information about the 2014 Hancock Lecture and the variety of additional programming being offered.

### **18th Annual Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM)**

**Intersections: Governance, Democracy, Accountability**

The changing relationships among the public, private and nonprofit sectors are raising important issues for public management. Policy is increasingly 'mashed-up,' extending across multiple departments, relying on a diversity of agents for implementation and requiring new approaches to effective oversight. To varying degrees, both centralisation of executive powers and decentralisation of authorities are at play. Public management risks being hyper-politicised, just as citizens are demanding more meaningful engagement and utilising new channels to obtain it. These demands, in concert with financial constraints, have many worried about issues of democracy and accountability. At this crowded intersection, there are few easy answers, and the challenge for public management today is to formulate new ways to navigate these competing pressures.

IRSPM 2014 explores the implications for public management of the evolving intersections of governance, democracy and accountability.

April 9-11, 2014 – Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada. **Earlybird registration until February 1, 2014. Register at:** <http://www.irspm2014.com/index.php/irspm2014/IRSPM2014>

### **George Elliott Clarke gives Kitty Lundy Memorial Lecture**

Faculty, students and staff are all welcome to attend George Elliott Clarke's upcoming lecture on **Feb. 3**. The Kitty Lundy Memorial Lecturer for 2014, Dr. Clarke will present a paper entitled: "Poles Apart? The 'Great Black North' in Canada & Sweden."

Admission is free, but registration is required because of limited seating in the theatre. Full details can be found at: <http://www.yorku.ca/laps/lundy/>

## **Call for Papers/Proposals**

### **Contribute to JPPAL!**

The Journal of Public Policy, Administration and Law (JPPAL) is published twice annually. The journal is now accepting submissions for our upcoming Spring 2014 publication. **Submission deadline is January 31, 2014.** All submissions will be refereed anonymously by at least two blind reviewers. Interested authors must [register](#) with the journal. Please refer to [Author Guidelines](#) on the JPPAL website.

Please contact Danielle Thibodeau, JPPAL Editor-in-Chief, if you have any questions.

### **Confronting Crisis: Left Praxis in the Face of Austerity, War and Revolution**

**Call for papers: Historical Materialism Conference**  
 York University, Toronto, Canada  
 May 8-11th, 2014

Confronted with a global context of austerity, exploitation, imperialist aggression, ongoing colonialism, and ecological crises, the world has been witness to growing social and political struggles

over the past decade. A wide range of rural- and urban-based labour and social movements have fought back against the current 'Age of Austerity,' while new modes and geographies of resistance against dispossession and tyranny continue to inspire social change in the Global South. Against this backdrop, the 2014 Historical Materialism conference at Toronto's York University invites proposals for papers, panels, and other kinds of conference participation that can contribute to a collective discussion on how to extend and revitalize Left critique and praxis in the current conjuncture.

We strongly encourage all submissions to identify 1-2 themes from the list (see website: [www.hmtoronto.org](http://www.hmtoronto.org)) that best describe the paper/panel topic. The deadline for all submissions is **January 31, 2014**.

For more information on submission criteria and requirements please either contact [historical-materialismtoronto@gmail.com](mailto:historical-materialismtoronto@gmail.com), or visit [www.hmtoronto.org](http://www.hmtoronto.org).

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### **Society for Socialist Studies at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences**

Call for Papers - Final Notice  
Brock University, St. Catharines, ON  
May 27-30, 2014

Deadline for paper proposals: **January 31, 2014**  
For the complete call for papers and our preliminary programme, see:  
<http://socialiststudies.ca/2014/01/socialist-studies-congress-2014-brock-university-call-proposals/>

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### **The Health Tomorrow Journal: Interdisciplinarity and Internationality is accepting article submissions for its second issue**

**Deadline for submission: January 31, 2013**  
*Health Tomorrow: Interdisciplinarity and Internationality* is an open-access journal founded by members of the York Institute for Health Research

(YIHR). YIHR is home to a new breed of health researchers who actively conduct research from within interdisciplinary teams and cross-sectoral networks. This peer-reviewed journal is dedicated to publishing innovative and diverse health scholarship from emerging and established academics from all disciplines. This digital journal offers another forum for students to become involved in interdisciplinary health research and share their findings with others in a collegial environment.

