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SPPA News

We are pleased to present our next SPPA Student Profile

Noor Dhillon, 4th year student in the BPA Specialized Honours, Policy Analysis Stream



I started off my time at York University in the Psychology program, but it was not the right fit, and consequently, I decided to transfer out of the program. I had been intrigued by the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) program at the University after reading about it in high school. Therefore, I decided to try a few courses over the summer. I recall being excited while writing a paper on Indigenous Affairs and policy for my Canadian Government (AP/PPAS 2110 3.0) class. It was at that moment that I knew that the BPA program was the correct choice for me. Since then I have experienced many such moments that have left me excited and inspired to learn further and explore various areas in public policy and administration.

I came to this institution with the objective of discovering my passion and honing my skills. As I reflect back on my journey at York University, it is apparent how the BPA program has been conducive to promoting my personal growth. It has done so by taking an interdisciplinary approach to education, along with offering courses with an experiential education component.

I am currently enrolled in the practicum course (AP/PPAS 4995 6.0) for which I have been placed in the Corporate Service Division for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Ministry of Housing. For the past few months, I have been working on an open data project. I have been able to use skills acquired in the statistics course (AP/PPAS 3300 6.0) coupled with my passion for design. Till a few months ago I was unaware of my tenacity for data analysis and my love for technology. Additionally, the experience has dispelled the stereotype that there is no room for innovation in government, but every week I get to see how unfounded this stereotype is and how the public sector is deploying innovation to resolve social issues.

Furthermore, I have recently been selected to take part in an incubator program where my teammates and I are engaged in designing and proposing a sustainable solution for the issue of affordable housing in the York Region. To conduct the preliminary research for this project, I relied heavily on my ability to compose surveys. The development of this skill is accredited to my coursework for Program Evaluation (AP/PPAS 4310 3.0 and 4320 3.0), where my group and I crafted surveys to conduct a program assessment for our client. Thus, the skills that the BPA program develops in its students are transferable to the workforce, an element that makes this program invaluable to me. **A message that I would like to conclude with is: “take risks and be fearless”** because what I have learned in the past four years is that you may find your passion in the most unexpected places just as I did during my journey in the BPA program. – **Noor Dhillon**

**SPPA Annual Public Policy & Administration
Lecture & Reception: Why Good Government
Means Good Healthcare Policy**



Dr. Bert Lauwers

President and CEO of the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay as of January 2015, graduated from our Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (MPPAL) program in October 2014.

Thursday, March 2, 2017, 6:00pm– 8:00pm

The Moot Court (Room 1005/1006)

Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Keele Campus

Dr. Lauwers joined the Ross Memorial Hospital as Vice President, Medical in June 2013. In January 2014, he added the Chief of Staff role to his VP Medical portfolio. He led the Ross Memorial Hospital in developing its new strategic plan for 2015-2021 and in preparing for its Accreditation survey. The hospital was awarded the highest possible Accreditation Standing. Dr. Lauwers is the former Deputy Chief Coroner-Inquests for the Office of the Chief Coroner in the Province of Ontario and former Deputy Chief Coroner-Investigations and Chair of the Deaths Under Five and the Paediatric Death Review Committee. Dr. Lauwers is a graduate of the University of Toronto Medical School and is appointed as an Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct) in the Faculty of Family Medicine at McMaster University. He is a former President of the Ontario Coroners Association.

Space is limited, please RSVP at:

<http://laps.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=230864>

For further info, please contact: Jasmattie Jewan at 416-736-2100 x 77528 or jewan@yorku.ca

The Superior Court of Justice and Toronto City Hall Tour



The PPASA, BUSO Club, and UPSC invite you to join us at our upcoming event, the Superior Court of Justice and Toronto City Hall Tour.

Wednesday, February 22, 2017
9:00am – 3:00pm

Itinerary:

- *Participate in a question and answer period with Judge and Crown
- *Sit in on the morning session of court hearings
- *Participate in a tour of Toronto City Hall
- *Sit in on an afternoon Council meeting

Registration is mandatory for this event as there are limited spots. **To RSVP, please email nilufar_bahman@hotmail.ca**

The last date to register is **Friday, February 17, 2017.**



York University School of Public Policy and Administration Alumni Network (YUSPPAAN) - UPDATE

Notes of Thanks:

On behalf of the YUSPPAAN Executive Committee, I'm pleased to announce three new members to the Executive Committee. They are Manivillie Kanagasabapathy, Tanya Waugh and Sanura Daniel. We look forward to their participation and contributions to exciting YUSPPAAN initiatives over the coming years. I would also like to recognize the contributions of Lindsey Ushtchenko, Fuad Abdi and Jennifer Servos as they take their own steps away from the Executive and wish them great success. I will also look to continue to count on them to participating, where possible, in YUSPPAAN and SPPA related activities. A special note of thanks to Ezra Isaacson for his commitment and contributions to YUSPPAAN as Executive Committee Chair. Leading a startup has many facets pulling one in many different directions. His focus and passion for YUSPPAAN has allowed the Executive Committee to develop initiatives that provide value for alumni and students alike. I am very pleased that we will not lose his services as he stays on as an Executive Member.

