

# 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.

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 on-line 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.

### *Message from the Undergraduate Program Director:*

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

## Announcements

### **2013 SPPA Alumni and Student/Community Awards Nominations**

**The School of Public Policy and Administration at York University invites nominations for two awards: Alumni Recognition Award, and Student and Community Recognition Award**

#### **Alumni Recognition Award**

The School of Public Policy and Administration at York University seeks nominations for its annual Alumni Recognition Award. The award acknowledges contributions made by one alumnus/a of the School's programs to public policy and management, as well as to the mentoring of students and new professionals. The 2013 award winner is profiled at: <http://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2013/12/05/professors-contributions-to-york-community-celebrated/>

Nominations are invited for the award from faculty, staff, individual students and alumni, as well as the associations of students and alumni. Nominations require a one page statement of the accomplishments of the individual as well as a copy of her or his resume.

#### **Student and Community Recognition Award**

The School of Public Policy and Administration at York University seeks nominations for its annual Student and Community Recognition Award. The award acknowledges contributions made by one current student or an individual from within York University (other than staff and faculty of the School of Public Policy and Administration) or the wider community to the activities and programs of the School. The 2013 award winner is profiled at: <http://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2013/12/05/professors-contributions-to-york-community-celebrated/>

Nominations are invited for the award from faculty, staff, individual students and alumni, as well as the associations of students and alumni. Nominations require, at least, a one page statement about the

accomplishments of the individual as well as a copy of her or his resume.

**Nominations must be received by Friday, March 14, 2014.** Please forward materials, or questions, to: Director, School of Public Policy and Administration Care of: Margo Barreto, Room 119, McLaughlin College, York University, Toronto, Ontario M3J 1P3, Phone: 416-736-2100 ext. 30580; Fax: 416-736-5382; E-mail: [mbarreto@yorku.ca](mailto:mbarreto@yorku.ca)

### **IPAC Case Study Competition: Canada's Public Administration Olympians**

*As Graduate Program Director for the MPPAL Program I would like to extend my hearty congratulations to the members of our York entry into the National Public Administration Case Competition (see below). MPPAL students Patience Adamu, Ron Lucero, Jennifer Persaud, Behrokh Shafiei, Angelina Brew and Steven Amirikah gave us a solid team and they put in a great effort. Even though they did not win the competition, many aspects of their work impressed the judges. Special thanks also must go to team coaches John Wilkens and Naomi Couto for all their hard work and assistance to the team members.*

*Professor Daniel Cohn*

Twelve schools of public administration brought their prepped and hyped teams to the National Public Administration Case Competition at the University of Toronto, Saturday February 1, 2014. After a demanding presentation on an in-depth policy case before seasoned judges leading to the selection of two teams for the Lightning Round run-off, the host team, the University of Toronto won over runner-up Dalhousie University. The winning team received recognition from IPAC and a prize from Policy Options/IRPP and the runner-up also received a prize from IPAC.

But the real winner is good public administration.

Its future is secure if these young competitors are any signal. Savvy in the ways of policy analysis, issues management and communication, they presented a tough group of judges with options, ideas and answers to their real-world but demanding questions. The Lightning Round, an innovation this year, involved a short-term crisis and meeting with the Prime Minister and his team about how to manage it. Face to face with an experienced former Minister, two deputy ministers and a leading writer and educator in public administration, the teams provided the packed room with an amazing demonstration of real-life, real-time but solid, thoughtful and useful policy, issues management and commu-



nication advice should look like.

IPAC, along with its partner in the competition, CAP-PA, salutes the winners and all the participants. We also thank Policy Options and the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities for their generous sponsorship and support. Our best service to the participants is to keep this going next, build up our case capacity for both academics and practitioners and foster this kind of synergy. It is a truism that there were no losers here, but what anyone who attended the day would and did say was that this event showcased the future of public administration and it is a bright one so all Canadians win.

The IPAC Case Study Program is intended to foster the sharing of knowledge, experience and learning practice among public administration professionals

and through the use of cases in all forms of teaching. The Program provides an inventory of cases. It develops new cases with partners. It also encourages the building of case writing and teaching capacity through offering practical advice to academics and instructors. It also serves as a link to the world through international connections with leading public sector case sources. To learn more about the IPAC Case Study program and student competition, please visit: <http://www.ipac.ca/CaseStudyProgram-About>

## 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. 27 - 12:00 - 1:00pm

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

[Map & Directions](#)

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)

## Other Events / News

### Many Rivers to Cross: The African Canadian Experience

Join York University as we commemorate Black History Month 2014. McLaughlin College Art Gallery, is proud to host the Multicultural History Society of Ontario's (MHSO) unique Photo Exhibit "Many Rivers to Cross".