We encourage you to visit our website for submission details: <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/ht/about>

For further questions, contact our editorial team at: [htii@yorku.ca](mailto:htii@yorku.ca) or visit our website at: <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/ht/index>

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### **The Philosophical and Political Dimensions of NAFTA: examining 20 years of free trade**

Call for Abstracts, Panels, and Roundtable Discussions. Invite proposals for papers for an international colloquium  
Mexico City - April 24 & 25, 2014

The implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on January 1, 1994 marked the beginning of an economic, political, and social transformation in Mexico, and to lesser degrees in the United States and Canada. Now that twenty years have passed, we can examine the achievements and failures of the treaty. This conference brings together multiple perspectives to advance an understanding of the impacts of NAFTA on the signatory countries.

Topics:

- Rights of Indigenous people
- Environmental impacts, biodiversity and land ethics
- Justice and Labor
- Identity
- Violence and human rights
- Social and economic balance
- Social movements and protest
- Regional integration
- Immigration policy

- Quality of democracy
- Education
- Media

This list is only suggestive; other topics are welcome and encouraged. Presentations can be in Spanish, English or French (translation services will be provided between English and Spanish). Send abstracts of 200 words, prepared for blind review, to Shane Epting at the following address: [coloquiotlcan@gmail.com](mailto:coloquiotlcan@gmail.com). Please include a separate document that includes the title of the paper, author's name, affiliation, and abridged curriculum vitae. **The deadline for abstracts is February 1, 2014.** For participants needing an earlier acceptance/rejection notification, please include the date by which you need a response with your contact information. We will accommodate your request if it is possible. Otherwise, accepted participants will be notified no later than February 28, 2014. The deadline to RSVP is **March 31, 2014**, via email.

For more information, please send emails to Shane Epting at [coloquiotlcan@gmail.com](mailto:coloquiotlcan@gmail.com).

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### **Challenges, Disconnects, and Clashes in Political Studies**

The Department of Political Science's 3rd Annual Graduate Student Conference, Concordia University, Friday April 25, 2014

Concordia University's Political Science Graduate Students' Association and the Department of Political Science invite graduate students from different disciplines to submit paper proposals for our third annual Graduate Student conference. This year's theme is on the topic of Challenges, Disconnects, and Clashes in Political Studies. Potential paper subjects include:

- Relevance of Academia: the ivory tower vs. practical implications
- Contesting Borders: Conventional vs. transnational conceptions

- Humanitarian Intervention: Western tradition vs. rising players
- Security: New era of peace vs. new 'war on terror'
- Democracy revisited
- Bringing the 'public' into public policy
- Methodological disconnects

The aim of the conference is to foster dialogue and academic exchange between graduate students of different disciplines on subjects in public policy, public administration, political theory, comparative politics, international relations, Canadian politics, security studies, and border studies.

The Political Science Graduate Students' Association and the Department of Political Science at Concordia University invite submissions to these and related themes. Papers from an interdisciplinary perspective are accepted and encouraged. Papers presented at the conference may also be considered for inclusion in our 3rd annual graduate student journal.

All submissions should include a short biography with contact information, institutional affiliation, and an abstract of no more than 300 words. All abstracts should be sent to [concordia.psgsa.conference@gmail.com](mailto:concordia.psgsa.conference@gmail.com) by **Feb. 15th, 2014**.

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### **2nd St Andrews Graduate Conference in International Political Theory: Political Evil**

Hosted by the School of International Relations, University of St Andrews, Scotland, UK  
22-23 May 2014

On 22-23 May 2014 the School of International Relations, University of St Andrews, is hosting the 2nd St Andrews Graduate Conference in International Political Theory. The theme of the Conference is political evil. We aim to provide a forum for a fruitful exchange between a range of perspectives, interests and concerns oriented towards the rubric of international political theory that seek to contribute to this challenging, yet

intriguing arena of inquiry. We welcome paper proposals from various disciplinary backgrounds and wish to offer an opportunity for postgraduate students to present and discuss their work in a stimulating and friendly academic environment.

