

# School of Public Policy and Administration

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### Important Reminders

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### SPPA Events / News

#### JUNE 2015 CONVOCATION

We are pleased to announce our class of 2015 graduates:

#### **BACHELOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WITH HONOURS**

##### *Public Administration*

Gishelle Albert

Awais Altaf

Koosha Assadzadeh-Totonchi

*Magna Cum Laude*

*Member of the Dean's Honour Roll*

Kevin Benjamin Baksh

*Member of the Dean's Honour Roll*

Sylwia Baranowska

Erlisa Caku

*French Studies (Minor)*

*Member of the Dean's Honour Roll*

Daria Dusha

Michael John Pogorzelski

T M Ershadur Rahman

Harpreet Kaur Rai

*Member of the Dean's Honour Roll*

Nigel Rose

*Member of the Dean's Honour Roll*

Anna Smirnova

*Member of the Dean's Honour Roll*

Giuseppe Tiano

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#### **BACHELOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

##### *Public Administration*

Matthew Rosario D'Amore

Landry Jatsa

##### *Public Administration (Minor)*

Genevieve Andrea Ford

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HONOURS**

##### *Public Policy and Administration*

Rajbir Sohal

*Member of the Dean's Honour Roll*

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

##### *Public Policy and Management*

Victoria Crump

Francesca Chika Okwute

Uwadinisu Onyenokwe

##### *Professional Certificate in Public Administration and Law*

Anisa Amina Ahmed

Michael James Wigginton

Nisha Sallan

Siraat Mustafa

##### *Professional Certificate in Public Policy Analysis*

Bryan Gook Park

Dimitar Dimeski

Sidra Hafiz Satti

Stephen Firang



## Announcing our 2015 SPPA AWARDS:

### **Undergraduate Student Award Winner - Kevin Baksh**



*"I am a student committed to being a part of the next generation of public service servants who will continue to diligently serve the people of Ontario and Canada. Programs and Policy Assistant at Ministry of Community and Social Services."*

Programs and Policy Assistant at

Ministry of Community and Social Services

President - Public Policy and Administration Student Association

### **Graduate Student Award Winner - Sadaf Syed**



*"I enjoy meeting people, traveling and reading. I am also a history buff and very adventurous when it comes to food."*

Treasurer Graduate Students Association Public Policy, Administration and Law.

Represented York University at National Case Study Competition 2015 held in Halifax, NS which came in the top three.

### **Blueprint 2020 National Student Paper Competition on the Future of the Public Service Grand Prize Winners**



Congratulations to **Anisa Vangjeli**, one of the co-authors/recipients of the prize and our recent graduate from the BPA Specialized Honours, Management Stream - class of 2014. Anisa is currently a Master's student at Carleton University. Rising to the top of this competition is a significant achievement.

*Anisa Vangjeli (left) and Professor Alena Kimakova, SPPA Undergraduate Program Director at the 2014 SPPA Alumni dinner in November.*

### **2014-2015 LAPS Alumni Awards for Outstanding Contribution to Student Experience**

A certificate of recognition is presented to LA&PS alumni who continue to give back to the York community since having graduated from the Faculty. Recipients will have enhanced student experience by active engagement in the Faculty, either inside or outside of the classroom or through involvement with a student association.



**Stacey Berry**



**Corey Davidson**

We extend heartiest Congratulations to MPPAL & SPPA Alumni, Stacey Berry and Corey Davidson for receiving the LAPS alumni award this year. Stacey Berry graduated from the Master of Public Policy Administration and Law (MPPAL) program in October, 2014 and Corey Davidson in October, 2013. Stacey and Corey have always demonstrated great passion and diligence in promoting student engagement and promotional activities within SPPA, MPPAL and York University.



### **The 2015 President's University-Wide Teaching Award:**

**Professor Peter Constantinou**

Professor Constantinou's award letter states, "You are clearly a creative teacher who develops in students a capacity for critical thinking and a passion for public service".... and that ... "It is

evident that the concepts that your philosophy of teaching rests on – respect, enthusiasm and experiential education – are successfully implemented in your teaching practice."

"Congratulations Professor Constantinou on this outstanding achievement and thank you for all your commitment and dedication to our students' higher education." – **James C. Simeon**, Director, School of Public Policy and Administration

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### **2015-2018 YUFA Steward: Prof. Kenneth McBey**



Our Congratulations go to MPPAL Professor **Kenneth McBey** who has been elected as YUFA Steward for the School of Human Resources and the School of Public Policy & Administration.

Professor McBey teaches GS PPAL 6010 – Leadership & Human Resources Management for the School of Human Resources and the School of Public Policy & Administration.

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### **MPPAL Alumni News: Piragal Thiru**



Congratulations to MPPAL Alumnus **Piragal Thiru** who has been elected to the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party as Vice-President for Engagement at the party's 2015 annual general meeting.

## **Notices**

### **Paramount Studios: Students Graduating Fall 2015 Graduate Portraits Announcement**

New Paramount Studios is photographing the weeks of **July 13 and 20** for those students who graduate Fall 2015, Screening Room at McLaughlin College, Rm 001.

To appear on the College wall composite you must have your graduate portrait taken by New Paramount Studios.

Visit [www.newparamount.com/lifestyle](http://www.newparamount.com/lifestyle)  
Graduates must book appointments at least 12 hours before requested appointment time. If you have any questions, please email [nps@look.ca](mailto:nps@look.ca) or call 416-653-5103

**Graduates: This is Your Own Photograph Time!**

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

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.

#### **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 group 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 has been extended to June 30, 2015.

#### **4. The IPAC National Conference, August 23 – 26, 2015, Halifax, Nova Scotia:**

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.

We look forward to receiving notification of your top students by **June 30, 2015**.

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, contest winner, 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.

## Seminars / Workshops

### CARFMS15 at Ryerson University was a Resounding Success

By any measure the 8th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (**CARFMS**), hosted by the Ryerson Department of Criminology, in collaboration with the Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement, and held at Ryerson University, Toronto, from 13-15 May 2015, was a great success. The conference explored the timely and topical theme of *Advancing Protection and Fostering Belonging in a Global Era of the Criminalization of Migration*. For further details, video clips of the presentations, and photos of the CARFMS15 Annual Conference, please see the CARFMS/ACERMF website at <http://carfms.org/>. In

summary, some of the world's leading scholars, policy makers, and practitioners in the field presented at CARFMS15. CARFMS15 can be followed online on facebook,

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/138817499465045/>, and Twitter, [https://twitter.com/CARFMS\\_2015](https://twitter.com/CARFMS_2015).

## Internships

### Student Co-op Position: Research Analyst with The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships

The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP) is offering up to two full-time paid internship positions **from September 8th to December 31st** for a college, upper year undergraduate or graduate university student, or a recently graduated student that has not yet entered into employment.

As a student research analyst, you will contribute to two initiatives described below as well as to other CCPPP activities as required. Through your internship you will learn more about the role of public-private partnerships (P3s) and their contribution to Canada's infrastructure and service delivery. The position requires strong analytical, research, writing and interpersonal skills as well as a working knowledge of Excel. Knowledge and/or experience with P3s will be considered an asset as will previous experience working with databases and bilingualism. While relocation costs are not included, a competitive hourly rate will be offered. Students studying in finance, engineering, business, law, public administration, political science, economics, planning, and construction management are encouraged to apply. Interested students should send a covering letter highlighting their relevant skills and interest in the P3 industry as well as a CV to Mr. Steven Hobbs at [shobbs@pppcouncil.ca](mailto:shobbs@pppcouncil.ca) no later than **Monday, June 29, 2015**.

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