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SPPA Events / News

McLaughlin Public Policy Lecture offers a glimpse into the shadowy world of CSIS

Federal Court (Canada) Justice James O'Reilly's topic of choice for this year's McLaughlin Public Policy Lecture, which took place Jan. 22 at the Keele campus, drew a full house.



In his lecture titled, "Overseeing CISS: The Federal Court's Role", O'Reilly provided a rare view of the Federal Court of Canada in national security. A capacity crowd turned out for the lecture, which was held in the McLaughlin Junior Common Room.

Only a small number of justices are designated, exclusively by the Chief Justice of the Federal Court (Canada), to serve in this oversight capacity for CSIS. These individuals are on call 24/7. "Designated proceedings" with all the relevant parties present are held in special facilities. Some matters are decided by a designated judge, while others are heard "en banc." Wherever possible, judgments and reasons are made public with the appropriate segments and sections redacted in the interest of national security. O'Reilly said that a certain amount of "secrecy" is an inevitable aspect of these proceedings.

O'Reilly's lecture outlined, in some detail, the little known role of the Federal Court (Canada) in overseeing the work of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). He also provided a glimpse into the arcane world of security intelligence, the administration of the CSIS Act, designated judges who are appointed to deal specifically with national security matters and national security matters (designated proceedings) that are delegated by law to the Federal Court. He explained the issuance of "investigative warrants" to CSIS and provided an overview of recent pertinent legal issues and jurisprudence from the Federal Court. His public policy lecture gave the audience numerous insights into how the court has dealt with the "nature of the threat to Canada's security."

The role of the judiciary in national security, national defence and international affairs is little known, appreciated or studied. In particular, the interception of foreign communications outside Canada that may have national security implications raises serious legal and public policy concerns. The question of the full disclosure of the Communications Security Establishment Canada's (CSEC) operational relationship with CSIS raises important legal and public policy concerns. O'Reilly alluded to a public agency's "duty of candor" before the courts and how such matters may make ineluctably their way up the judicial hierarchy to the Supreme Court of Canada in the near future.

Notices

Olivia Chow's Public Lecture at York University "Affordable Childcare: Why Not Now?"

Date: Tuesday, March 10

Time: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Location: Senate Chambers, 940N Ross Building

Olivia Chow is a Canadian politician, a former Member of Parliament, and City of Toronto Councillor.

For almost 40 years, Canadians have been clear: all families deserve good childcare that won't break the family bank. But Canadians still do not have a national childcare program. Isn't it time that we recognize and realize this basic human right to ensure that our children, and all those who are working in the childcare field, are being treated fairly and justly?

Olivia Chow will explore what public policy and political action are needed to establish a national affordable childcare program. Come hear one of the most knowledgeable, effective and passionate advocates on this issue. The time for action is now!

We can have the national child care program Canada needs in 2015.

Seeking participants for Social Media and Activism Survey

The Social Media and Activism Survey is an undergraduate student project and has the support of the Sociology Department and the Qualitative Research and Resource Centre at York University.

The purpose of the survey is to learn about York University students' views on social media and activism.

We are offering participants a **chance to win a prize of a \$20 gift certificate for the York University Bookstore.**

The link to the survey is as follows:
<http://goo.gl/forms/Q5WHJdo7Ap>

The last day to complete the survey is Sunday February 22nd.

Help Fight Ebola Canada (HFEC) was formed in July 2014 by Ammar Kamara and Stacey Berry to honour the work of **Dr. Sheik Humarr Khan**, a Sierra Leonean who was the Chief doctor leading the response to the Ebola outbreak. Dr. Khan is credited for saving more than 100 lives during this crisis. He unfortunately, became infected with the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) and lost his life to the disease that he worked so hard to save others from.



HFEC is an awareness campaign and movement using the following 3 measures: **Educate**-all concerned citizens

about the Ebola Virus; **Motivate** –the community to collaborate and mobilize relief efforts; and **Engage**- the community to take action steps that will focus on finding solutions to address the global health challenge of Ebola outbreak.

HFEC provides free Educational Community Forums on the Ebola virus to correct misinformation, address stigmas and minimize public hysteria. Our past forums included medical experts and healthcare professionals from various health organizations and associations, such as, University Health Network and Public Health Ontario. Our panel also included the President and CEO of International Consortium on Anti-Virals (ICAV) and a program emergency officer from GlobalMedic. We seek to foster greater sensitivity in how Canadians respond to people affected with the Ebola virus.

