

School of Public Policy and Administration

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SPPA Announcements

On November 17, 2016 the School of Public Policy & Administration (SPPA) held its annual Student, Alumni and Community Recognition Awards Dinner, which serves as a formal thank-you for the dedication of all those whose volunteer efforts have enriched the learning experience and extra-curricular activities of our students.

Professor Alena Kimakova, SPPA Director, opened the event with reflections on the value of service to the School, its undergraduate and graduate student body, learning outcomes, practical experience and ultimately the professional development of both the student beneficiaries and the volunteers because the engagement offers learning and growth for all those involved. With nearly 80 guests in attendance, including students, alumni and faculty members, the evening offered an opportunity for stimulating discussions on the meaning and challenges of professional, non-partisan public service that the School prepares its students for in collaboration with its alumni and other partners in the broader public sector.

Victor Severino, a returning York alumnus (BA Specialized Honours in Public Policy & Administration, class of 1988) and currently Assistant Deputy Minister of the Business Climate and Funding Administration Division of the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Growth and the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science offered his *Reflections on a public service career in (partial) review* as the evening's keynote address. Victor discussed, among other aspects of his career in the Ontario Public Service, strategic policy relating to investment, trade negotiations and economic development. Victor is also Ontario's Chief Negotiator for the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT), a volunteer with a number of organizations including the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) and most recently a part of the School's own innovative mentorship circle pilot program.

Following the keynote address, **several awards were presented to exceptional individuals** for their dedication and leadership in the following categories:

Undergraduate Student Award to Melissa Calanza, Bachelor of Public Administration Hon./International Development Studies minor (Class of 2016).

A passionate student leader and peer mentor, Melissa currently works for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Digital Health Solutions and Innovation Branch, Project Management Office. Melissa is also the recipient of the 2016 McLaughlin Academics Choice Award. At the School's celebration she was accompanied by her proud parents, Mon and Felisa Calanza.





Graduate Student Award to Georgette Morris, Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (Class of 2016).

Professor Dagmar Soenneken, Director of the MPPAL program, presented the Award to Georgette for all of her volunteering with the Graduate Students' Association and for fostering the interaction between our undergraduate and MPPAL students. Georgette's professional career spans positions from municipal government (City of Mississauga, City of Brampton) to the federal public service (Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Service Canada). At the same time, she is also a long-standing and avid volunteer with a number of non-profit organizations.



Alumni Award to Kevin Giddings, Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (Class of 2015).

Professor Kimakova highlighted that Kevin Giddings only strengthened his engagement with the School following his graduation. He is a tireless supporter not only of the MPPAL program, but also of our undergraduate BPA and Professional Certificate programs in a variety of ways. Kevin has been employed with the Ontario Public Service (OPS) for over 15 years and currently works as a Project Policy Analyst in the Emergency Health Services Branch of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.



Practicum Honouree Award to Sharon Walker, Manager, Emergency Planning, City of Vaughan.

Professor Peter Constantinou, the School's Experiential Education Coordinator, presented the Award to Sharon Walker for her enthusiastic support of our experiential education initiatives and the opportunities she has provided to our 4th year undergraduate students in the form of a practicum placement and a hands-on program evaluation project integrated into our courses.



High-School Essay Contest Award to Saba Manzoor, Turner Fenton High School, International Baccalaureate Program, Brampton.

On the occasion of Canada's upcoming 150th anniversary, the School and its undergraduate Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA) issued a call this year to high school students to share their ***Vision for Canada's Next 150 Years***. Munisha Basiram, PPASA President and Professor Kimakova presented the award to Saba for her thoughtful and inspiring essay titled ***Cognitive Capital and the Role of Policy Development***. While only in grade 12 in high school, Saba already has an impressive track record of volunteer engagement and leadership. The SPPA community embraced her accomplishment and the promise she shows with a great deal of excitement.

The evening of celebration concluded with remarks by Robert Haché, Vice-President Research & Innovation and Adriano Mena, the evening's Master of Ceremonies, recipient of the 2014 SPPA Alumni Award and tireless supporter of our students and programs. We hope to have inspired junior students, returning alumni and first-time event participants to be engaged with the School and make meaningful contributions to our student community in a variety of ways.

