SPPA News & Announcements

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

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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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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.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE MA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE NEW POLICIES FUNDING FELLOWSHIPS

Dr. Mireille Paquet is offering two New Politics of Immigration Masters Fellowships for students applying for Concordia University’s MA in 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

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. 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)
**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.

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**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.

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