

# 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](mailto:lapssppa@yorku.ca) asking to be removed from the mailing list. Thank-you.

#### **Important Dates:**

##### **Undergraduate Fall/Winter 2014-2015**

*Last date to enroll without the permission of the instructor:*

Fall 2014: September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

Year 2014-2015: September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

*Last date to enroll with the permission of the instructor:*

Fall 2014: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Year 2014-2015: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

*Last date to drop courses without receiving a grade:*

Fall 2014: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Year 2014-2015: February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### SPPA Events / News

#### **SPPA Professor, Dr. Radha Persaud featured in The Caribbean Camera News: Comments on Constitutionality**

Constitutional Scholar Radha Persaud claims the appointment of 11 senators to the Cabinet of Trinidad & Tobago Parliament by Prime Minister Kamla Bissessar-Persad is borderline unconstitutional given there was virtually no debate on the practice.

Please visit the following link to read the full story:

<http://thecaribbeancamera.com/?p=3168>

#### **Dr. Radha Persaud Keynote Speaker at 52<sup>nd</sup> Trinidad & Tobago Independence Celebrations**

School of Public Policy and Administration Professor Radha Persaud was the distinguished keynote speaker at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Independence Celebrations for Trinidad & Tobago.

Please visit the following link to read the full story:

<http://www.indocaribbeanworld.com/main.htm>

### Notices

#### **Career Centre Activities – September 2014**

September kicks off recruitment season with a number of activities designed to connect students with employers:

The annual [Fall Career Fair](#) on **Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 10am-3pm in TEL will feature a range of organizations with a variety of opportunities for York students, including: **Air Canada, Canada Revenue Agency, Sun Life Financial, Xerox** and many more!

Students wondering what they can do to prepare for the career fair and make a positive impression on employers are invited to attend a **Twitter Chat** on Friday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12pm.

[Employer Recruitment Sessions](#) will take place throughout the month of September with representatives from: **Target Canada, Capgemini, IBM Canada, Tata Consultancy Services, Crowe Soberman LLB, Bell Canada Inc. and Goodlife Fitness**. A special recruitment session for students with disabilities ONLY will be hosted by **Scotiabank** on Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-1pm.

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

Students looking for part-time work can check out the [Career Centre's Online Job Posting System](#) where they can find an array of part-time jobs both on and off campus. Hear what [words](#) students used to describe

their on-campus work experiences. See what else York students had to say about their on-campus work experiences on the [Career Centre's YouTube](#) site.

Our Career Advisors will also be back in Complex 2 (Bethune College), doing Job Search Advising and Rapid Resumé Reviews (new!) every Wednesday from 1-4pm starting on Sept. 10, 2014.

Last but not least, our new **Career Support Booklets for 2014-15** are now available! These booklets outline all of the Career Centre's programs, services and events including a number of new offerings like our [How to Find a Job Using LinkedIn webinar](#). To order these booklets, please send an email to Lorraine Mar at [lmr@yorku.ca](mailto:lmr@yorku.ca) with your campus address and the quantities you'd like.

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

#### **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.

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

Student **Ajay Nandalall**, Specialized 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)

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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!*

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### **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>

## Seminars / Workshops

### **Capitalism and Good Jobs Conference: Institute of Public Administration of Canada**

Co-sponsored by Institute of Public Administration of Canada and the Institute for Social Research, York University

**When:** Wednesday, October 15th, 2014  
Registration/breakfast: 7:30AM  
Session: 8:00 – 10:00AM

**Where:** Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development Centre, Room C, 1 Dundas Street West, 26th Floor, Toronto, Ontario (near Dundas subway station) University.

**Moderated by:** Doug Cudmore, Business Editor, The Toronto Star

**What:** This is the second event in IPAC and ISR's series, **Checking in on Capitalism.** The gap between the very wealthy and everyone else is currently on the rise throughout North America and Europe. The current trend, where an increasing share of wealth goes to the top 10% income bracket, is taking place in a context of stalled job creation and slow economic growth.

Please visit the following link for more information:  
<https://www.ipac.ca/Toronto/registration-Oct15>

### **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 focusing 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](http://www.ipac.ca/NPworkshop-Program)

### **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 [ijictoronto@esteri.it](mailto:ijictoronto@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

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

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Launch Party

519 Kaneff Tower

Please visit the following link for more details:  
<http://gradstudies.yorku.ca/event/gps-launch>

## Call for Papers / Proposals

### Institute of Health Economics – Consensus Development Conference

The Institute of Health Economics is organizing a three-day Consensus Development Conference on Improving Mental Health Transitions. Attendees of this conference will hear from leading international experts in the field of mental health. It will be of interest to anyone with an interest in severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI), including social workers, nurses, clinicians, policy-makers, managers, researchers, and students.

As a faculty member I believe that this conference maybe of interest to you, your colleagues and students/residents. I am humbly requesting your assistance with sharing this information regarding this important issue.

For more information, send your requests to [transitions2014@ihe.ca](mailto:transitions2014@ihe.ca).

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

**Prof. France Houle, Université de Montréal, Canada**

Email: [ijmbs.editor@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### **Important Date**

Submission deadline: *31st January, 2015*

## Opportunities

### APA Program Recruitment and Job Opportunities

#### **The Program**

The APA program develops high potential individuals for policy roles in the Government of Canada by offering recent master's level graduates the opportunity to establish a foundation of knowledge and experience in federal public administration.

Participants gain knowledge and first-hand experience by rotating through a series of four challenging six-month placements across the three central agencies—the Privy September 2014—2(35)

Council Office, the Department of Finance, and the Treasury Board Secretariat—and a line department in the National Capital Region.

During these placements, participants will have the opportunity to analyze and influence a variety of social, economic and international policy issues and gain work experience that would otherwise take the better part of a career to develop. The combination of hands-on work experience and training provides participants with a unique introduction to a rewarding career.

For more information, please visit <http://www.apap-paap.gc.ca> or the program's PSR [recruitment poster](#).

### Summer Program Opportunity: University of Konstanz in Germany

The University of Konstanz (Germany), one of York's exchange partners, now offers attractive short-term summer programs to visiting students, both undergraduate and graduate.

Stays can be from 2 to 4 months and can be used for research, study and language training. Courses are offered in English. Scholarships are available. Please see the attached flyer for details.

The application deadline for Summer 2015 is **November 15, 2014**.

For further information please contact York International at: [yinfo@yorku.ca](mailto:yinfo@yorku.ca) or Professor Burkard Eberlein, Coordinator of the Graduate Diploma in German and European Studies (and a proud Konstanz alumnus), at: [beberlein@schulich.yorku.ca](mailto:beberlein@schulich.yorku.ca)

### Osgoode Hall Law School Graduate Programs

Osgoode Hall Law School is offering the following Graduate programs for students:

**LLM Degree, PhD Degree, Advancement from LLM to PhD**

For more information please visit the link below: <http://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/prospective-students/graduate-program/>

## Internships

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