

School of Public Policy and Administration

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SPPA News & Announcements

Community Engagement Project Funding: LA&PS Global Community Engagement Fund



Prof. Brenda Spotton Visano



Prof. Joanne Magee

Project Title:

Strengthening Community Financial Capacity – Financial Information Supports for Front Line Financial Literacy Workers

Brenda Spotton Visano and Joanne Magee with Chris Robinson (ADMS), Jodi Letkiewicz (ADMS) and community partners in the Black Creek Financial Action Network, will develop a pilot support program for front line community financial literacy/empowerment workers. We will design informational materials targeting topics of interest identified by front line financial advisors. Specifically, we will prepare resources targeting advice to and advocacy on behalf of low income clients facing debt problems related to OSAP and consumer debt. Community collaborators will, conversely, educate the academic collaborators on the ways in which their clients' financial situation poses practical problems for the application of standard financial advice.



**The call for nominations is closing
in a week!**

**Recognize a volunteer in your community and submit
a nomination today.**

Canada's Volunteer Awards has an important role in recognizing businesses, not-for-profit organizations, individuals and groups of volunteers that contributes to positive change in your community.

Submitting a nomination is a great way to celebrate volunteers and to thank them for their contributions to our great country.

**The final date to submit a nomination is February 3, 2017.
Paper nominations must be postmarked by this date.**

For more information, please visit Canada.ca/volunteer-awards or call 1-877-825-0434.

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BLACKNESS THE SPIRIT OF RESILIENCE

FILM SCREENING

9:30AM – 12:30 PM

FEB 9, 2017

280N YORK LANES

NINTH FLOOR

- Film Discussion and Q&A
- Race Inclusion and Supportive Environments Committee Launch

ANTIRACISM TALKSHOP

1:00PM – 2:30PM

FEB 16, 2017

901 KANEFF TOWER

Teachable Moments:

**TEACHING WITH RACIAL
DIVERSITY IN MIND**
Facilitator: Dr. Maria Wallis

ANTIRACISM TALKSHOP

1:00PM – 2:30PM

FEB 23, 2017

305 YORK LANES

**Do's and Dont's:
RACE & INCLUSION IN WORK
ENVIRONMENTS**
Facilitator: Jodie Glean

INTERVIEW

10:30AM – 11:30 AM

FEB 28, 2017

280N YORK LANES

**BLACK REPRESENTATION IN
CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE**
INTERVIEW WITH:
Cameron Bailey, Artistic
Director of Toronto
International Film Festival





CALL FOR COLLOQUIUM PAPERS/ SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE *LONDON JOURNAL OF CANADIAN STUDIES*

“Canada Inclusive/Exclusive: 150 Years and Beyond”

Proposals Due: February 15, 2017

Colloquium Dates and Venue: July 6-8, 2017

– UCL Institute of the Americas,

University College London, 51 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PN

The colloquium “Canada Inclusive/Exclusive: 150 Years and Beyond” is open to proposals with a significant Canadian focus, seeks to explore the theme of Canada and inclusivity/exclusivity. Disciplinary, multidisciplinary, and interdisciplinary scholarly inquiries dedicated to examining the relationship between Canada and inclusivity/exclusivity – in an anthropological, cultural, economic, geographic, historical, literary, natural sciences, political or social context – are especially encouraged.

Selected proceedings from the colloquium will be published as a special issue of the *London Journal of Canadian Studies* in Autumn 2018.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for the July 2017 colloquium, please forward an abstract of not more than 300 words with a brief summary of your proposed paper, together with a working title, to each of the colloquium coordinators, as follows: kirkeycj@plattsburgh.edu, mhawes@fulbright.ca and tony.mcculloch@ucl.ac.uk. All submissions, which should include a current curriculum vitae, are due no later than February 15, 2017. Successful candidates will be notified by March 1, 2017. At that time, these candidates will be provided with detailed writing guidelines in conformity with the *London Journal of Canadian Studies* Guide to Contributors. A maximum of 25 proposals will be accepted for the colloquium.

For more information, please see: [Call for Colloquium Papers.pdf](#)



Ethnic Diversity and Immigration in the Canadian Provinces MA fellowship

Dr. [Antoine Bilodeau](#) is offering one fellowship on the topic of *Ethnic Diversity and Immigration in the Canadian Provinces* for a student applying to the Concordia University’s **MA in Political Science** (for Fall 2017 entry). This fellowship is for a student interested in writing a thesis on the topic of ethnic diversity or immigration in one or several Canadian provinces. The fellowship is worth \$12,000 for one year.

The selected candidate will be expected to assist Dr. Bilodeau with his current research conducted as part of the *Provincial Diversity Project*, a SSHRC-funded research project on the integration of immigrants and reactions to ethnic diversity and immigration in Canadian provinces.