The next call for nominations for the SPPA Student, Alumni and Community Awards will open in January 2017.

Bryden Alumni Awards

Inspired by Bruce Bryden, who was an exceptionally committed and influential leader at York, the Bryden Alumni Awards recognize the extraordinary achievements and contributions of our graduates. Mr. Bryden was a member of our first undergraduate class and held several prestigious positions, including founding president of the York University Alumni Association and member of the York University Board of Governors. To honour his vision and exemplary leadership, these awards have been named after him.

Award Categories & Nominations:

Outstanding Contribution - A graduate who has made significant contribution to the advancement of York and its students through exceptional service, commitment and/or philanthropic contributions.

Outstanding Achievement - A graduate who has achieved distinction in their field and whose integrity and ability inspire alumni, faculty, staff and students. This award is intended to recognize significant achievement and should focus on mid to late-career success.

Tentanda Via - A graduate who has demonstrated innovative, unconventional and daring leadership and success, reflecting the University's motto – "The Way Must Be Tried". This award can be given to recognize success at any point in the winner's career, and would normally focus on mid to late-career achievements.

One to Watch - A graduate who has made significant impact in their field and/or community within 15 years of a bachelor's degree or 10 years of a professional/graduate degree.

For more information about the awards and nomination process, please visit: <http://advancement.yorku.ca/events-and-programs/bryden-alumni-awards/>

You can also contact us by email and phone at: alumni@yorku.ca and/or 416-650-8159 / 1-866-876-2228

The nomination deadline is April 3, 2017.

School of Public Policy and Administration Professor is the Editor of a New Handbook on Global Public Policy and Administration



Professor Thomas Klassen, from the School of Public Policy & Administration in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS), is the lead editor of, and a contributor to, a new comprehensive, leading-edge guide for students, scholars and practitioners of public policy and administration. His book, *The Routledge Handbook of Global Public Policy and Administration*, surveys trends and reforms in the field, such as financial regulation, risk management, corruption, public health, e-government and much more at the local, national and international levels.

The 43 scholars and public administrators who contributed chapters to the handbook have a combined total of 1,000 years of know-how and wisdom in their respective areas. The authors are based in, and write about, all regions of the world, including Africa, Australia, Asia, the Americas and Europe. A running theme throughout the book is that the politicians who create public policies, and public administrators who implement them, must pay greater attention than in the past to the regional, national and global context. "When we started, it seemed impossible to write a book that covered developments in many disparate countries and regions," says Klassen. "Yet, it quickly became apparent that politicians, administrators and citizens in all regions struggle with the same problems: how to regulate in the public interest, how to ensure high quality public services and how to foster collaboration between public administrators, individual citizens and other groups."

To view the full article, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2hegVQk>

REF Talks

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is proud to launch an inspiring speaker series, "REF Talks Canada," which will feature refugees who have made a prominent contribution to Canada. This new initiative is being developed in partnership with York University, Ryerson University and the City of Toronto.

Speaker: J. Carolina Gajardo

A former government assisted refugee from Chile with over thirty years of field experience in Management and Counselling in the Settlement, Housing Help, Shelter, and other social services sector. Carolina has recently retired from fulltime practice after twenty five years at COSTI Immigrant Service, where she held different positions and counseled hundreds of victims of trauma, as well as developed support groups and programs for refugees and immigrants.

Carolina is an experienced facilitator across Canada and internationally and brings a broad teaching experience in the area of cultural competence, assessment and intervention, case management, advocacy and counselling skills when working with populations facing settlement challenges and housing instability. She has played a key role in the development of newcomer orientation materials which are used worldwide.

December 8, 2016, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Ted Rogers School of Management
7th Floor, Room TRS 1-003, 575 Bay St.
(entrance at 55 Dundas St. W., Toronto)

For more information, please visit:
www.unhcr.ca/reftalks

2016 End of Term Important Dates

Last day of Fall and Year term classes:
December 5th

Fall Study Day - No classes; University open:
December 6th

Fall Examinations: **December 7th - 22nd**

Winter Break - University closed:
December 23rd, 2016 - January 2nd, 2017

***Kindly note that the SPPA main office may be closed beginning December 22nd due to being short staffed. Please check the School website for an update on this: <http://sppa.laps.yorku.ca/>**

To view all Fall/Winter 2016-2017 term **Undergraduate Important Dates**, please visit:
<http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates/fw16>

To view the **December 2016 official exam schedule**, please visit:
<https://w2prod.sis.yorku.ca/Apps/WebObjects/cdm.woa/wa/curexam>

Wishing each of you and your families a very safe, happy and healthy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! Best wishes from the School of Public Policy and Administration faculty and staff!





