

School of Public Policy and Administration

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SPPA Announcements

JUNE 2016 CONVOCATION

We are pleased to announce our class of 2016 graduates:

BACHELOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WITH HONOURS

Angelica Lu
Avi Tej Grewal
Brian Chu
Farah Shamoun
Member of the Dean's Honour Roll
Jaspaul Singh
Lisa Niskasari
Melissa Dela Cruz Calanza
International Development Studies (Minor)
Osman Hashi Awad
Srijoni Rahman
Cum Laude
Member of the Dean's Honour Roll
Zalma Abdi
Member of the Dean's Honour Roll

BACHELOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Arslan Khalid
Cameron James Smith
Helen Cheong
Member of the Dean's Honour Roll
Nathalie Gomez
Vickrum Singh

Public Administration Minor

Ashley Maranda Small
Ketevan Gelashvili
Thushitha Kobikrishna

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Public Policy and Management

Abinaya Selvarajah
Aman Rattan
Emerson Williams
Jerry Le
Sharon Douglas

Professional Certificate in Public Administration and Law

Breanna Williams
Emily Nicole Owens
Fatimat Adetokunbo Ayinla
Fay-Anne Herod
Kawsika Chandirarajah
Leonedine Estelle Policard
Lisa Marie Koivula
Qasid Iqbal
Sadia Uddin
Sakana Naguleswaran

Professional Certificate in Public Policy Analysis

Maher Abdurahman

Professor Sirvan Karimi receives the 2015-2016 Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching at the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies



It is my great pleasure to announce that Professor Sirvan Karimi has been awarded the LA&PS Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching in the contract faculty category.

Widely known for his packed classrooms and long course waitlists, Professor Karimi is being recognized as a skillful teacher who has mastered "the art of making even the most complicated and difficult to understand concepts very easy to understand." As a dedicated teacher, he goes above and beyond to make sure no student is lost in his class, they all achieve tangible learning targets, and excel professionally in the field of public administration. Therefore, Dean Ananya Mukherjee-Reed also acknowledges him for his dedicated mentorship of students.

The award will be formally presented to Professor Karimi in September 2016 at the first meeting of the LA&PS Faculty Council. Congratulations to Professor Karimi on this well-deserved honour!
– Alena Kimakova, Director, School of Public Policy & Administration



**MPPAL Alumnus,
Piragal Thiru,
nominated as Scarborough-Rouge River provincial byelection
candidate by the Ontario Liberals**



Master of Public Policy, Administration & Law Graduate (Class of 2010)

The Canadian Press
Published Sunday, June 5, 2016 5:45PM EDT

TORONTO -- Ontario's Liberals have nominated a candidate for a provincial byelection in Toronto.

Piragal Thiru will run under the Liberal banner in the riding of Scarborough-Rouge River.

The Liberals describe Thiru as a long time regional volunteer and policy professional.

Complete Article available at:

<http://www.cp24.com/news/liberals-nominate-piragal-thiru-as-scarborough-rouge-river-byelection-candidate-1.2932314>

Piragal is currently working as a Senior Policy Analyst – Diversity & Inclusion with The Regional Municipality of York.

Piragal's MPPAL Alumnus profile can be found at:

<http://sppa.laps.yorku.ca/alumni/profiles/mppal/>

**MPPAL Alumna,
Arlene Jane Pitts,
publishes research article "Remembering Bedford: Impacts of
Criminalisation of Street-Based Sex Work"**



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Arlene Jane Pitts is a passionate harm reduction promoter and a sex worker activist from a background of lived experiences that began as a street involved youth. Arlene has been immersed in anti-poverty/ harm reduction and sex worker activism since the late 90's. In 2014, Arlene was awarded a Toronto Vital Peoples Award by the Toronto Foundation for her activism. She continues to be involved in other community based initiatives including completing a film project working alongside Brenda Longfellow, York University, on a project that focuses on sex workers creating short documentaries about their lives. Arlene is currently involved in a global consultancy with sex workers on HIV/ AIDS prevention medication PrEP that will result in global guidelines that will allow sex workers to participate in health policies that impact their lives.

Abstract: Remembering Bedford is a summary of Arlene Jane Pitt's research with 6 street-based sex workers in Toronto, Canada. She shows how street-based sex workers demonstrate resistance and resilience in the face of oppressive laws in Canada. She shows the impacts of criminalisation and how sex workers who use drugs sometimes need to rely on their drug dealers for safety. This article was published as a part of Research for Sex Work 15: Resistance and Resilience.

Complete Journal Article available at:

http://www.nswp.org/sites/nswp.org/files/Research%20for%20Sex%20Work%2015%2C%20NSWP%20-%202016_1.pdf

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