

School of Public Policy and Administration

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SPPA Student Profile

We are pleased to present our next SPPA student profile:

Ginikanwa Bisong, B.P.A., Hons. Public Administration



Hi, my name is Ginika Bisong. I am a first year student studying Public Administration, currently undecided as to which stream to specialize in. I am an international student from Nigeria. How I got into the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) program is nothing but what I call a divine connection. I got into York University to study Financial and Business Economics, however I found it really abstract and just not me. Day-by-day I became really frustrated and was just counting the days till I graduated and this happened only in the first semester of Economics. Finally, during the summer of that year I kept seeing the LCD

Display screens around the campus advertising this seminar “Careers in public policy and administration”. I made up my mind to attend and that was the beginning of my journey in this discipline. I can’t say a lot because I am fairly new but what I can say is that I LOVE this program!!! I desire to work for the legislating body of Canada making and amending laws.. I also found out that this program has absolutely the best professors in Canada like Peter Constantinou (you can trust me on that). Advising at SPPA is very personal and there is a one-on-one relationship with the TAs and professors. If I had my way, I would say that York should be a public policy and administration school as a whole, but those are just dreams lol. I want to encourage any student struggling and tired of school, to be strong and not give up because the day will break, and very soon. Are you looking for practical experience out there that can take your passions and polish it into a career? Then public policy and administration is the major for you. Are you that kind of student? Can’t help but take initiative, can’t help but lead, can’t help just get things straightened-up around you? Then the BPA is for you.

Finally, do not give up on life because there is hope and life is a gift. I end with this scripture from my favourite book: “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Philippians 3:12”. Press on guys!!! We were born to overcome. – **Ginikanwa Bisong**



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NETWORKING EVENT

Thursday, March 10, 2016

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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.

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

[Purchase Tickets](#)

[Facebook Event Page](#)



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Explore the Interdisciplinary
Bachelor of Public Administration
Program

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 16
1-2:30PM**

140 McLaughlin College
(Senior Common Room)

*Come and talk to alumni, current students and faculty from the
School of Public Policy and Administration*

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SCLD work-study and volunteer applications are now live

Student Community and Leadership Development (SCLD) is hiring for multiple positions in all units throughout the department for both Summer and Fall/Winter 2016-17. The below positions are paid work-study positions as well as volunteer positions and are open to both domestic and international undergraduate students.

[Learning Skills Services](#) - Helping students figure out how they can become more effective learners.

[Club Peer Mentor](#) - Mentor and support student clubs to achieve their goals.

[Health Education and Promotion Peer](#) - Have a passion for health and wellness? Want to have an amazing experience with a tight knit group of fun people? Want to wear the famous green shirt? We are looking for volunteers and work study students to facilitate our programs, activities, campaigns and events and lead our health topic teams!

[Media & Communications Ambassador](#) - Create, inspire, and empower through new and diverse communications media.

[RED Zone Ambassador](#) - Help transition new students to York University and be part of a welcoming team that impacts students both in-person and online.

[York Leadership Assistant](#) - Leadership is not about position, but impact. Make an impact. Join the Leadership team!

[YU START Student Coordinator](#) - Open to current and graduating students, the YU START Student Coordinator position offers a fast-paced, leadership-heavy, administrative working environment which serves as a great transition between school and a professional career.

[Click here](#) to learn more about working at SCLD

Director

Policy, Planning and Performance Management

Reporting to the City Librarian, the Director, Policy, Planning and Performance Management will provide leadership across a broad portfolio comprising: implementation of the new strategic plan with appropriate tracking and reporting mechanisms; policy development to ensure that an effective policy framework is in place to guide the Library's activities; overseeing governance relations and support to the Library Board; developing and implementing corporate performance outcome and impact measurement and benchmarking activities - a business intelligence roadmap - to, ensure programs are responsive to changing service level priorities and objectives; and lastly, data and records management processes including compliance with MFIPPA obligations.

Please click here for more details:

<http://www.ipac.ca/documents/Director-TorontoPublicLibrary.pdf>

Chair (Full-time)

Through your leadership and governance of **The Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal**, this independent body will maintain the highest standards of professionalism in the adjudication of complex and important appeals. The Tribunal plays a vital role in the workplace safety and insurance system of Ontario by hearing and deciding appeals from final decisions of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.

As an adjudicative agency within the Ontario administrative justice system, the mission of the Tribunal is to provide quality adjudication in workplace safety and insurance appeals in accordance with the principles of natural justice on a fair and timely basis. Its legislative interpretations provide workers, employers, the Board, government and the public with a well-reasoned commentary on legislation in the workplace safety and insurance system.

As Chair, reporting to the Ontario Ministry of Labour through the Deputy Minister, you will guide your Vice-Chairs, Order-in-Council-appointed members and support staff in building the Tribunal's capacity to expeditiously handle a wide range of appeals while inspiring a high performance culture. With a chief executive mandate, you will provide thought leadership and strategic direction in jurisprudence matters, while overseeing the progressive organizational management and modernized administration of the Tribunal. Bring strategic acuity to the planning process and appeals application triage. Set service and change priorities. Maintain positive relationships with related agencies, stakeholders, the public and the Ministry of Labour.

Please click here for more details:

<http://www.ipac.ca/Chair-10557>

Dear SPPA family,

As you may know, our present School Director, **Professor James C. Simeon**, and our present MPPAL Director, **Professor Susan Dimock**, will be stepping down at the end of their terms on June 30th. Please join me in thanking James and Susan for their outstanding service to the School.



(Left to right: Prof. [James C. Simeon](#), Prof. [Alena Kimakova](#), Prof. [Susan Dimock](#), Prof. [Dagmar Soennecken](#))

As you may also know, **Professor Alena Kimakova** and **Professor Dagmar Soennecken** have agreed to let their names go forward as the next School Director and as the next MPPAL Director respectively.

Therefore, please also join me in congratulating both Alena and Dagmar. Their names will now be forwarded to the Dean's Office as our School's nominee to be our next Directors.

Warm regards,

[Daniel Cohn](#)

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Dear SPPA Students,

Please note that our in-house LAPS Academic Advisor Tanya Cora has accepted a new position at York, and therefore you should no longer be directing your inquiries or follow-up questions to her.

We expect a new advisor to be placed at SPPA in a few weeks, but in the meantime please direct your academic advising inquiries to Deena Nguyen, our Undergraduate Program Assistant at the SPPA office.

While you still have academic advising services also available through the LAPS Centre for Student Success Academic Advising Office, the SPPA office is best equipped to serve the unique advising needs of our major, minor and certificate students and Deena Nguyen will coordinate any follow-up that may be needed in your case with me as the Undergraduate Program Director, the Registrar's Office or other relevant parties.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation during this time of transition to a new academic advisor at SPPA.

With best regards,

[Prof. Lorne Foster](#)

Undergraduate Program Director

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