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Chief Transformation Officer, City of Toronto

Reporting to the City Manager, you will develop, drive and implement high-priority, high-impact business transformation initiatives to improve the effectiveness of the City. You will implement change management processes and develop a motivated pivotal team to enable the City to respond to a changing work environment, better measure and enhance its overall performance, and meet the expectations of Council, the community and other stakeholders. **Please click here to view details:** <http://www.ipac.ca/ChiefTransformationOfficer-CityofToronto>

Director, Economic Policy and Director, Statistics and Quantitative Research, Ontario Ministry of Finance

The Ministry of Finance is looking for senior leaders to develop and evaluate policies and innovative strategies to support the government's economic policies. You will report to the Assistant Deputy Minister. **Please click here to view details:** <http://www.ipac.ca/Directors-11095E>

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada Audit Committee

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) is seeking applications to become members of its Audit Committee (AC). IPAC, founded in 1947, is a dynamic association of public servants, academics, and others interested in public administration. Anchored by our regional groups, we're a membership-based organization that creates knowledge networks and leads public administration research in Canada. Since the early 1990s, IPAC has been a major player in exporting successful Canadian public sector expertise around the world. IPAC's mission is to be dedicated to excellence in public service. **Please click here to view details:** <http://www.ipac.ca/documents/IPAC-AuditCommitteeMembers.pdf>

25 Public Members, Administrative Penalty Tribunal, City of Toronto

The City of Toronto is currently seeking 25 experienced, engaged, and enthusiastic Toronto residents to serve on the NEW Administrative Penalty Tribunal. This quasi-judicial tribunal will provide an independent review of administrative penalties (e.g. parking By-laws) that are assessed to individuals.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/documents/AdministrativePenaltyTribunal-CityofToronto.pdf>

Executive Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

If you are looking to join a high performing team with challenging work, consider this exciting opportunity with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Business Transformation and Project Management Division, where you will provide expert program advice and executive support to the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM). **Please click here to view details:** <http://www.ipac.ca/EA-12142E>

Ontario Ministry of Labour Job Opportunities:

Branch and Project Assistant - The Ministry of Labour's Prevention Office needs your strong research, leadership and relationship management skills to perform high level executive and administrative services for the branch director and leadership team.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/Assistants-12133E>

Strategy Advisor Development - Consider this opportunity with the Ministry of Labour's Prevention Office, where you will provide project leadership and expertise in specialized research, analysis, development, implementation and issues management of occupational health and safety prevention, policies, programs, and standards. **Please click here to view details:** <http://www.ipac.ca/StrategyAdvisorDevelopment-12134E>

Strategy Specialist Transfer Payments - The Ministry of Labour needs your expertise to lead, co-ordinate and perform specialized research and analysis in areas of transfer payment funding policy and programs related to occupational health and safety for the prevention of workplace injuries and illnesses.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/Specialist-12136E>

Policy Analyst - Are you a results-oriented professional with an aptitude for critical and creative thinking and demonstrated strengths in written and verbal communication? If so, then the Ministry of Labour, Training and Awareness Branch has a career opportunity that you will want to explore.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/PolicyAnalyst-12139E>

Strategy Analyst - The Prevention Office is responsible for leading the creation, development, implementation and integration of a provincial occupational health and safety strategy and for managing and overseeing an annual occupational health and safety report for the Ministry of Labour. We need your expertise to research and analyze strategy, policy and program data. **Please click here to view details:** <http://www.ipac.ca/StrategyAnalyst-12138E>

Strategy Specialist - The Ministry of Labour needs your expertise to lead, co-ordinate and perform specialized research and analysis in areas of strategy, policy and programs related to occupational health and safety for the prevention of workplace injuries and illnesses.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/StrategySpecialist-12137E>