

# School of Public Policy and Administration

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## SPPA News/Events

### Bachelor of Public Administration Student Profile

We are pleased to present our next SPPA student profile: **Maria Evripides**



My name is **Maria Evripides** a fourth year student in Public Administration, specializing in Law, Justice, and Public Policy. In my first year at York, I was an undeclared major, but after thorough research and advice from relatives, I found the Bachelor of Public Administration program and decided it was the perfect fit for me! I have always had an interest in law, crime, government and the policy process as a whole. I love this program because the courses are interesting and the professors are great.

This program provides so many amazing opportunities, such as the Practicum in Public Administration (AP/PPAS 4995 6.0), which I am currently enrolled in. My placement at the Ontario Ministry of Transportation in the Safety Policy and Education Branch has been a great experience and I look forward to continuing my placement for the remainder of the year. I have been selected to serve as the Senior Ambassador for PPASA and will do my best to promote the Student Association and Program to third and fourth year students. There are lots of opportunities to network, build close relationships with fellow students and professors, as well as alumni and professionals who currently work in the public sector. You will also gain insight from events hosted by PPASA in regards to internships, job postings, tips, post-graduate information, and fun events. I encourage everyone to get more involved and participate in events, as it will only enhance your academic career and your future! – *Maria Evripides*



**PUBLIC POLICY &  
ADMINISTRATION  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

*Membership in the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA) is open to any student affiliated with the School of Public Policy and Administration. Interested students should contact PPASA at 168 Founders College or [ppasa@yorku.ca](mailto:ppasa@yorku.ca) <https://ppasayorku.wordpress.com/>*



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**The School of Public Policy and Administration seeks nominations for its 2016 awards in the following categories:**

***UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT  
ALUMNI RECOGNITION***

***GRADUATE STUDENT  
PRACTICUM HONOUREE***

The **Undergraduate Student Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent undergraduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The **Graduate Student Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent graduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The **Alumni Recognition Award** acknowledges exceptional 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 **Practicum Honouree Award** recognizes individuals who have made exceptional efforts to provide practicum opportunities for the School's fourth-year students.

The 2015 award winners were honoured at a function attended by York University President and Vice-Chancellor Mamdouh Shoukri; Ontario Minister of Research and Innovation and Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities Reza Moridi; and Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of the Ontario Public Service (OPS) Steve Orsini, who is also a York alumnus. See: <http://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2015/11/23/school-of-public-policy-and-administration-celebrates-excellence-during-annual-awards-dinner/>

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

Nominations must be received by **Friday, April 8, 2016**. Please forward materials, or questions, to:

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## Senior Advisor, Project Finance Specialist The Ontario Financing Authority

The Ontario Financing Authority (OFA), Strategic Project Finance Branch, requires an individual to provide expert financial and economic analysis and policy advice to senior management on financial issues related to the Ontario Electricity Market.

**Location:** 1 Dundas St W, Toronto, Toronto Region  
**Salary Range:** \$80,592 - \$105,075 per year

In a fast-paced and dynamic environment, this individual will:

- develop models of economic and financial data
- provide expert technical analysis and economic advice to senior management
- develop business cases, policy and risk analyses on requests for provincial financial assistance
- participate in negotiations with stakeholders as required
- provide project leadership to professional staff
- represent the ministry on inter-ministry and intra-ministry committees
- prepare briefing notes and presentations

**Note:**

- Less qualified applicants may be considered on an underfill basis

Please apply online, only, by **Tuesday, February 2, 2016**, by visiting [www.ontario.ca/careers](http://www.ontario.ca/careers) and entering **Job ID 88416** in the **Job ID search field**. Faxes are not being accepted at this time.

Please click here to view details:  
<http://www.ipac.ca/SeniorAdvisor-10458>

## Audit Project Manager Treasury Board Secretariat

**Location:** 777 Bay St, Toronto, Toronto Region  
**Salary Range:** \$67,590 - \$99,600 per year

As a member of the Corporate Financial Assurance Audit Service Team, you will:

- provide recommendations to senior management about the functioning, adequacy and effectiveness of the organizational control strategies, structures and systems
- ensure the integrity of financial reporting and identify any gaps and deficiencies
- provide project leadership and coaching to audit staff
- manage all phases of an audit, including audit methodology, scope, required resources, term of reference and work plans
- manage relationships and networks with clients, the senior management team and other stakeholders
- contribute to continuous improvement within the branch by conducting quality assurance activities

Please identify in your cover letter/resume which position(s) you are interested in:

- one permanent position -
- one temporary assignment/fixed term contract position up to 9 months

Please apply online, only, at [www.ontario.ca/careers](http://www.ontario.ca/careers), quoting **Job ID 88918**, by **Wednesday, February 3, 2016**.

