

# 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

The Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies is moving to an on-line submission system for all petitions. Starting Monday, February 10, 2014, students will no longer be able to submit petitions in paper format, or in person. Students will access the Petitions System from our website (<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/council/students/petitions.html>) using their PASSPORT YORK account.

Appeals of refused petitions will continue to be submitted in person at the Petitions Office in N 926 Ross, and to require completion of an Appeal Form, which they will download from our website.

Supporting documentation for petitions entered online also will continue to be submitted in hardcopy format to N 926 Ross, in accordance with the directions available to the student on the petitions system.

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Dear Students,

In the next few weeks you may be asked to participate in two different student surveys.

The first one that has been announced is the University-wide Student Engagement Survey - for this one only 1st year and 4th year undergraduate students in all programs will be asked to participate.

The second survey is specific to students who are majoring in our Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) program. This survey is part of a cyclical program review that takes place typically every 7 years and this is the first one for the BPA given that the program with the new curriculum was launched in 2010.

I would like to urge you to participate in this survey to provide feedback on the various aspects of the program and help us in our constant efforts aimed at improving the education and services you receive at the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA). *Please note that students who minor in Public Administration or are completing one of our Certificates at SPPA, are not eligible to participate in this survey.*

Thank for your attention and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Regards,

Dr. Alena Kimakova

Associate Professor & Undergraduate Program

Director, School of Public Policy and Administration,  
York University

## 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.

**McLaughlin College, Room 134, York University  
4700 Keele Street, Toronto**

[Map & Directions](#)

Thursday, Feb. 6 - 12:00 - 1:00pm

Thursday, Feb. 27 - 12:00 - 1:00pm

**Osgoode Professional Development Centre, 26th.  
Floor, 1 Dundas St. West, Toronto**

[Map & Directions](#)

Wednesday, Feb. 12 - 12:00 - 1:00pm

Wednesday, Feb. 12 - 5:30 - 7:30pm

Wednesday, Feb. 19 - 12:00 - 1:00pm

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)

### “Jump start your career in the Public Service with a degree in Public Administration”

If you are interested in a career with the government or a degree in Public Administration, come join us and hear all about how to get started.

**When: Monday, February 10, 2014, 4PM-6PM**

**Where: Harry Crowe, Room 109 Atkinson**

Guest Speakers include: Professor Alena Kima-

kova, Undergraduate Program Director, School of Public Policy and Administration; Professor Peter Constantinou, Internship and Experiential Education Coordinator; Frank Belluardo, Alumni, OPS employee and entrepreneur, and Koosha Totonchi, current undergraduate student.

RSVP here (for catering purposes): <http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sppa/event.html> Brought to you by : Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA) and the Student Council of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (SCOLAPS).

## Other Events / News

### Career Centre February Activities

This February we are excited to be offering the following unique events for students:

- The Career Conversations series is in full swing this February with three exciting panel discussions with York alumni
- At **Discovering Careers that Travel** taking place on **February 5th** students will hear from alumni and other professionals working in varied roles who frequently travel as they work.
- The Career Centre is offering a special workshop for **graduating international students on February 11th**. Job Search Strategies that Work will help international students learn how employers fill job openings, how to build relationships that support uncovering hidden opportunities, how to create a professional online profile and how to maximize the latest social media trends.
- **Latitude Global Volunteering** will be on campus on **February 12th** to talk to students about their international volunteering opportunities.
- **Making Degree Choices: The Other People Factor** webinar offered on **Friday, February 21st** is designed for students who feel that their career decisions are being influenced by family, cultural or external expectations and want to discover how others may be influencing their career choices.
- **Career Success: Employment Supports for York Students with Disabilities** is taking place on

**Wednesday, February 26, 2014 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at The Underground.** Presented by the Career Centre, in partnership with Counseling and Disability Services (CDS), this session is an opportunity for students to connect with and hear from employers, community service providers and employees with disabilities about workplace disclosure and accommodations for persons with various disabilities (e.g. physical, learning, mental health). This event is book-marked by two workshops: the **Who Am I? Workshop for Students with Disabilities** on Feb. 24th and **To Disclose or Not to Disclose? Interview Skills for Students with Disabilities** on February 28th in the Bennett Centre.

Students are encouraged to register for these events through the Career Centre's online system. A full listing of the February Activities at the Career Centre can be found here: <http://www.yorku.ca/careers/calender/events.asp?date=2/28/2014>

### **New work on policy-making in higher education: Panel discussion and book launch**

**Tuesday February 11, 2014, 4-6pm, 519 Kaneff Tower**

How is higher education policy made? What do university presidents do? What priority do accessibility, research, and rankings have in the world of higher education? What is institutional differentiation? How are market forces affecting higher education in Canada and abroad? These and other questions are addressed in two new books by York scholars which are being officially launched with a panel discussion with the authors and editors to be followed by a reception on February 11th.