"Many Rivers to Cross" is the title of a song by Jimmy Cliff, the multi-talented Jamaican artist. It is a graphic metaphor for the struggles and hopes, the successes and failures, of people of African descent everywhere, whether they live on the African continent or away from it, in the diaspora. The title also catches in a phrase the centuries of striving by African Canadians, who have had many rivers to cross.

This exhibition attempts to convey an impression of the place that those of African descent have long occupied in the Canadian mosaic. It deals with immigration, culture, the struggle for justice, and work, all in the context of a complex and supportive community life.

**When: February 18—March 7 2014**

**Where: McLaughlin College Art Gallery, room 001**

The "Many Rivers to Cross" photo exhibit will be opened officially as part of the *2014 World Day of Social Justice* ceremonies that will be held on **February 20th, 140 McLaughlin College, Senior Common Room, 12-1pm**. Professor Lorne Foster will officially open the photo exhibit, welcome everyone, and provide a brief introduction and interpretation of the various photos that are part of this unique collection that documents an important and integral part of Ontario and Canadian history.

For further information please contact Lorraine Myrie at x33825 or [lmyrie@yorku.ca](mailto:lmyrie@yorku.ca)

### UN World Day of Social Justice 2014

**When: February 20, 2014**

**Time: 12-2pm**

**Where: McLaughlin College Senior Common Room, Room 140**

Please join "the world of dialogue" this *World Day of Social Justice* on Thursday, February 20th that will feature the following renowned list of panelists here at York University:

- David Leyton-Brown, Master of McLaughlin College, Panel Moderator
- Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Barrister & Solicitor, Clinic Director, Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic
- Professor Lorne Foster, School of Public Policy and Administration and School of Equity Studies
- Professor Peter Dawson, Department of Sociology
- Michael Kerr, Coordinator, Colour of Poverty—Colour of Change

Our distinguished panelists will provide brief presentations on the significance and importance of the notion and concept of social justice and the necessity of working to achieve a socially conscience and just society and world order. They will draw on both national, international, and global examples of social inequities and what is being done and what more can be done to address these such as marginalization of vulnerable persons, stereotyping groups, systemic discrimination, serious to severe human rights violations and breaches to fundamental human dignity, the violence of poverty, and the supreme indignity of acts of aggression and the recourse of armed conflict, whether international or intrastate, for the resolution of disputes. This will be followed by a question and answer segment and an open discussion on the subject raised in this special panel session. This special panel session on one of the most important UN International Days is intended to both inform and to stimulate debate and discussion, as well as a critical assessment, of the importance of addressing seriously the social injustices that are most evident and morally repugnant in the world today.



## The International African Inventors Museum

African inventors have contributed to the world of science, technology, health and education, as well as everyday items such as the window cleaner, the eggbeater and lawn mower. The International African Inventors Museum will highlight some of the inventors and inventions during its one-day exhibit at York.

The International African Inventors Museum promotes positive images and demonstrates the contributions that Africans and persons of African descent have given to societies throughout the world.

This mobile museum will be at the University **Thursday Feb 27, from 10am-3pm, in the main lobby of the TEL Building, Keele campus.** The event, designed to break barriers through education, is presented by the York Centre for Human Rights as part of Black History celebrations.

The museum has travelled nationally and internationally—South America, Europe, Africa and Canada—to display a range of inventions by African inventors that have contributed to breakthroughs in technology and medicine.

Some of these contributions include Joseph Dadsen's First portable Volumetric Peritoneal Dialysis machine and Afrocentric educational software developed by Warren Salmon, as well as The UniP steel tie, which won the Gold Medal in the 1996 Canadian Design Engineering Awards, and was invented by Dr. Jude Igwemezie.

Faculty members are encouraged to bring their classes to view the exhibit.

For more information, contact Jodie Glean at [jglean@yorku.ca](mailto:jglean@yorku.ca) or ext. 33681.

## International Women's Day 2014

**Keynote Speaker: Olivia Chow, MP Trinity-Spadina**  
"Through a political career spanning three decades, Olivia Chow has been one of Toronto's

most passionate and effective advocates – on the School Board, at Toronto City Hall, in Parliament, and on the national stage."