Keynote speaker: Professor Patrick Hayden  
(University of St Andrews)

**The deadline for the submission of abstracts: 28 February 2014.** For further information and the complete call for papers please visit the Conference website at [www.ipt-conference.net](http://www.ipt-conference.net). For any further queries please contact us at [iptconf@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:iptconf@st-andrews.ac.uk).

### **57th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association**

#### **RETHINKING VIOLENCE, RECONSTRUCTION, AND RECONCILIATION**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

November 20-23, 2014

JW Marriott Indianapolis Hotel

**DEADLINE FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: March 15, 2014** PROGRAM CHAIRS: Odile Cazenave, Boston University; Clifton Crais, Emory University

We are soliciting proposals for papers, panels, and roundtables. Presentations may focus on the theme of "Rethinking Violence, Reconstruction, and Reconciliation" or on broader social science, humanities, and applied themes relating to Africa. We strongly encourage the submission of formed panels. You can find more information on the theme and the call for proposals at the ASA website.

### **Theoria and Praxis: International Journal of Interdisciplinary Thought**

Call for Submissions: **Deadline: April 30, 2014**

**The Idea of Human Rights**

Human rights have become a dominant political discourse in the 21st century. Its impact has been felt across the globe and has become irretrievably bound up with issues of development, social justice, racial and gender equality, and sexual orientation. The purpose of this Theoria and Praxis issue is to ask a series of questions meant to interrogate the very foundations of the notion of human rights.

Manuscripts shall be subject to a double-blind reading, ensuring the integrity of the peer-review process. All submissions should be between 6,000 and 12,000 words, and include abstracts of no more than 200 words (in Microsoft Word file format).

We welcome those interested to please submit their papers and proposals, and all relevant inquiries, to Theoria and Praxis at: [theoriaprxis@yorku.ca](mailto:theoriaprxis@yorku.ca)

Theoria and Praxis is edited by Paul A. Brienza and Yasar Bukan. For further information please visit <http://theoriaprxis.yorku.ca>

## **Funding/Scholarships**

### **The York University Accessibility Fund (YUAF)**

A York University-wide fund has been established to make the York community (at both the Keele and Glendon campuses) more accessible to persons with disabilities. This fund is administered by the Office of the Vice-President Finance & Administration.

For Further Information and Application forms please visit: [www.yorku.ca/vpfa/yuaf.html](http://www.yorku.ca/vpfa/yuaf.html)



## Mitacs Globalink Research Award

The Mitacs Globalink Research Award is an exciting new initiative that provides the opportunity for faculty members and students at Canadian universities to build an international research network and undertake research abroad.

The Globalink Research Award offers senior undergraduate and graduate students at Mitacs full and associate partner universities the opportunity to participate in 12- to 24-week research projects supervised by professors at accredited universities in the following Mitacs partner countries: Brazil, China, India, Mexico, Turkey and Vietnam.

Up to \$5,000 in research award to Canadian supervisor for student travel expenses  
For joint projects with academic collaborators  
Partner countries: Brazil, China, India, Mexico, Turkey and Vietnam

Open to senior undergraduate and graduate students. Applications accepted any time  
This award helps faculty and students in Canada expand their research networks through international collaborations. To learn more about the award, visit: <https://www.mitacs.ca/globalink/globalink-research-award>

## Commonwealth Scholarship Plan—India

The Government of Canada is pleased to announce that scholarships are available for candidates wishing to apply to the Commonwealth Scholarship Plan – India. The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) offers scholarships for study in India at the Master's or PhD level and offers scholarships to conduct research in India toward a doctoral program from Canada. This scholarship is tenable from September 2014.

**Deadline: February 7, 2014** For more information, visit: [http://www.scholarships-bourses.gc.ca/scholarships-bourses/can/csp\\_india-abc\\_inde.aspx?lang=eng&view=d](http://www.scholarships-bourses.gc.ca/scholarships-bourses/can/csp_india-abc_inde.aspx?lang=eng&view=d)

Administered by the Canadian Bureau for International Education.

## CIHR-IHSPR Rising Star Award & Travel Awards

CIHR-Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR) will provide travel awards for graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and new investigators to attend and present their research at meetings, conferences (including international conferences) and/or symposia that align with the Institute's mandate and advance their professional development and/or knowledge translation initiatives in health services and policy research.