*Making Policy in Turbulent Times: Challenges and Prospects for Higher Education* edited by Paul Axelrod, Roopa Desai Trilokekar, Theresa Shanahan and Richard Wellen with contributions from renowned scholars around the world is a major contribution to the study of higher education.

*Rethinking Higher Education: Participation, Re-*

*search, and Differentiation* by George Fallis is a stimulating and provocative argument for new approaches to the organization and delivery of higher education in Canada.

RSVP to [paxelrod@edu.yorku.ca](mailto:paxelrod@edu.yorku.ca) by 4pm, Friday February 7, 2014.

### **Faculty of Graduate Studies: Scholarly Communications Series 2013-2014**

#### **Communicating Your Research: *Conference & Poster Presentation***

Why present a paper/poster at a conference? How can I find out about the conferences happening in my field? How many should I attend? How long should a paper be? How is writing a conference paper different than writing a paper for coursework? What should a poster communicate to conference participants? What funding is available to present at conferences? Our panel will answer these questions, and many more, about presenting papers and posters at conferences. Please join us to hear from the experts, ask questions, and speak to your experience of presenting conference papers and posters.

**Speakers:** Madeleine Chartrand, PhD candidate, Graduate Program in History; Dagomar Degroot, PhD candidate, Graduate Program in History; Tina Choi, Associate Professor, Graduate Program in English, and Brock Harpur, PhD candidate, Graduate Program in Biology.

**February 7, 2014 | 10-11:30am | 519 Kaneff Tower**

#### **Communicating Your Research: *Journal Publications***

Scholarly publications are not just a way to demonstrate your research proficiency and gain status in your field—they're a way to enter the scholarly conversation, and to communicate your knowledge to the wide world. Join us and find out from our panel how and why students publish their research, and how to create an effective publication plan that will serve you well now and when you're searching for a job. Our panel of experienced professors and student advisors will tackle the big questions: Why publish? When should I publish my work? How do I know what journal to submit to? Are edited collec-

tions equal to refereed journals? How does peer review work? Come with your own questions and we'll demystify the world of scholarly publication.

**Speakers:** Marcel Martel, Avie Bennett Historical-Dominion Institute Chair Professor, Chair, Department of History (LAPS), and Darren Gobert, Professor, Graduate Program in English Editorial Board, Modern Drama.

**March 10 2014 | 10-11:30am | 280N York Lanes**

### **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.

### **International Research Society for Public Management Conference 2014**

**Carlton University, April 9-11 2014**

**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 cen-



tralisation 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.

Early Bird rates are in effect until **Feb 10, 2014**.

### **Knowledge Mobilization Sessions**

The Knowledge Mobilization (KMb) Unit at York will be providing the following learning sessions for York University researchers, staff and graduate students to help make their research relevant to professional practice and policy development throughout the Winter 2014 semester:

**Impact and Accountability in KMb – NEW** As KMb has emerged as an important component of publicly funded research, issues of impact and accountability are closely related. This session will unpack these two terms in a KMb context and share experiences from York's KMb Unit to help researchers understand, articulate and sufficiently resource KMb activity. **April 16 9:30-noon York Lanes 280A**

**KMb Strategy Building** Granting councils are asking more and more for research teams to identify their KMb strategy. In this hands on session, learn about strategic elements, create a draft strategy for your project, and tips on how to present your strategy. **March 25 1:30-4:00 York Lanes 280A**

**Clear Language Writing and Design Sessions** designed to introduce the principles and practical tips on writing for the reader, including diverse audiences. **Session date TBA**

### **Social Media Sessions**

**Social Media for Research: Tips, Tricks and Analytics – NEW** This session will provide more detailed



information on the strategies and tools for social media tools and their relevance to collaborative research projects, such as analytics and partnering strategies. **March 4 9:30-noon York Lanes 280A**

**Social Media Strategy Building** Want to start using social media tools but don't want to fall victim to "shiny object syndrome"? This hands-on session will focus on getting a plan together and planning steps to implement it. **February 24 1:30-4:00 York Lanes 280N**

**Wordpress** Blogging is emerging as a popular medium to share information and express ideas. Researchers are finding interesting uses for blogs to complement their scholarship. Join us and learn what blogging can do to enhance your KMB efforts. **March 20 1:30-4:00 York Lanes 280A**

To register for any of the sessions, please visit <http://bit.ly/KMBLearning> or contact Krista Jensen, KMB Officer, at [kejensen@yorku.ca](mailto:kejensen@yorku.ca) or 416-736-2100 ext 88847

### Graham White Conference

On Friday 30 May 2014, there will be a day-long conference in honour of Dr. Graham White, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto. This conference will be held at the University of Toronto, St. George campus, 3rd Floor of Sidney Smith (SS 3130) and will feature a number of his colleagues, friends, and former students reflecting on his contributions to the discipline and beyond. Below is a tentative schedule and list of speakers.