*Copies of her new book "My Journey" will be available!*

Featured speakers:

- Laureen Waters, Aboriginal Elder
- Welcome Remarks from Mamdouh Shoukri, President

**Thursday March 6 2014, 12:30-2:30PM**

**Senate Chambers, 940N Ross Building**

For further information, please contact Lorraine Myrie at x33825 or email [lmyrie@yorku.ca](mailto:lmyrie@yorku.ca).

## Seminars/Workshops

### Career Centre February Activities

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

• **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.** Complementary continental breakfast (9:00am); round-table discussions (10:00am-12:00pm). Presented by the Career Centre, in partnership with Counselling 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 bookmarked 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>

## Migration Matters

[www.yorku.ca/migrationmatters](http://www.yorku.ca/migrationmatters)

Roundtable Discussion

**Wednesday, February 26th, 2014, 2:30 – 4:00PM**

**305 York Lanes**

### **Beyond Identity and Integration? Debating Citizenship in a Transnational Age**

When we talk about citizenship in transnational contexts, we invoke notions of agency, regulation and enforcement, rights and entitlements, political activism, and everyday strategies for engagement in multiple social and public arenas. The panelists will draw on their research to discuss the following question:

How are notions and practices of citizenship and identity altered in shifting transnational contexts?

Join the discussion with distinguished York scholars:

- Secil Erdogan-Ertorer, Sociology
- Atiana Guia, History
- Michael Nijhawan, Sociology
- Daphne Winland, Anthropology

Mark your calendars!

#### • **Migration and Temporary Labour**

Event co-sponsored by Global Labour Research Centre with Migration Matters

**March 13, 12:00 – 2:00 PM**

**519 Kaneff Tower**

#### • **Transnational Migration Trajectories of Work and Family**

**April 1, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, 519 Kaneff Tower**

(Details coming soon.)

### **"Lex and the City: Urban Issues in Law, Business and Policy" - the 17th Annual Conference of the JD/MBA Students Association**

**February 28th, Courtyard Marriott Hotel**

The conference will feature prominent speakers including Former Mayor David Miller, Councillor Karen Stintz, City Manager Joe Pennachetti, Former Chief City Planner Paul Bedford, and the Director of the Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance Dr. Enid Slack. In addition to these speakers there will be interactive breakout sessions with industry

leaders in various aspects of urban development, governance and growth.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students in SPPA to network with these professionals, expand their knowledge and perspectives, and engage with the themes of public policy on a municipal level. Student tickets are only \$30, which includes a hot lunch. We encourage students to register as soon as possible as our annual conference has historically always sold out before the event!

Students can register at [www.thejdmba.ca/registration-2](http://www.thejdmba.ca/registration-2) More details are also available at [www.thejdmba.ca/2014-conference](http://www.thejdmba.ca/2014-conference)

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

#### **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 collections 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**

### **York University Graduate Admissions Information Session**

Thinking of applying to Graduate School? Come to

the York University Graduate Admissions Information Session to learn the ins and outs of pursuing graduate studies.

Whether you love research, or are looking for that competitive edge to set you apart in your career quest, York University has options you want to explore.

The information session will cover:

- Benefits of pursuing a graduate degree
- Graduate programs at York
- The application process - what is included and how to prepare a strong application
- Tuition
- Funding / financial support
- Student life / student support
- Professional development

This session will benefit those who are thinking of pursuing graduate studies. Anyone who has already applied to a graduate program is welcome to attend however the information covered will not go into specific detail about any particular program(s).

**When: Wednesday March 12, 2014, 12:30-2pm**  
**Where: York University, Keele campus, 280N York Lanes**

To Register, please visit the graduate studies events calendar at: <http://futurestudents.yorku.ca/graduate/calendar> and click on the event on March 12th to register.

### **Ontario Graduate Policy Research Challenge**

This is a new and exciting opportunity for graduate students to share their research and innovative ideas in the areas of postsecondary education, employment and labour market with policy leaders in Ontario. The Challenge will... Make connections: The Challenge seeks to create links between the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) and policy research at higher education institutions in Ontario by facilitating dialogue between students, policy leaders and research faculty.

Support Ontario graduate research: This competition is open to graduate students and recent gradu-

ates from masters', doctoral and post-graduate certificate programs at Ontario publicly-assisted universities and colleges. Applicants are asked to formulate their research into a policy brief that demonstrates how their ideas can be applied to postsecondary education and labour market issues in Ontario.

