

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## Weekly Newsletter

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#### Important Reminders

##### NOTICE: Option to Unsubscribe from the SPPA Newsletter

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##### SPPA Hours of Operation: June – August 2014

The SPPA office will be open during the following hours from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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

##### August Activities at the Career Centre

This month the Career Centre is offering a series of workshops, **Ready, Set, Hired!**, from August 18-22, 2014. This event includes Twitter chats, in-house workshops and a webinar designed to help students polish their job search skills, whether they're looking for a part-time job on or off-campus, an internship or co-op position, or full-time employment.

Date	Time	Event
August 18	11:00am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">Twitter Career Chat: How to Find an On-Campus Job</a>
	1:30pm - 3:30pm	<a href="#">Resume and Cover Letter Writing</a> workshop
August 19	11:00am - 1:00pm	<a href="#">Kick Starting Your Job Search: Identifying Skills and Accomplishments</a> workshop

	1:30pm - 4:00pm	<a href="#">Suit Yourself: Personality and Career Choice</a> workshop
August 20	10:00am - 11:30am	<a href="#">What Can I Do With my Degree?</a> workshop
	11:00am - 1:00pm	<a href="#">Job Search Strategies that Work</a> workshop
	1:00pm - 3:30pm	<a href="#">Putting Job Search Strategies into Action</a> workshop
August 21	11:00am - 1:00pm	<a href="#">Making a Great First Impression in Your Interview and Beyond</a> workshop
	1:30pm - 3:30pm	<a href="#">Polishing Your Interview Skills</a> workshop
August 22	11:00am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">How to Find a Job Using LinkedIn</a> webinar
	1:00pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">Creating a Professional LinkedIn Profile</a> workshop

Students interested in our [internship programs](#) are invited to attend an [Internship Information Session](#) on Wednesday, August 20 from 2:00-3:30pm in 103 McLaughlin College.

The [Who Am I? Self-Assessment Game](#) is being offered on Tuesday, August 26 from 1:00-4:00pm in 103 McLaughlin College. This interactive game is designed to assist students with their career exploration by helping them better understand what influences their career choices.

Students are encouraged to register for workshops and other activities through the [Career Centre's online system](#).

Feel free to share this information broadly with students, new graduates and colleagues. If you would like to have a contact added or you would like to be removed from this distribution list, please let me know.

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### **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.

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### **Department of Equity Studies – Exciting Course Offering: AP/HREQ 3890 6.00**

**AP/HREQ 3890 6.00 - Social Justice Studies: Theory, Analysis, Practice**

**Professor Livy Visano**

Fall-Winter 2014-2015

This course addresses inequality and domination, resistance and collective empowerment, in Canada and beyond. Explore different theoretical approaches to, and diverse substantive interpretations of, the society in which we live and must transform in order to realize

greater social justice

This course is an excellent 3000-4000 level elective!

Format: Two hour lecture + one hour tutorial

Wednesday at 7pm

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## Seminars / Workshops

### 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 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!*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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### **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/](http://law.northwestern.edu/faculty/conferences/causalinference/)

## **Call for Papers / Proposals**

### **Call For Papers: The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement and the Launch of Canada’s Private Sponsorship Program**

The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement and the Launch of Canada’s Private Sponsorship Program

Proposed special issue of *Refuge: Canada’s Journal on Refugees*

Guest Editors: Mike Molloy and James C. Simeon

This proposed special issue of *Refuge* will examine the single largest refugee resettlement program in Canadian history – the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement – and its contribution to Canadian society over the last 40 years. It will also examine the unique contribution that Canada has made in spearheading the formulation, development, and implementation of the Private Refugee Sponsorship Program, which played such a critically important role in not only bringing tens of thousands of Indo-Chinese refugees to Canada, in a relatively short period of time, but also helping them to settle and to integrate within Canadian society.

Please visit the link below to find out more details:

<http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/refuge/index>

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### **Graduate Student Conference: Canadian Democracy at a Crossroads**

On February 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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/>

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**FINAL CALL - The 5<sup>th</sup> 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/>

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Please register and find discounted pricing for admissions at the following link:

<http://idrc.info/registration/registration-fees/>

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**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:brewer@ipsonet.org)

## **Summer Opportunities**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Law, Regulations and Public Policy (LRPP 2015)**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015 Singapore**

#### **Conference Theme:**

The laws of the land lay the foundations of peace and order, and to ensure people progress in all aspects of their lives – whether in business, education, travel, health or recreation. The role of public officials is to create, scrutinize, implement and uphold the laws in order to protect the rights of every individual, corporate entity or institution.

Educators of law thus possess the task of not only shaping each and every generation of legal practitioners into knowledgeable and responsible agents, but also the study of issues which surround the practice of law and its implementation across jurisdictions.

**For further details and registration, please visit the link below:**

<http://www.law-conference.org/>

## **Internships**

*To be continued in the next issue...*