**Application Deadline: January 27, 2014**

Every year, CIHR-IHSPR celebrates the research excellence and knowledge translation (KT) initiatives of graduate students and post-doctoral fellows through the CIHR-IHSPR Rising Star Award. IHSPR will recognize up to three individuals studying in all fields and disciplines related to health services and policy research.

APPLY NOW

**Application Deadline: February 14, 2014**

Visit our CIHR-IHSPR Rising Star Award page (<http://www.cihr.ca/e/34949.html>) to apply.

## Muskoka Summit on the Environment Graduate Research Grant

We are pleased to announce the Muskoka Summit on the Environment Research Grant.



The Muskoka Summit on the Environment (MSE) is a biennial event that provides a forum for the public to explore and debate pressing environmental issues with leading thinkers in the field. The purpose of the MSE Research Grant is to support graduate student environmental research within the Muskoka River Watershed, in the fields of environmental science, resource studies and/or policy. Further information can be found at <http://muskokasummit.org/mse-research-grant/>

## THE MACKENZIE KING SCHOLARSHIPS 2014

The following is information regarding the 2014 W.L. Mackenzie King Open and Travelling Scholarships.

The **Open Scholarship** is available to graduates of Canadian universities who pursue graduate study in any discipline, in Canada or elsewhere. One Open Scholarship is awarded each year. The value has recently been about \$9,000 but it is subject to change.

The **Travelling Scholarship** is available to graduates of Canadian universities who pursue graduate study in the United States or the United Kingdom in the areas of international relations or industrial relations. Recently four scholarships of \$11,000 each have been awarded annually, but the number and the amount are subject to change.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applications must be made to the Faculty of Graduate Studies of your **“home” university**. This is the *Canadian* university from which you most recently graduated or at which you are currently enrolled. You must be a graduate of a Canadian university when tenure of the scholarship begins. You may apply for both scholarships with a single application if the eligibility criteria are met for both.

**Completed** application packages, including all of the documents listed above, must be submitted to Sandra Yiu at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, 230 York Lanes. Please **do not** have reference letters and/or transcripts sent separately.

**The scholarship deadline is February 1, 2014.** Additional information can also be found at <http://www.mkingscholarships.ca/criteria.html>

**For further information, please contact:**

**Melissa Dagleish**, Research Officer - [fgsro@yorku.ca](mailto:fgsro@yorku.ca)

OR **Sandra Yiu**, Scholarships and Awards Coordinator - [fgssac@yorku.ca](mailto:fgssac@yorku.ca)

## Internship Opportunities

### Parliamentary Internship Programme

See Parliament from the inside...as a Parliamentary Intern. Work for Members of Parliament. Study with colleagues from across Canada. A paid non-partisan internship from September 2014 to June 2015

The Parliamentary Internship Programme is an initiative of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) that gives interns the chance to:

- Work with a Government and an Opposition MP
- Study Parliament and politics in an interdisciplinary environment
- Undertake comparative study tours in Canada and abroad
- Discuss with leading thinkers and political decision-makers
- Join outstanding colleagues
- Build public knowledge of Parliament

Ten positions available for Canadian professionals under 35 years old with a university degree. Applicants from all disciplines are encouraged. Stipend of \$22,000 for a ten month internship from September 2014 to June 2015. It is an unforgettable year and provides invaluable practical experience for students seeking either academic or professional careers.

Apply Online now: [www.pip-psp.org](http://www.pip-psp.org)  
**Application Deadline is January 31, 2014**

### Fast Track Your Municipal Career Today! Apply for the 2014-2015 Ontario Municipal Management Internship Program

AMCTO is accepting applications from candidates interested in participating in the Ontario Municipal Management Internship Program for 2014-2015. After 7 years of the program, past Management Interns are now plying their trade success-

fully in various senior management roles across Ontario and contributing positively to building strong city government. Ontario's Municipal Management Internship Program was developed by AMCTO with funding support from the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Fed-Nor to address the critical need to attract and train the next generation of municipal leaders. Throughout the program year, Management Interns can expect to gain hands-on experience in municipal business lines under the supervision of a municipal Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or similar designate. In addition, interns will be engaged in a suite of learning and skill development while receiving up to \$5,000 for training opportunities (i.e. conferences, workshops etc.) in addition to their salary.