Reward new ideas: The top 25 applicants will receive awards worth \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 and present their ideas at MTCU.

Background Materials

Application Materials: The Call for the 2014 Competition, the Application Form and the Faculty Letter of Support can be found here:

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eg/eopg/programs/ohcrif.html>

Timelines: The deadline for the competition is **March 24, 2014**. Applications and any questions or concerns should be sent to [GraduateChallenge@ontario.ca](mailto:GraduateChallenge@ontario.ca).

### **AMCTO's Municipal Leaders' Forum**

Attention Ontario Public Policy/Administration Program Students! AMCTO - the Municipal Experts is excited to offer Ontario's Public Policy/Administration Students a special one-time discounted rate to attend the 4th Annual AMCTO Municipal Leaders Forum held on **March 28th, 2014**.

This dynamic leadership event provides students and future public sector professionals with a full day to learn from and engage with renowned experts from the local government sector. The focus of this year's Municipal Leaders Forum is – Leading & Managing in a Politicized Environment.

The student discounted rate is \$149 + HST marked down from \$349 + HST. For more information: <http://iz4.me/WFmp1zNbSIV1> or contact Rick Johal [rjohal@amcto.com](mailto:rjohal@amcto.com).

### **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:

## Call for Papers/Proposals

### York University's Centre for Refugee Studies: 9th Annual Student Conference

**May 3-4, 2014**

At COSTI Immigrant Services, 760 College Street,  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M6G 1C4

#### **Neither Here Nor There: Refugees, Forced Migration, and the Landscapes of Displacement**

This event offers graduate and upper year undergraduate students from various disciplines, as well as researchers and practitioners with a keen interest in migration and refugee issues, an opportunity to present and discuss research and other works with like-minded individuals in a collegial, supportive, and inclusive setting.

Refugees and forced migrants navigate a tumultuous series of landscapes—both physical and abstract—throughout their long, dramatic and uncertain journeys. Whether travelling from home to camp (and beyond), from legal protection to vulnerability, or from familiar social spaces to new and chaotic networks of relations, refugees and forced migrants act and are acted upon within complex constellations of power and agency. Studying and representing these complexities can be challenging for refugees, aid workers, and academics alike. In the course of these various passages, refugees frequently find themselves in the spaces “in between”—difficult to define, conceptually challenging, and often perilously vulnerable to exploitation.

This conference aims to use the multiple, rich understandings of the term “landscape” as a conceptual launch-pad from which to explore the many facets of forced migration. Through a sharing of research, knowledge, and experience from multiple perspectives, we hope to contribute a fresh voice to the understanding of global forced migration.

A selection of strong papers submitted to the conference will be considered for publication in a peer-reviewed CRS Student Caucus publication. If you are interested in having your submission considered for publication, please indicate this in your abstract

**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



submission. Only the best submissions from the conference will be considered for inclusion in this exciting inaugural publication.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Individuals or groups wishing to participate in the conference MUST submit a 250-word abstract by **March 15th, 2014** (both for Canadian and international submissions). Presenters who wish to be considered for publication in the CRS Student Caucus publication must send their completed papers to [crsstudentconference@gmail.com](mailto:crsstudentconference@gmail.com) by May 2nd, 2014.

For more information about presenting at the conference please contact [crsstudentconference@gmail.com](mailto:crsstudentconference@gmail.com) or you can visit [www.yorku.ca/crs](http://www.yorku.ca/crs)

For more information about registering for the conference and event details, please refer to our website <http://crsstudents.wordpress.com/>

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### **EDULEARN: 6th International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies**

Submit your abstracts and participate in the 6th International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies, EDULEARN14, that will be held in Barcelona (SPAIN), on the **7th, 8th and 9th of July, 2014**.

#### **Abstract submission due: April 3, 2014**

EDULEARN14 provides the ideal opportunity to present and share your experiences and projects in the fields of learning and teaching methodologies, educational innovations, e-learning, and new technologies applied to Education.

Every year, EDULEARN brings together over 700 delegates from 75 different countries. After 6 years, EDULEARN has become an annual meeting point for lecturers, researchers, professors, educational scientists and technologists.

For more information: <http://edulearn14.org> or [edulearn14@iated.org](mailto:edulearn14@iated.org)

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### **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.iasia-iisa.org/iasia/conference2014](http://www.iasia-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!**

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### **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**

### **Organization of American States (OAS) Fellowships Programs**

The OAS offers scholarships for study or research at the Master's or PhD level that lead to a degree at a university or educational institution in an OAS Member State.