HFEC selected **GlobalMedic Ebola Response** as our charity of choice to help mobilize relief support for health care providers, volunteers and humanitarians and the cost of shipping very much need medical supplies, such as, PPE, Gloves and Mobile Labs. To learn more about how they responded to the Ebola outbreak, visit <http://globalmedic.ca/programs/view/ebola-outbreak-response>
To learn more about our campaign visit, www.helpfightebola.org

Seminars / Workshops

McLaughlin College Lunch Talk

Thursday February 19, 2015: 12PM – 1:30PM
Senior Common Room: 140 McLaughlin College

“The UN World Day of Social Justice & Black History Month Celebrations”

Barbara Hall (Ontario Human Rights Commissioner)

Moderator:

David Leyton-Brown – Master, McLaughlin College

Opening Remarks & Introductions:

Noël Badiou - Director, Centre for Human Rights

Panelists:

*Professor **Brenda Spotton-Visano**, University Professor of Public Policy and Economics, Faculty of LA&PS*

*Professor **Richard Phidd**, Fellow, McLaughlin College*

***Horia Tabatabaei Soltani**, Poverty Eradication Project*



The United Nations calls on all member States to recognize the World Day of Social Justice "to consolidate further the efforts of the international community in poverty eradication and in promoting full employment and decent work, gender equality and access to social well-being and justice for all."

Barbara Hall has more than 40 years of experience as a community worker, lawyer and municipal politician. She served three terms as a Toronto city councillor from 1985 and as Toronto's mayor from 1994 to 1997. From 1998 to 2002 she headed the Canadian government's National Strategy on Community Safety and Crime Prevention. She was appointed Chief Commissioner of the Province of Ontario's Human Rights Commission in 2005.

Ms. Hall has also practiced criminal and family law, been a member of the Province of Ontario Health Ministry's Health Results Team. She has extensive experience on non-profit boards and committees, and has a strong record of bringing diverse groups together to build safe and strong communities.

Career Success: Employment Supports for York Students with Disabilities

Date: February 25, 2015

Time: 1-1:30pm: Complimentary pizza, refreshments and networking
1:30-4pm: Round-table discussions

**** This event is open to York students with disabilities only ****

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). Learn about employment supports in the workplace for persons with disabilities.

Employer & Community Agency Participants

The following employers and community agencies will be in attendance to share information, talk about accommodations in the workplace and answer your questions:

- Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work (CCRW)
- Career Edge
- Devices 4 Disabilities (York Student Club)
- Futurpreneur Canada
- Government of Ontario
- JobStart
- Lime Connect
- Rise Asset
- Development
- Scotiabank
- TD Canada Trust
- YES Employment Centre
- York University Asperger Mentorship Program (AMP)

Registration is required:

<http://careers.yorku.ca/online-system/>

Opportunities

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (APSA) Senior Director, Academic and Professional Development Search

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Education: PhD in political science or related social science

Experience: Administrative Management experience in an academic or nonprofit setting is highly desirable

The Senior Director is responsible for the planning, organizing, operating and staffing of APSA's programs, which include international programs, education and professional development, diversity and inclusion, teaching and learning government relations and public engagement, and the Congressional Fellows program. The Senior Director is responsible for developing, implementing and managing the programmatic aspects of the association's annual budget and the services benefiting the association's mission.

This person also helps to provide leadership to APSA's strategic planning process and works with the APSA leadership and staff to implement new programmatic and strategic initiatives. This person would also be an important liaison to APSA's external partners and constituencies.

To be considered, submit a resume with cover letter indicating how your experience and skills align with the description and the essential skills required of the position, writing samples, recent salary history, and names, titles, and contact information for three or four recommenders as **PDF attachments** by email to APSA at hr@apsanet.org. The position will be open until filled.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.apsanet.org/Files/Careers/Current%20Opps%20at%20APSA/2015%20Senior%20Dir%20Academic%20and%20Professional%20Development.pdf>

Internships

International Development & Diplomacy Internship Programme

The United Nations Association in Canada's International Development & Diplomacy Internship Programme (IDDIP), formerly known as the United Nations Professional Placement Programme (UNPPP) is calling for applications for their International Internships. These internships provide successful applicants, known as Junior Professional Consultants (JPCs), with invaluable, demanding, deeply meaningful work experience, as well as a proven bridge to employment. The Programme also provides professional development support including: job readiness, resume building and webinars — before, during and after our JPCs deployment.

Eligibility/Quick Facts:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident.
- Must have completed an undergraduate degree.
- Over 94% of our Junior Professional Consultants (JPCs) find related work within three months of their completed internship.
- Internships are self-funded, typically six-months in length with UN agencies such as: UNDP, IOM, UNICEF, UN Women, IOM, UNHCR.
- Current host agencies are located in Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Senegal, Tanzania, Thailand, Switzerland, Zimbabwe, Peru, Rwanda, India and Indonesia.
- Successful applicants will be deployed in early June.
- These internships offer invaluable, deeply meaningful professional development experience.
- An application fee of \$45 is required.
- A \$2,500 administration fee is required for selected JPCs who will deploy in June.

The application deadline is March 16th, 2015.

Please visit <http://unac.org/unac-projects/international-internships/>