The 2014-2015 program commences in June 2014. The **application instructions and materials** for prospective Interns are now available, at: [http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Careers/Internship\\_Program/To\\_Apply/content/Careers\\_Pages/Internship\\_Pages/To\\_Apply.aspx?hkey=9a35683e-f7ee-49bd-9ac9-164b74b8a5c2](http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Careers/Internship_Program/To_Apply/content/Careers_Pages/Internship_Pages/To_Apply.aspx?hkey=9a35683e-f7ee-49bd-9ac9-164b74b8a5c2)

For additional information, please visit the **AMCTO Municipal Management Internship Program** webpage, at: [http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Careers/Internship\\_Program/content/Careers\\_Pages/Internship\\_Pages/About\\_the\\_Program.aspx?hkey=6eb58829-0ed8-4d52-ba7d-ff2f9ec18a5b](http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Careers/Internship_Program/content/Careers_Pages/Internship_Pages/About_the_Program.aspx?hkey=6eb58829-0ed8-4d52-ba7d-ff2f9ec18a5b)

So if you are motivated to pursue a career as a municipal management professional, we invite you to submit your application today!

**The submission deadline for candidate applications is February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

For any questions related to the program and/or applying, please contact Rick Johal, Director of Government Relations and Legislative Services. [Rjohal@amcto.com](mailto:Rjohal@amcto.com)

### **York Career Centre information sessions covering all York Internship Programs**

Please attend this session if you are interested in applying to the Bachelor of Public Administration

Internship Program (BPAIP), which is a **paid internship program**.

Before applying to an Internship Program, students must attend a mandatory Internship Information Session, which is offered throughout the year. During this session, the Internship Coordinator provides an overview of the program, academic eligibility requirements, application and job search processes, program expectations and non-refundable fees. **Students must have attended an Internship Information Session within a year of applying to the program.** Students who attended an Internship Information Session more than a year prior to submitting their application are required to attend another session to ensure they receive the most up-to-date information about the Internship Programs.

#### **Upcoming information sessions:**

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, 10:00 - 11:30am in 109 Atkinson College

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014, 2:00 - 3:30pm in 3033 Lassonde Building

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014, 10:00- 11:30am in 109 Atkinson College

Thursday, March 6, 2014, 2:00 - 3:30pm in 3033 Lassonde Building

Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 10:00- 11:30am in 109 Atkinson College

## Contests

### **Three Minute Thesis: Last Call for Registration**

Are you interested in the chance at fame, glory, and \$1000.00? And in presenting to an audience dying to hear about your MRP, thesis, or dissertation research? If the answer is yes, 3MT wants you!

Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) is a research communication competition developed by the University of Queensland which challenges graduate researchers to present a compelling presentation

on their thesis and its significance in just three minutes in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience. You get one static slide, one try, and 180 seconds. You can find out more at <http://threeminutethesis.org/>

York's first three heats are coming up quickly, so this is the final call for registrants.

Heat 1: Monday February 2, 10:00 am - 12:00,  
Room 280N York Lanes

Heat 2: Tuesday February 3, 10:00 am - 12:00,  
Room 280N York Lanes

Heat 3: Wednesday February 4, 10:00 am - 12:00,  
Room 280N York Lanes

Please register on the Faculty of Graduate Studies 3MT site: <http://3mt.gradstudies.yorku.ca/registration/>

If you have any questions, or would like advice on or assistance with preparing your presentation, please contact Melissa Dalglish, Research Officer in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, at [fgsro@yorku.ca](mailto:fgsro@yorku.ca) or 416-736-2100 x44168

### **David McFadden Energy Entrepreneur Challenge**

Honouring past OCE Board Chair David McFadden, the David McFadden Energy Entrepreneur Challenge invites university (undergraduate and graduate) and college students from across Ontario to address challenges facing the energy sector.

