

School of Public Policy and Administration

Weekly Newsletter

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Important Reminders

NOTICE: Option to Unsubscribe from the SPPA Newsletter

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

Up-Dated Advising Information – Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

ATTENTION NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS:

If you are coming to York for the first time, directly from high school, you will find information about enrolling in first year here: yustart.info.yorku.ca/

If you are coming to York from somewhere other than high school (e.g. a college or university transfer student), please book your advising appointment as soon as possible. You will find the information you need to book your appointment on MyFile: futurestudents.yorku.ca/admitted/2_book

If you still have questions, please call 416-736-5011 (new students only) during our regular office hours.

ATTENTION CONTINUING STUDENTS:

Please take the time to visit our website (see below) as it

will provide the quickest answers to our most common questions. Due to the volume of our incoming email, if your question is answered on our web site, we will not be sending you a response. If your question is not answered on our web site, we will respond as soon as we are able. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Please visit: www.yorku.ca/laps/students/current_student_advising.html

STUDENT ACADEMIC ADVISING SERVICES, 103 Central Square

Office hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9:00am-6:30pm & Fridays from 10:30am to 5:00pm

Phone:

Call our office at 416-736-5222. Incoming calls are queued to respond on a first-called, first-served basis. If our office is extremely busy and you are on hold for more than five minutes, you are encouraged to call back later. The best time to call is before 10am, Tuesday through Thursday.

In-person

Come to 103 Central Square for a brief chat with one of our advisors. If we can't answer question on the spot and you need more in-depth academic advising, we can assist you with booking an appointment.

NOTE: Public Policy Students (Majors/Minors/Specialized)

Advising for public policy students is also available at the School of Public Policy and Administration. Our Academic Advisor **Tanya Cora** is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at 119 McLaughlin College, York University. 30 minute appointments must be made in advance to speak to her.

Please call our office at (416) 736-5384 to book an appointment with her.

McLaughlin College Public Policy Scholarship

The McLaughlin College Public Policy Scholarship will be awarded annually to two McLaughlin College students majoring and minoring in a Public Policy program or area of study. One recipient must have completed second year (minimum of 48 credits completed) and be registered in

his or her third year of study; and the other recipient must have completed third year (minimum of 72 credits completed) and be registered in his or her fourth year of study. The recipient must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 8.0 (A).

The Scholarship awards \$1,000 to the chosen student in accordance to their program, year of study and academic standing.

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	Twitter Career Chat: How to Find an On-Campus Job
	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Resume and Cover Letter Writing workshop
August 19	11:00am - 1:00pm	Kick Starting Your Job Search: Identifying Skills and Accomplishments workshop
	1:30pm - 4:00pm	Suit Yourself: Personality and Career Choice workshop
August 20	10:00am - 11:30am	What Can I Do With my Degree? workshop
	11:00am - 1:00pm	Job Search Strategies that Work workshop
	1:00pm - 3:30pm	Putting Job Search Strategies into Action workshop
August 21	11:00am - 1:00pm	Making a Great First Impression in Your Interview and Beyond workshop
	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Polishing Your Interview Skills workshop

August 22	11:00am - 12:00pm	How to Find a Job Using LinkedIn webinar
	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Creating a Professional LinkedIn Profile 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.

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

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!

REMINDER: Deadline for Applications for the MA in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies

Deadline for Applications: Monday September 1, 2014

The deadline for the first round of applications on the Refugee Law Initiative's exciting new distance learning MA in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies is 1st September 2014.

If you have not looked into it yet, see the details below. There is still time to apply!

Why choose this Masters' programme?

The new [MA in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies](#) by distance-learning enables students to acquire a rigorous legal, practical and theoretical understanding of refugee protection and forced migration, whilst developing expertise through a choice of optional modules.

Students hone self-reliance in using and critiquing law, policy and practice in the field, and learn how to gather, organise and deploy evidence to form balanced judgements and develop policy recommendations. They complete methodological training in researching refugees and have the opportunity to develop practical field skills in advocacy, campaigning and fund-raising.

