

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### SPPA Student Profile

We are pleased to present our next SPPA student profile:

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(Management)



A professor once said something that has always resonated with me: He said that you can either learn about what is wrong with the world or you can figure out how to fix it. The Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) program at York University has given me the tools necessary to identify problems and learn how to effectively combat the critical issues we face today. I am currently in my 3rd year of study, pursuing the BPA with a specialization in Management.

All throughout high school I was a business student. From Economics to Personal Finance, I took nearly every business course my school offered. At the same time, I had a strong interest in political affairs and knew I wanted to one day pursue a career in government or work for a nonprofit organization. In my senior year, my neighbor, whom I now consider my mentor, introduced me to the program, as he was one of the first ever graduates of the Bachelor of Public Administration. This program served as the perfect balance between my interests and educational background. Three years later, I now realize that joining the York community was the best decision I have ever made.

The BPA program itself is rooted in career management. From my very first class, I realized that this program does not simply prepare you for the next couple months in the semester or the next few years of your degree, rather, it prepares you for your long term career journey. Courses are taught by professors, who have themselves worked in the field. They bring this experience into the classroom and are always open to advising students about their own potential career options. Being one of the smaller Liberal Arts and Professional Studies programs at York, we use our size to our advantage. It is evident that the focus is quality rather than quantity, and this intimacy cultivates an environment, which allows students to build personal relationships with classmates and faculty members. Additionally, the program allows students to experience seminar-like classes much earlier on in their studies.

The interdisciplinary nature of the core course requirements provides students with knowledge in specialized areas over variety of topics such as Economics, Statistics, Administrative Studies, Public Law and Canadian Government. The School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) is extremely active in providing students with professional career building workshops and information sessions. SPPA's strong alumni base prides itself on being one of the best at York University, as they are always willing to assist students and exchange stories on how they acquired their positions.

I became actively involved in the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA), serving as the Director of recruitment in my second year, and was honored to continue this involvement as Vice-President in my third year. Through events such as the Ottawa Trip, MP Meet and Greets, Speaker Panels and Superior Court of Justice/ City Hall Tours, we aim to bring together students from various streams of the BPA as well as students from various other programs: to network, build friendships and visualize where they want their degree to take them. Partnering with SPPA, the Graduate Students Association of Public Policy, Administration and Law (GSAPPAL), York University's Career Centre and a variety of

other student clubs, has allowed us to host events that are better catered encourage to students' interests. I am so grateful to have been a part of such a wonderful team. I everyone to participate and get involved in whatever way you can, and with whatever organization that speaks to you.

The BPA program and my involvement with the student association have allowed me to better understand the opportunities available to me after my degree. Furthermore, it helped me obtain an offer of employment with the Ministry of Education as an Office Assistant for the summer of 2015 through the Ontario Public Service Summer Student Experience program.

All in all, to me, my degree is not an abstract group of theories and processes, but tangible programs and policies that affect me every day. Public Administration to me, is the friendships I have made with people I now consider my family. It is the relationships I've built with faculty members because they have always made themselves easily accessible and approachable. It is the countless networking events and opportunities that have allowed me to meet students in my program and alumni in the workforce. My degree makes me feel confident to know that I will do something one day to better the country – if that is adapting policy or creating social programs, I know I will be making a difference on a large scale and that is pretty exciting. – **Munisha Basiram**



**PUBLIC POLICY &  
ADMINISTRATION  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Membership in the 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/>

## Assistant Director

### Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Ministry of Northern Development and Mines

**The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM)**, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Branch (NOHFC) seeks a motivated, proactive client focused individual to provide strategic leadership in an operational excellence/business modernization environment that will support the enhancement/delivery of programs, services and operational structures of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, including key strategic investments to stimulate the economic transformation and development of Northern Ontario.