- Applicants are not eligible for a scholarship in the country of their citizenship or permanent residency.
- The studies or research must be carried out on a full-time basis and may be pursued on-site, by distance education or a combination of both.
- The competition is open to students in most disciplines (natural sciences, engineering, humanities, social sciences and arts). However, scholarships are not offered in the fields of medical science nor for language studies. **Application Deadline: March 7, 2014**

For more information, visit: [http://www.scholarships-bourses.gc.ca/scholarships-bourses/can/oas-oea.aspx?lang=eng&utm\\_source=Scholarships&utm\\_medium=email-cbie&utm\\_content=EN&utm\\_campaign=OASlaunch](http://www.scholarships-bourses.gc.ca/scholarships-bourses/can/oas-oea.aspx?lang=eng&utm_source=Scholarships&utm_medium=email-cbie&utm_content=EN&utm_campaign=OASlaunch)

### **Research Opportunities in International Law at The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)**

Based at the CIGI Campus in Waterloo, Ontario, the International Law Research Program at CIGI is an integrated multi-disciplinary research and teaching program that will provide leading academics, graduate students and legal experts from Canada and abroad with the opportunity to contribute to advancements in international law.

As a vital information resource for policy makers, government leaders and for the business community, the program's research areas will focus on three core areas:

- Intellectual property law
- International economic, financial and investment law, regulation and governance
- Environmental law and treaties

CIGI invites leading practitioners and scholars, industry professionals, senior researchers and graduate students to join its new International Law Research Program. Applications are currently being accepted for:

- Fellowships
- Post-Doctoral Researchers
- Graduate Scholarships

Applicants are judged on the basis of their demonstrated excellence in academic/professional achievement, independent research and their potential for making substantial contributions to one or more the three core streams of the ILRP. For more information, including the online application process, please visit: [www.cigionline.org/careers](http://www.cigionline.org/careers).

## **Call for Nominations for the Annual National Student and Thought Leadership Awards in Public Administration**

**Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration, Institute of Public Administration of Canada**

The National Student and Thought Leadership Awards in Public Administration, a joint initiative of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) and the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration (CAPPA), aims to recognize talent in Canadian schools at the regional level and at the national level. It will promote excellence in public administration and showcase the top talent emerging from Canadian programs each year.

### Criteria and Procedures

#### 1. Selecting winners:

CAPPA members will solicit and judge entries (best paper, best professional report, or best graduating student, however defined) from their students, and select a winner in the undergraduate and/or graduate levels (as applicable to each department).

Representatives from the IPAC regional groups will be asked to help with the adjudication. Together, the students from each institution are the National Student Award winners.

#### 2. Giving local recognition:

We encourage programs, departments and schools to hold recognition events for the winners. Again, you may want to approach your local IPAC group to provide recognition. In some cases the local regional group may have more than one university in their catchment area, so the range of winners will be broader.

#### 3. National recognition on web sites:

The winning entries will be celebrated by IPAC and CAPPA on their respective websites. The names, contact information, brief bios, and synopsis of the accomplishment of the top graduate and/or undergraduate students will be forwarded to CAPPA at the contact point noted below. The deadline for receiving these packages is April 1, 2014.

#### 4. The IPAC National Conference, June 1st – 4th, 2014, Edmonton, Alberta:

The winners from every program will receive an invitation to the IPAC national conference. The IPAC Endowment Fund has committed to paying the registration fees for the winners. Each program would be responsible for securing funding for winners to the IPAC conference (travel and hotel). We are hopeful that funding can be solicited from multiple sources: university travel funds for students, student societies, your program resources, local and provincial governments, IPAC regional groups, and local sponsors.

All of the National Student Award winners will be asked to participate in an E-poster session describing their best piece of research or analysis.

A jury will select and rank the three best E-poster presentations for the Thought Leadership Awards. The Gold winner will receive \$1000, the Silver winner will receive \$500, and the Bronze winner will receive \$250. The winners will also be recognized on the IPAC and CAPPA web sites.

A social event will be jointly organized to honour all the participants and the National Student and Thought Leadership Award winners. In 2014 the winners will be announced at the Celebration of Excellence Reception on Monday, June 2 in Edmonton.

We look forward to receiving notification of your top students by April 1, 2014.

For each nomination, please include:

- nominator's name and contact information
- nominee's name and contact information;
- a brief bio (no more than 100 words); and
- synopsis of accomplishment (i.e., top student, best, paper, project or research, etc.)