Up to 10 finalists will be selected to pitch their idea at OCE's 'Discovery' trade show and conference on May 12-13, 2014. The winner, to be announced on May 13 at Discovery, receives \$25,000 and a suite of business services to assist in advancing the business concept.

**About the Challenge:** The theme for this Challenge is "Enlightened Energy". Many of us take for granted the energy we need to heat and air condition our homes and businesses; power our industries; and propel our vehicles. However, in many areas of the globe, energy is scarce or even

unavailable. The challenge is to create energy solutions that are practical, affordable and sustainable. The energy solution should also be exportable and adaptable to the needs of different parts of the world. More than just commercially viable the solution should also help contribute to safer, healthier and more environmentally sound communities.

**How to Apply:** To enter, the applicant must complete a three-minute pitch video and upload to YouTube. An entry form must be completed and sent to Binny Arora at [energychallenge@oce-ontario.org](mailto:energychallenge@oce-ontario.org) no later than **January 31, 2014**. Videos will not be eligible for the award without the submission of a completed entry form. For more information on the challenge and David McFadden's vision, please visit our website and watch our promotional video, at: <http://www.oce-ontario.org/programs/talent-programs/entrepreneurship-fellowships/mcfadden-challenge>

Should you have any questions about this program, please contact Binny Arora, Program Manager at [Binny.Arora@oce-ontario.org](mailto:Binny.Arora@oce-ontario.org)

### **University and College students can write their way to a \$1,000 award**

Ontario students who are passionate about engineering and public policy are encouraged to enter the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy's (OCEPP) 2014 Student Essay Competition.

#### **Undergraduate**

1st Prize: **\$1,500**  
2nd Prize: **\$1,000**  
3rd Prize: **\$500**

#### **Graduate**

1st Prize: **\$1,500**  
2nd Prize: **\$1,000**  
3rd Prize: **\$500**

Students may write on one of the five provided topics and will compete in the college/undergraduate university or university graduate category. The winner in each category will receive a \$1,000 award and registration to the centre's 2014 Public Policy Conference, to be held in Toronto on **May 30, 2014**.

## Summer Opportunities

### YorkU Study Abroad

This opportunity allows you to participate in a YorkU summer course abroad, taught by a YorkU professor for YorkU credit. Applications are due **January 31<sup>st</sup> 2014**. For more information, check out: [international.yorku.ca/yorkuabroad](http://international.yorku.ca/yorkuabroad)  
York International, 200 York Lanes, [yu-abroad@yorku.ca](mailto:yu-abroad@yorku.ca)

No special permission is required. Credits and grades are added directly to your transcript and can count toward your degree. OSAP is applicable. Financial Aid is available.

## Other News

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

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

Watch for your email invitation from President Shoukri on **February 11, 2014**. Then, take 20 to 30 minutes to complete the NSSE survey and help improve your campus culture and university experience. Once you've finished, you can relax with a FREE latte on us.

You could also win one of the following prizes:

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

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

[yorku.ca/nsse](http://yorku.ca/nsse) | Survey opens: February 11, 2014

### Volunteers at Pan Am Games will get help with student loan payments

Post-secondary students who lend a hand at the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games will be getting some help of their own when it comes to their student loan payments.

The province announced Tuesday that volunteering students won't have to make their pre-study financial payment in recognition of them not picking up paid work during the summer break that year.

Meanwhile, those graduating from full-time courses who help out will have the usual six-month grace period before they have to start paying back their loans doubled to a year.

In making the announcement, the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities Brad Duguid said volunteering at the Games will help students make a lasting impact on their communities and build valuable skills for the future.

The \$1.9-million program is expected to help about 4,500 students volunteering with the Games.

A total of 20,000 volunteers will be involved with the sporting events, billed as the largest ever in the province. Their duties will range from collecting tickets to shuttling athletes across the city. Recruitment for volunteers begins in mid-April and those who are selected will be contacted in September.

Saad Rafi, the Games' new chief executive officer, said they are looking for people who are "creative problem solvers, outgoing and interested in the world and passionate of their community."  
"Our volunteers will be the face and the heart of the Games."

Read more: <http://toronto.ctvnews.ca/volunteers-at-pan-am-games-will-get-help-with-student-loan-payments-1.1639045#ixzz2r9ikJH74>