

School of Public Policy and Administration

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SPPA News/Events

We are pleased to present our next SPPA student profile:

Nilufar Bahman, *Criminology major/Public Administration minor*



Four years ago when I graduated from high school, I was unsure of what I wanted to study so I took a year off to really think my options through. Due to my interest in the contemporary issues in the correction system in Canada, I decided to major in Criminology. Currently, I am in my third year majoring in Criminology and minoring in Public Administration. My aim is to go to law school and become a human rights or criminal lawyer, or become a detective.

In my first year I took Introduction to Political Science POLS 1000 as an elective and was considering to add this as a minor. However, my older brother, who at the time was pursuing his Master's in Political Science at York, encouraged me to minor in Public Administration. As I took the first year requirements for PPAS, I loved it. The professors as well as the TAs were very approachable. One of my most influential TAs was **Kirk Atkinson**, whom I had *Canadian Government PPAS 2110*. He challenged us in class, always

tested our ability to think practically and encouraged us to read and work hard towards our goals. Having professors and TAs who teach with passion really helps push students to work hard and prove their ability. This aspect of my PPAS courses finalized my decision to declare my minor. Currently, my favorite third year class is *Public Administration PPAS 3190* with **Prof. Caroline Dufour**. This course has expanded my knowledge of Canadian governmental structure and its related policies.

I am also active in the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA). I was first introduced to PPASA by one of my classmates - Munisha Basiram, who was an executive member of the club and encouraged me to attend events. The events sparked my interest as they were both fun and beneficial, so I decided to get involved with the Association. As I became part of the PPASA executive team, I was excited yet very nervous. However, the rest of the team encouraged and assisted me in my tasks as the Director of Communications.

This fall we held several events including the Ottawa trip and the Ontario Public Service Breakfast. As the Director of Communications, I am responsible for assuring the PPASA social media pages are updated in order to remind students of upcoming events and opportunities available to them. I was very excited about the success of the Social Dinner I hosted at the end of the fall semester. PPASA members and non-members came together to relieve exam stress while holding intellectual conversations. Some of the upcoming events that I am excited for are the Superior Court Tour as well as Broaden Your Spectrum. Both of the events enable the students to network and gain new knowledge about future career opportunities. As an academic student association, we aim to pave the way for our members academically and professionally. However, while doing so, we also wish to get to know and socialize with our fellow students in order to strengthen our York University community bond.

Finally, to all my fellow "Yorkies" who are stressed with exams and life in general, I leave you with a quote from one of my most inspirational role models: "Do not let your difficulties fill you with anxiety, after all, it is only in the darkest nights that stars shine more brilliantly", Imam Ali.

- Nilufar Bahman

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Salary Range: \$152,700 - \$206,050 per year

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<http://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Preview.aspx?Language=English&JobID=89792> by **Wednesday, February 24, 2016**.

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<http://www.ipac.ca/CIO-10045E>



Summer Student Jobs with the Ontario Government

Gain valuable skills, earn money and have fun over the summer!

NEW 2016 POSTING DATE AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

February 16, 2016 -> Deadline to apply for jobs in:

- Policy
- Engineering
- Enforcement
- Ontario Place
- Parks (posting 1)

March 1, 2016 -> Deadline to apply for jobs in:

- Environment
- Science

March 15, 2016 -> Deadline to apply for jobs in

- Social Services
- Maintenance

March 29, 2016 -> Deadline to apply for jobs in

- Customer Service
- Clerical
- Parks (posting 2)

Applications are accepted online only.

Students must apply directly to job ads on the **Ontario Public Service Careers website** to be considered for the jobs advertised. For more information on how to complete your application, including submitting a cover letter and resume, refer to our **Student Application Tip Sheet**.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet **all** eligibility criteria on the first day of employment to be considered. Students are required to indicate their student status and age range in the online application form:

a) Student Status: All summer jobs require a "student" status. A student is defined as someone enrolled in a secondary, or post-secondary institution (currently or for the fall semester) or graduated within the past six months(e.g. if a student graduated in December, they could apply for and start a summer student position in the Ontario Public Service up until June of the following year).

b) Age: All summer jobs require a minimum age of 15 years old on the first day of employment. Due to program requirements, some jobs require students to be 15 to 24 years old (or 15-29 for a person with a disability). Due to Ministry specific requirements, some jobs require students to be at least 18 years of age. Age restriction details will be provided on the job ad.

c) Residency: Student must be a resident of Ontario during the summer of employment.

d) Ability to work in Canada: Student must be legally entitled to work in Canada. Students are also required to have a Social Insurance Number (SIN) upon being hired. If you do not have a SIN and would like to obtain one, please check the [Government of Canada](http://www.governmentofcanada.ca) website.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Pages/SEODatesAndResources.aspx>



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**WANT TO KNOW WHAT TO DO AFTER GRADUATION?
LOOKING FOR CAREER OPTIONS?
SCOLAPS AND PPASA INVITE YOU TO
BROADEN YOUR SPECTRUM**

DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH
TIME: 5:30 - 7:30PM
LOCATION: SENATE CHAMBERS (NORTH ROSS 940)



EVENT INFORMATION:

EXPLORE THE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES YOU CAN DO WITH A BACHELOR'S OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE. AN ESTABLISHED PANEL OF YORK ALUMNI FROM DIVERSIFIED FIELDS AND EXPERIENCE WILL GIVE YOU FIRST-HAND INSIGHT ON HOW THEIR BPA DEGREE HAS HELPED THEM OBTAIN THEIR CURRENT POSITIONS IN PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND NON-PROFIT SECTORS. PARTICIPANTS GET A CHANCE TO ASK A DIRECTED QUESTION DURING OUR MODERATED QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. YOU ALSO GET A CHANCE TO NETWORK WITH ALUMNI, SPPA FACULTY AND THE STUDENT COMMUNITY. SO COME JOIN US SO YOU CAN BUILD IMPORTANT CONNECTIONS, GAIN A NEW PERSPECTIVE, AND LEARN THE SKILLS THAT IT TAKES TO SUCCEED!

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Public lecture focuses on new ways to stamp out RACIAL PROFILING

York University's School of Public Policy & Administration, York University's Institute for Social Research, York University's Centre for Human Rights and the Ontario Human Rights Commission invite you to attend a public lecture to look at new ways to stamp out racial profiling. Keynote speaker and renowned journalist Haroon Siddiqui will talk about existing and emerging forms of racial profiling, and a panel will offer a variety of perspectives.

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Where: Moot Court Lecture Hall, Osgoode Hall

Keynote Speaker: **Haroon Siddiqui**

Panelists:

Anthony Morgan, African Canadian Legal Clinic
Chief Keeter Corston, Chapeau Cree First Nation
Faisal Bhabha, National Council of Canadian Muslims

The Ontario Human Rights Commission is seeking new ways to stamp out an old and all too persistent problem – racial profiling. This will include creating a new policy on combatting racial profiling in a range of institutional and community settings. The policy will also help enable Ontario organizations, legal decision-makers and affected community members to better identify, assess, address and prevent racial profiling as a prohibited form of discrimination under the Ontario *Human Rights Code*.

Please see related article published on February 12, 2016 on [yFile](#) titled **York Professors Lorne Foster and Les Jacobs lead Racial Profiling Policy Dialogue**.