Please forward all nominations to [youngb@uvic.ca](mailto:youngb@uvic.ca).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Belle Young at [youngb@uvic.ca](mailto:youngb@uvic.ca); 250-721-8056, or Gabriella Ciampini at [gciampini@ipac.ca](mailto:gciampini@ipac.ca); 416-924-8787 x223.

## Internship Opportunities

### **Ontario Legislature Internship Programme**

The Ontario Legislature Internship Programme (OLIP) is now accepting applications for the 2014-2015 Intern year. Applications and instructions can be found on [www.olipinterns.ca](http://www.olipinterns.ca)

The Internship is open to all recent graduates of Canadian universities including those who will have finished all degree requirements by August, 2014. This paid Internship runs from September, 2014 to the end of June, 2015. The Internship is a full-time, non-partisan experience administered by the Canadian Political Science Association and is supported by a substantial grant from the Ontario Legislative Assembly.

The Internship is not associated with the Government of Ontario. The Programme provides backbench Members of the Legislative Assembly with highly qualified professional assistants, while at the same time giving interns academic and practical experience in the day-to-day work of the Legislature.

All applications must be mailed and postmarked no later than Friday, February 28, 2014.

### **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, March 6, 2014, 2:00 - 3:30pm in 3033 Lassonde Building

Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 10:00- 11:30am in 109 Atkinson College

### **Jim Hume Internship**

Applications are currently being accepted for the Jim Hume Student Internships for summer 2014. The program is open to students and recent graduates of post-secondary institutions and interns will provide research assistance to a variety of public policy projects at the Canada West Foundation, a public policy think tank. The full posting can be viewed here: <http://cwf.ca/about-us/student-internship-summer2014>

## Summer Opportunities

### **Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI) Summer School on Multidimensional Poverty Analysis 2014**

11-23 August 2014

**Audience:** The summer school is addressed to those who are working on, or actively interested in gaining skills in, multidimensional poverty measurement; particularly, professionals, government officials, academics, and post-graduate students. Applicants who are

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currently pursuing a research project or work on measurement are particularly welcome. Other applicants having a demonstrated research interest in empirical analysis in these topics will be considered on the basis of their experience and space availability.

**Prerequisites :** A demonstrable knowledge of STATA is an absolute pre-requisite for attending the course. Every attendant at the summer school will need to have STATA 10 or higher installed on his/her laptop. The software is not provided by the summer school. - Where possible, participants should have a strong knowledge of quantitative methods (e.g. econometrics, statistics etc.), and a strong interest in poverty measurement and analysis.

**Financial Support:** Limited partial and full financial support will be available. Competition for financial support will be very strong; however, well qualified and committed applicants with financial need are strongly encouraged to apply. Successful applicants are also highly encouraged to seek support from their local governments and institutions. We would be happy to provide support letters for these funding applications.

**Application Form:** To apply, please complete the online application form at <http://www.ophi.org.uk/ss2014-application> and submit a recent curriculum vitae (CV) and sample STATA .do file. The application process is competitive; applicants will be evaluated on the basis of the information provided in their application.

**Important Dates:** 16 March 2014: Deadline for applicants requesting financial support

23 March 2014: Final deadline

15 April 2014: First acceptance emails will be sent starting from this date

**Questions?** Please write to Natasha Francis, [natasha.francis@geh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:natasha.francis@geh.ox.ac.uk)

### **The Balkans Peace Program 2014**

The Balkans Peace Program (BPP) Summer 2014: International Development, Politics, and Post-Conflict Societies - Kosovo and the Balkans is an educational program that will provide students enrolled in a university outside of Kosovo and the region with the opportunity to spend about three

weeks in Kosovo studying and learning about development in practice in a post-conflict area right in the middle of Europe. Participants of the program will also visit three other Balkans countries, Albania (listed no. 4 in the New York Times' list of places to go in 2014), Macedonia, and Montenegro. This is the third annual Balkans Peace Program.

The program takes place from 2 August to 23 August 2014. Participants will be staying with local host families in Gjilan, the fourth largest city in Kosovo, with a population of about 95,000, located on the southeast corner of Kosovo, some 45 km southeast of Prishtina, the capital.

**Application deadline: 31 March 2014.** Partial scholarships are available. For more information on the program, to apply, and to see testimonials from previous participants, please visit the program's website: <http://www.bislimi.org/balkansprogram.htm>

### **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, 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