The selected candidate will receive the fellowship in Year 1 of the MA program. The selected candidate will also be considered for additional entrance awards offered by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the School of Graduate Studies and the Department of Political Science. The selected candidate will automatically become a member of the [Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship](#), a FRQSC-regroupement stratégique, and hence become eligible for travel grants and for training grants.

The selected candidate will also be integrated into the team of researchers and students within Concordia’s [Centre for Immigration Policy Evaluation](#).

For information about this opportunity, please contact Antoine Bilodeau at: antoine.bilodeau@concordia.ca

To apply, candidates must:

- Send an email to Dr. Bilodeau indicating their interest in the fellowship
- Apply to the **MA Political Science program** at the Department of Political Science at Concordia University. Candidates must mention in their application their interest for this funding opportunity.
- Note: a preference will be given to candidates who possess skills in quantitative analysis or express an interest in developing such skills.

**NOTE: this opportunity is limited to students applying to the MA in Political Science and is not available to students applying to the MPPPA program. Application Deadline: February 15, 2017 (for Fall 2017 entry)*



New Politics of Immigration Masters Fellowships

Dr. [Mireille Paquet](#) is offering two *New Politics of Immigration Masters Fellowships* for students applying for Concordia University’s **MA of Political Science** program. The students will focus their research attention on the areas of immigration and public policies. In addition to contributing to Dr. Paquet’s ongoing research, candidates must have an interest in pursuing their own research in areas Canadian immigration politics, skilled migration policies, federalism and immigration, French immigration to Québec, or immigration policy implementation.

Selected candidates will receive the special *New Politics of Immigration Masters Fellowship valued at \$12,000* in Year I of their program. Applicants will also be considered for additional entrance awards offered by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the School of Graduate Studies and the Department of Political Science.

The successful candidates will be integrated into the team of researchers and students and will have various opportunities to present in conferences, write articles and join a thriving network of researchers and students within Concordia’s Center for Immigration Policy Evaluation. Learn more about CIPE here: <https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/polisci/research/cipe.html>

For information about this opportunity and about CIPE, please contact Mireille Paquet at: mireille.paquet@concordia.ca

To apply, the candidate must:

- Send an email to Dr. Paquet indicating their interest in the fellowship
- Apply to the **MA Political Science program** at the Department of Political Science at Concordia University. The candidate must mention in their application their interest for this funding opportunity.

**NOTE: this opportunity is limited to students applying to the MA in Political Science and is not available to students applying to the MPPPA program. Application Deadline: February 15, 2017 (for Fall 2017 entry)*



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Executive Director Patient Ombudsman – Ontario

Salary range: \$119,240 - \$149,050 **Location:** Toronto **Duration:** Regular, Full-time

Purpose:

Reporting to the Patient Ombudsman, the Executive Director is responsible for leading and managing all business activities relating to the effective and efficient operations of Patient Ombudsman. The Executive Director ensures that Patient Ombudsman's activities, including complaint handling and outreach/communication, demonstrate a commitment to customer service principles, ongoing quality assurance and compliance with relevant legislative and regulatory requirements.

Key Qualifications:

Post-graduate degree in public administration, business administration, or health administration, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

A minimum of seven (7) years of progressive experience in the public sector, preferably in an investigative, audit or research environment, or related experience.

Knowledge of the Ontario government administrative policies and directives.

Demonstrated leadership experience and strong track record in strategic decision-making, leadership, budgeting, information management, financial management, human resource management and operational management.

Demonstrated "change agent" with a commitment to promoting a learning environment supporting innovation and creativity.

Demonstrated commitment to customer service and quality principles in service delivery.

Demonstrated understanding of administrative law and procedural fairness.

Knowledge of Ontario's public hospitals, long-term facilities and/or community care access corporations.

Proven experience understanding and interpreting legislation, policies and procedures.

Excellent oral and written communication and presentation skills.

Demonstrated ability to identify risks and take appropriate steps to mitigate risks.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/ExecutiveDirector-15078E>

Senior Inspection Analyst

Salary Range: \$68,536 - \$100,994 **Location:** Toronto **Additional information:** 1 Temporary, duration up to 12 months, 777 Bay St, Toronto, Toronto Region **Note:** Occasional travel throughout the province will be required.

Purpose:

Make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities!

Ontario is the first province in Canada to establish mandatory accessibility standards.

In this senior role with the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, Ministry of Economic Development & Growth, you can use your valuable skills and experience to break down barriers and make Ontario accessible.

As a lead analyst for inspections, you will:

foster outreach, conduct inspection audits, and help organizations comply with Ontario's accessibility laws

monitor inspection data and reports

assess sectors and organizations which may not be in compliance and identify remedial actions

provide input into proposed policies and solutions to enhance program development and delivery

lead and participate in project teams.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/SeniorInspectionAnalyst-12369>