Who is it for?

This programme is designed for those who wish to develop their careers in a range of professional contexts in the refugee, human rights or humanitarian fields.

This includes those currently working for, or wishing to work for, international agencies such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Red Cross movement, as well as governmental bodies and non-governmental organisations.

How do I apply?

The next application deadline is **1 September 2014**. To find out more or to apply, please visit www.londoninternational.ac.uk/refugee-migration

Seminars / Workshops

Graduate Professional Skills Launch (GPS)

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is delighted to invite you to join us in celebrating the launch of **Graduate Professional Skills (GPS)**, York University's guide to graduate student professional development. Students will have the opportunity to spend the day engaging with experts in making the most of your graduate degree, talking to former graduate students about their exciting careers, and sampling some of the many professional development workshops York has to offer. We cordially invite York's graduate students, faculty, staff, and professional skills educators to join us in the afternoon for a celebration of this exciting new program.

For more information and to RSVP, please see the GPS launch site: <http://gradstudies.yorku.ca/event/gps-launch>

To be held Friday September 19, 2014

8:30 am – 4:00 pm – Skill Development Day

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Launch Party

519 Kaneff Tower

<http://gradstudies.yorku.ca/event/gps-launch>

Panel Discussion: Exploring Immigrants' Professional Identity and their Access to Professions – CERIS

Thursday September 18th, 2014

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The 519 Church Street Community Centre

519 Church Street, Toronto

The deprofessionalization and labour market integration challenges of immigrant professionals are well known. However, more attention needs to be paid to the impact of these challenges on the professional identity of immigrants. This multi-sectoral panel will explore the ways in which immigrants experience identity growth or identity crisis as they face barriers to professional practice. Policy implications will also be addressed, including the Ontario Human Rights Commission's policy on removing the 'canadian experience barrier'. First

hand experiences of professional immigrants will be shared along with insights from practitioners working with this group.

Please visit the following website to register for the event:

<https://cerispaneldiscussion.eventbrite.ca/>

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

Call for Papers / Proposals

Call for Applications: The United Nations Professional Placement Programme

The United Nations Association in Canada's UN Professional Placement Programme is delighted to launch its bi-annual Call for Applications. In its 18th successful year, our programme has placed recent graduates from the Bachelor's, Master's and PHD levels in United Nations offices globally, allowing them to gain critical experience in international affairs, international development and peace building and to kick-start a career. Once again, the UNPPP will offer six-month international professional placements with our long-standing partners, including UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDP, ILO, UNICEF and UN Women among others.

Our candidates come from a wide array of disciplines including the humanities, social sciences, business administration, communications, engineering and the hard sciences. Our aim is to engage as many Canadian graduates as possible and your assistance is appreciated. You may already know that UNA-Canada has a remarkable success rate of over 94% of our Junior Professional Consultants going on to work in their field of studies. Please feel free to contact me with any queries you may have. To find out more about these opportunities, we encourage you to visit the [UNPPP Website](#) for details.

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

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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>

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/>

FINAL CALL - 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/>

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

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

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

Opportunities

J. Deborah Lieberman: Candidate for School Board Trustee Election – Volunteers Needed

Election Date: October 27, 2014

Candidate for School Board Trustee Election J. Deborah Lieberman is looking for student volunteers to assist her with her candidacy and election campaign. Please contact her at the phone number and/or email located below.

Email: votedlieberman@gmail.com

Phone number: 416-949-9957

For more information please refer to the website as follows: <http://votejdlieberman.com/>

Markham Election 2014

Looking for volunteers to help us research on our elections platform:

- Skills set needed:
 - Internet
 - Analysis
 - Statistics

- Research
- Tele-conversation
- Report Writing
- Computer Skills

For those interested please contact:

Campaign Coordinator: Michael Wai Lai

Office address: 3621 Hwy 7 E, Unit 120, Markham, ON

Contact Number: (416) 436-2609

Email address: Michael_lwt@rogers.com

4th Annual International Conference on Law, Regulations and Public Policy (LRPP 2015)

8th – 9th 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...