Please click here to view details:  
<http://www.ipac.ca/AuditProjectManager-10459>

## District Managers – Pembroke, Peterborough, Midhurst Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

**Locations:** 31 Riverside Drive, Pembroke  
300 Water Street, Peterborough  
2284 Nursery Road, Midhurst

**Salary Range:** \$93,050 - \$106,350 per year

As District Manager you will:

- Provide input into and implement policy and program direction related to Crown land, forestry, fish, wildlife and water resource management.
- Set district priorities and objectives by planning, budgeting, allocating and managing human and fiscal resources.
- Implement government priorities such as the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, Endangered Species Act and the Green Energy Act at the local level.
- Engage staff and lead a diverse team of professional and technical staff, while fostering a culture of diversity, inclusion, accessibility and excellence.
- Engage clients and stakeholders and support responsible and responsive resource management decisions.
- Implement and promote change initiatives and ministry and regional programs and policies.

Please apply online, only, at <http://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Preview.aspx?Language=English&JobID=89166>, by **Monday, February 1, 2016**.

Please click here for more details:  
<http://www.ipac.ca/DistrictManagers-10036>

## [Inclusion Day Conference 2016: Human Rights & the University – Progressive? Constrained? Connected?](#)

**Date: January 27, 2016**

**Time: 8:30am-4:30pm**

**Location: York University Keele Campus**

### **Join the conversation!**

Academic institutions have long been sites of advancement, progression and social change. Historically, universities have been sites for the emergence of many rights movements throughout North America, from the organizing of protests to the critical production of academic literature on social justice issues.

But where are universities now?

- Have the reputation of universities shifted from sites of change to sites of oppression?
- What is the current relationship between human rights and universities?
- Are universities serving as progressive engines in the area of social justice?
- Or are universities a constraint in the fight for human rights?
- Are universities as connected with communities as they should be to drive social change?
- Can universities apply academic and administrative knowledge towards social justice?

***Please come out and join the dialogue.***

***Participation is free!***

## **Dean's Awards for Excellence in Teaching (Faculty-Wide)**

**2015-2016 Deadline: April 4, 2016**

*The criteria for the awards have been revised; please read the Terms of Reference carefully.*

One award will be offered in the following categories each year. All teaching faculty within the following categories are eligible:

- Tenure-stream faculty with six years of teaching experience in LA&PS
- Contract faculty who have taught a minimum of 30 credits in LA&PS
- Teaching Assistants who have been a TA in courses equal to or exceeding 9.0 credits in LA&PS

*Members of the Committee on Teaching, Learning & Student Success and members of the Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence Adjudication Sub-Committee are not eligible to apply for this award during their year(s) of service.*

### **Application Process:**

The application should be 25 pages or less and include the following:

- Nomination letter from the Department or a nominating colleague
- Teaching Dossier (maximum 10 pages)
- Student letters (maximum 5)
- Other letters of support (maximum 3)
- Summary of course evaluations

A completed original application must be submitted via the [Online Nomination Form](#) only. For enquiries, please contact the Secretary to the Committee at [lapsctl@yorku.ca](mailto:lapsctl@yorku.ca)

## **Call for nominations for the 2016 President's University-Wide Teaching Awards**

The President's University-Wide Teaching Awards honour those who, through innovation and commitment, have significantly enhanced the quality of learning by York students. Four awards are offered each year in the following categories:

- ◆ Full-Time tenured faculty with 10 or more years full-time teaching experience
- ◆ Full-Time faculty (tenured/tenure-stream/CLA) with less than 10 years teaching experience
- ◆ Contract and adjunct faculty
- ◆ Teaching assistants

The purpose of these awards is to provide significant recognition for excellence in teaching, to encourage its pursuit, to publicize such excellence when achieved across the University and in the wider community, and to promote informed discussion of teaching and its improvement. The awards demonstrate the value York University attaches to teaching. Recipients of the awards, selected by the Senate Committee on Awards, receive \$3,000 have their names engraved on the University-Wide Teaching Award plaques in Vari Hall and are recognized at convocation ceremonies.

**Only online nominations for the 2016 UWTA, submitted by Feb. 5, will be accepted.**

Click here for the [UWTA criteria](#) and [online nomination form](#).