#### Job Specific:

- You have demonstrated experience in economic development and have developed performance measures, risk management frameworks used to conduct program reviews and evaluations. You have in-depth knowledge of the Ministry's strategic direction and priorities, including Ministry specific legislation, Acts and regulatory frameworks.
- You are familiar with economic delivery of loans/grants and have implemented technology based tools and resources to modernize financial delivery models.

**Location:** Sault Ste Marie –24 month contract  
**Salary Range:** \$93,050 - \$106,350 per year

Please apply online, only, by **Monday, March 7, 2016**, by visiting <http://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Preview.aspx?Language=English&JobID=89950>.

Please click here for more details:  
<http://ipac.ca/AssistantDirector-10048>

## Director of Registration and Member Services

**The College of Early Childhood Educators** regulates the early childhood education profession in the public interest by ensuring Ontario's early childhood educators meet requirements set out in the *Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007*. The College issues Certificates of Registration, has established a code of ethics and standards of practice for the profession and responds to complaints through a complaints and discipline process. Currently the College has issued over 58,000 Certificates of Registration.

The College is seeking a strategic and practical leader who demonstrates behavior that is consistent with the College's values. Reporting to the Registrar and CEO, you provide strategic direction in continuously improving systems and processes for the registration, renewal and related member service functions of the College in accordance with the *Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007* and related regulations, by-laws and policies. Foremost among your challenges will be to lead, manage, coach and inspire the College's largest staff team during a time of change.

For more information and/or to submit your curriculum vitae and covering letter, please go to <http://www.college-ecce.ca/en/AboutUs/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx>.

Applications will be processed on a rolling basis with a deadline of March 6, 2016. We thank all applicants however only those considered for an interview will be contacted; finalist candidates will be required to take a pre-employment selection assessment.

Please click here for more details: <http://www.ipac.ca/documents/Director-CECE1.pdf>

## 11 Fully funded 4-years PhD positions in POLITICAL SCIENCE and SOCIOLOGY for the academic year 2016-2017

Joint programme SCUOLA NORMALE SUPERIORE and  
UNIVERSITY of BOLOGNA

The programme focuses on the following three  
research areas:

1. Democracy and social movements;
2. Comparative/global public policy and international  
governance;
3. Comparative politics and society

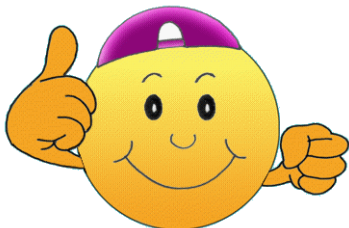
The grant is of 4 years. Full coverage of research  
expenses (conferences, summer schools, research  
periods abroads) is provided.

The Faculty is exclusively devoted to PhD teaching  
and supervision. The activities will be held at the seat  
of Florence of the Scuola Normale Superiore  
(Institute of Human and Social Sciences) link:  
<http://phd.sns.it/en/political-science-and-sociology>

<http://phd.sns.it/en/call-applications/>

Deadlines: **15 March 2016 and 30 August 2016**

**GO FOR IT !**



**GOOD LUCK !**

**SPPA**  
NETWORKING EVENT  
Thursday, March 10, 2016  
**BIERMARKT**  
**58 The Esplanade**  
Event Start time: 6:30 pm | Hors D'oeuvres: 7pm  
~ ENTRANCE \$10 ~  
Tickets available online | Limited tickets at door

**You are invited to the 3rd annual Spring Networking Event hosted by  
the School of Public Policy and Administration at York University!**

We hope you can join us for this highly anticipated tradition hosted by your  
Graduate Students Association of Public Policy, Administration and  
Law (GSAPPAL) and the Public Policy and Administration Student Association  
(PPASA.)

Reserve your ticket today to guarantee access to great food, drinks, and  
networking with current students, alumni, faculty, and notable guests. For any  
questions or concerns please contact: [mppal.exec@gmail.com](mailto:mppal.exec@gmail.com).

**Tickets will be on sale online until March 10 but spots are limited!**

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