

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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Notices

School of Public Policy & Administration: Open House Meet and Greet

The faculty and staff of the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) cordially invite you to join us for our annual Open House – Meet and Greet. We welcome all new and returning York University students and alumni to our School to help us launch the start of the exciting new academic year. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

Date: Wednesday September 10, 2014

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Location: McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140

For more information, call the School of Public Policy and Administration at 416 736-5384 or e-mail lapssppa@yorku.ca

Taking Care of YU: Leah State

Lecture presentation on student health and self-care at York University. This is a great opportunity for incoming students to learn about balancing mental and physical health with their academic and personal responsibilities as new university students. Light refreshments will be provided. Please attend.

Lecture: Taking Care of YU

Presenter: Leah State; Coordinator of Health Education and Promotion, York University

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Date: Wednesday September 10th, 2014

Time: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Senior Common Room – 140 McLaughlin College

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,

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Global Studies, Anthropology, History, International Development Studies, Environmental Studies, Health etc.) to take advantage of this exciting academic opportunity.

SPPA Events / News

The Economics Club of Canada – Events 2014-2015

Since 2003 The Economic Club of Canada has earned a prestigious reputation as THE Podium of Record. Uniquely positioned as the only national non-partisan organization capable of staging events across the country, our mission is to bring our members and guests face-to-face with the most important, relevant and influential leaders of our time. (Note: the passage listed above was directly taken from the Economics Club of Canada website: <http://www.economicclub.ca/about>)

Please visit the below website to have a look at some of the exciting events coming up for the Economics Club of Canada: <http://www.economicclub.ca/events>

Personal Counselling Services – September 2014

Personal Counselling Services (PCS) is pleased to provide you with the September 2014 workshop calendar. The focus of PCS workshops is personal development, and includes topics such as making a successful transition to York, communicating more effectively with others and managing stress.

In October, the "Disordered Eating & Body Image Support Group" and "Queer Counselling Group" will start. Information about these groups, individual counselling services and workshops is available website: <http://pcs.info.yorku.ca>.

Learning Skills Services – September 2014

Now that classes are starting up again and the campus is alive with new energy, Learning Skills Services would like to provide you with the September Workshop Calendar. Throughout the fall and winter sessions, we offer a full range of workshop topics, geared to the demands of the term and designed to help students develop the learning skills they need to achieve their academic goals.

The September Workshop topics include:

Starting Off Strong - *for 1st year students only*

Study Secrets

Time Management

Reading and Note Taking

In addition to these and other Learning Skills workshops, Learning Skills Services offer weekly Drop-In sessions at the Learning Commons Hub (Scott Library), Thursdays - 1:30-3:20, as well as the popular "Passport To Success" program, where students can attain a Learning Skills Certificate after attending 8 or more workshops.

For more information on these and other Learning Skills services, visit our website at: <http://lss.info.yorku.ca> and follow us on twitter @mysuccessyorku.

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 (PPA). Our Academic Advisor **Tanya Cora** (also available to all LAPS students) is in our office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at 119 McLaughlin College, York University. It is recommended that you make a 30 minute appointment with Tanya in advance to speak to her. Walk-in appointments may be accommodated depending on our Advisor's schedule.

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

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.

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.

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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 organizations.

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

New Professional Workshop: Tackling Complex Problems through Innovative Solutions

On November 10, 2014 The Institute of Public Administration of Canada will host a New Professionals Workshop on the theme Tackling Complex Problems through Innovative Solutions focussing on the analysis of complex problems and the search for innovative solutions for the public service.

This one-day workshop is designed to merge professional development and networking, with contributions from innovative leaders in the public sector, academia, the non-profit and private sector. The Institute has partnered with Tomorrow's Ontario Public Service (TOPS) and the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) to ensure that the content of the workshop is relevant to a broad cross-section of new professionals.

Visit the website for more program details:
www.ipac.ca/NPworkshop-Program

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2014 Guelph Jazz Festival Colloquium: Sounding Futures

The 2014 Guelph Jazz Festival Colloquium: Sounding Futures starts tomorrow! The Colloquium runs from

Wednesday September 3 until Friday September 5th, with all events taking place at the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre. All Colloquium events are free to attend.