Conference Schedule:

**Friday 30 May 2014, Sidney Smith Hall, St. George Campus**

08:30 – 09:00 Welcome (SS 3130)

09:00 – 10:30 Session 1: Aboriginal Politics

- Frances Abele (Carleton University)
- Gabrielle Slowey (York University)
- Annis May Timpson (University of Edinburgh)

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:30pm Session 2: Provincial and Territorial Politics

- Cheryl Collier (University of Windsor)
- Jack Hicks (Nunavut)
- Jack Lucas (University of Toronto)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Session 3 Executives and Legislatures

- Michael Atkinson (University of Saskatchewan)
- Jonathan Malloy (Carleton University)
- Paul Thomas (University of Toronto)

15:00 – 15:15 Break

15:15 – 16:45 Session 4: Roundtable on Graham's Impact within and beyond the Discipline

- David Cameron (University of Toronto)
- Sean Conway (Gowlings and Ryerson University)
- David Docherty (Mt. Royal University)
- Peter Russell (University of Toronto)

16:45 – 17:00 Closing Remarks: Graham responds

17:00 – ? Dinner at the Music Room (Hart House)

We hope that you can join us for this important event. If you plan to attend, please email Sari Sherman ([sari.sherman@utoronto.ca](mailto:sari.sherman@utoronto.ca)) and Chris Alcantara ([calcantara@wlu.ca](mailto:calcantara@wlu.ca)) to let us know.

## Call for Papers/Proposals

### 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**.

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

Hosted by the School of International Relations, University of St Andrews, Scotland, UK  
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).

### **2014 IASIA Annual Conference: "Good Governance: the position of students, scholars, and practitioners"**

#### **Call for papers**

The International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) in close collaboration with the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) is organizing the 2014 Annual Conference of IASIA to be held from **30 June to 4 July** in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

The conference will bring together academics and practitioners, PhD students and young researchers in public administration and management, as well as contributors from any other disciplines and you will be invited to present your current research and studies examining public management and in particular on the following main theme ***Good Governance: the position of students, scholars and practitioners***

The call for papers is available on the website [www.ias-iisa.org/iasia/conference2014](http://www.ias-iisa.org/iasia/conference2014) Please upload your paper proposals via the link and browsing through the Registration-Submission tab.

The deadline for receiving the proposals has been fixed to **28 February 2014!**

### **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.

### **International Society of Public Law Conference: Call for Papers**

#### **Rethinking the Boundaries of Public Law and Public Space**

Those who are interested in international law or comparative public law may be interested in this call for papers & panels for the inaugural event of the newly established International Society of Public Law (<http://icon-society.org/site/index>). The conference is entitled "Rethinking the Boundaries of Public Law and Public Space." The event will take place at the EUI, Florence (**June 26-28, '14**) and will feature some major luminaries, Jeremy Waldron, Robert Keohane, Seila Benhabib, and Joseph Weiler among others. Proposal submission deadline is **March 30, '14**. More details are available here: <http://icon-society.org/site/conference>

### **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: [theoriapraxis@yorku.ca](mailto:theoriapraxis@yorku.ca)

Theoria and Praxis is edited by Paul A. Brienza and Yasar Bukan. For further information please visit <http://theoriapraxis.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/yaaf.html](http://www.yorku.ca/vpfa/yaaf.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 su-

pervised 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](https://www.mitacs.ca/globalink/globalink-research-award)

### **CIHR-IHSPR Rising Star Award**

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. **Deadline: February 28, 2014.** Further information can be found at <http://muskokasummit.org/mse-research-grant/>

## **Internship Opportunities**

### **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 successfully 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 FedNor 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>

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>

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:**

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

### **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. 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**.

#### **Undergraduate**

1st Prize: **\$1,500**

2nd Prize: **\$1,000**

#### **Graduate**

1st Prize: **\$1,500**

2nd Prize: **\$1,000**

To view competition criteria, submission requirements or essay questions, please visit:

[http://members.peo.on.ca/index.cfm/document/1/ci\\_id/97162/la\\_id/1](http://members.peo.on.ca/index.cfm/document/1/ci_id/97162/la_id/1)

**Contest closes March 3, 2014**

## 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**