We've put together a fantastic schedule featuring 3 incredible keynote speakers, an onstage interview, and daily performances! I encourage you to check out the full Colloquium schedule, as well as the full Festival line-up online at www.guelphjazzfestival.com.

Please come join us as we celebrate another great year of jazz in Guelph!

Multilevel Citizenship in Canada and the European Union

A roundtable with Patricia Mindus (Philosophy, Uppsala, Sweden)

Ettore Recchi (Sociology, Sciences Po, Paris)

Willem Maas (Political Science, Glendon)

Save the Date: Wednesday, September 24

Time: 1:00 - 2:30pm

Location: York Hall 172 (Glendon Campus)

Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Institute and the Jean Monnet Chair. Rsvp by Monday 22 September to iictoronto@esteri.it

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

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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.

Call for Papers / Proposals

The International Journal of Migration and Border Studies: Call for Papers

Prof. France Houle, Université de Montréal, Canada

Email: ijmbs.editor@gmail.com

The *International Journal of Migration and Border Studies (IJMBS)* is pleased to announce a call for papers for its third issue in 2015.

IJMBS aims to bring together a diverse range of scholars and practitioners to advance knowledge and improve practice and methodologies in a broad range of issues related to migration and borders studies. Broadly speaking, it seeks to provide different perspectives to its readership ranging from exclusion to integration of permanent, temporary and irregular migrants as well as asylum seekers. Articles covering a large spectrum of topics addressing the development of international, transnational and national immigration policies viewed in a broad sense are welcome. What could be the best practices regarding inclusion? Which measures have exclusionary effects? Some examples of themes this journal intends to cover are listed below.

Subject Coverage

Broad themes on which articles are sought include but are not limited to:

- ☐ Innovations in institutional, procedural and social arrangements to deal with border security and immigration policy
- ☐ Personal information databases and exchanges

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- ☐ Measures to restrict access to asylum
- ☐ The coherence and coordination between various actors dealing with issues such as health, education, social welfare, employment and law enforcement in the migration context
- ☐ Causes and consequences (economic, social, political, environmental, etc.) of migration and their legal and policy implications
- ☐ Local, regional and international mechanisms and logics that transform political and media discourses, norms, policies and practices related to migration and border studies
- ☐ Development of new priorities for immigration programmes
- ☐ The role of gender, age, social status, ability, race and other factors in curtailing border and immigration policies
- ☐ Indigenous rights and claims and border and migration studies

IJMBS is a peer-reviewed journal which offers a forum for disciplinary and inter-disciplinary research concerning conceptual, theoretical, empirical and methodological dimensions related to key concepts that underpin them: borders, immigration and integration policies, humanitarianism, sovereignty, states, citizenship, etc. Such critical analysis contributes to a better understanding of current challenges from different disciplinary perspectives including law, sociology, anthropology, social policy and social welfare, criminology, political economy, political science and public politics.

The journal invites submissions from both emerging and established scholars, including graduate students, post-graduates, professors and practitioners from around the globe, with the objective of ensuring that a plurality of experiences and perspectives is represented.

Notes for Prospective Authors

Submitted papers should not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. (N.B. Conference papers may only be submitted if the paper has been completely re-written and if appropriate written permissions have been obtained from any copyright holders of the original paper).

All papers are refereed through a peer review process.

All papers must be submitted online. Please read our [information on preparing and submitting articles](#).

Important Date

Submission deadline: 31st January, 2015

Advanced Protection and Fostering Belonging in a Global Era of the Criminalization of Migration: 8th Annual Conference

Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS)

Submission of Abstract

Individuals wishing to present a paper, organized panels and roundtables at the conference must submit a 250-word abstract and 100-word biography **by October 1st, 2014**. Panel proposals or round-tables must include a general title and a 250-word abstract of each paper forming the panel or roundtable.

Please submit your abstract *via* the conference website: <http://carfmsconference.yorku.ca>

Submission instructions can be found on this website.

For more information, please contact:

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www.yorku.ca/crs

www.refugeereseearch.net

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

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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/>

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

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