Upcoming Activities: Watch out for news in the upcoming days about a YUSPPAAN Book Club Event which will be held in April.

Getting Involved: Alumni who wish to support the development and delivery of YUSPPAAN activities should connect with any of the board members or via the general contact email below.

Communicating with YUSPPAAN: Should you have any questions about YUSPPAAN activities, please feel free to email us at YUSPPAAN@gmail.com. We will soon have a public facing Facebook page as well.

Adriano Mena, 2017 Chair
 YUSPPAAN Executive Committee

The Importance of Filing a Tax Return and Upcoming Tax Clinic hosted by SPPA Professor, Joanne Magee



March 8, 2017, 2:45pm-4:00pm
Light refreshments will be provided.

There are a number of tax rules that can help offset the cost of university, as well as a number of social benefit programs delivered through the tax system, but you can only access these funds if you file a tax return. Professor. Joanne Magee will talk about the importance of filing a tax return every year even if you don't owe tax. Joanne Magee has been a York University faculty member since 1991 and has supervised student volunteers in York University Tax Clinics since 1995. She is a Fellow of the Financial Planning Standards Council and CPA Ontario, and a former governor of the Canadian Tax Foundation. She currently serves on the Income Tax Education Committee of CPA Canada.

If you would also like assistance in preparing your 2016 income tax return, 10 spots are available for a one-hour tax clinic after the presentation. For the tax clinic, you must pre-register and arrive at 2:45pm to confirm your spot (first come, first served). **You must also bring all of the following as applicable for the workshop:** a pencil and an eraser; a calculator; all tax slips sent by employers (T4s), the government, banks (T3s, T5s) etc.; T4A and T2202A tax slips (download these from York University's website: <http://sfs.yorku.ca/fees/taxforms/>); your prior year's Notice of Assessment (sent by the Canada Revenue Agency after filing last year's tax return); a copy of last year's tax return (if you have it); amount of rent paid in 2016 and the name of your landlord; and other tax info. such as childcare expense, TTC transit passes etc.

Registration is required, please visit:
yorku.ca/newcol/forms/view.php?id=97

Global Affairs Canada Symposium – Call for Proposals

Global Affairs Canada (GAC), in collaboration with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), is pleased to announce the second edition of the **International Policy Ideas Challenge** designed to identify concrete innovative solutions to emerging international policy challenges faced by Canada. Applicants are invited to submit brief proposals. Ten selected finalists will be given several months to further develop their proposals into policy briefs, which will then be presented to Government of Canada officials. **They will be expected to present their research in a special day-long symposium, hosted by GAC in Ottawa in November 2017, to be organized as part of SSHRC's Imagining Canada's Future initiative. Ten winning projects** will receive \$3,000 each (regardless of whether the proposal is submitted by an individual or a team). In addition to this award, travel expenses of up to \$800 per project will be covered to facilitate the finalists' participation in the presentation session and the SSHRC Knowledge Summit in Ottawa in November. **The International Policy Ideas Challenge 2017** invites applications from: Graduate students (MA and PhD levels) or post-doctoral fellows AND Civil society researchers affiliated with a non-profit organization (e.g., a non-governmental organization or a think tank) who are within five years of graduation from a graduate program at a recognized Canadian post-secondary educational institution. To learn more about eligibility, proposal themes, and application procedures, please visit the **International Policy Ideas Challenge 2017** website: <http://www.international.gc.ca/policychallenge> (Eng) <http://www.international.gc.ca/defipolitique> (Fr)

The application deadline is Monday, March 13, 2017.

Special Fellowships, Assistantships and Funding for undergraduate and graduate students

As many of you know the program **Borders in Globalisation (BIG)** sponsors research at nearly 30 research centres today and for another three years, and in particular we try to attract students to come to the University of Victoria's School of Public Administration, to train them in public administration, community development and dispute resolution; BIG offers AWARDS in each areas of studies to qualified students. Please publicize this offer so we can attract your best undergraduate, and graduate students who may want to study borders for instance from the perspective of borders studies.

The Borders in Globalization research program and the Jean Monnet Initiative Comparing and Contrasting EU Border and Migration Policy have funding available for graduate students interested in pursuing research on border and/or migration policy. These programs are led by **Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly**, BIG Director, and operate out of the **Centre for Global Studies**.

Interested applicants should contact borders@uvic.ca with specific questions or enquiries. Consideration for funding is automatic, but priority will be given to those applicants who indicate their interest in their letter of intent. A funding offer is normally included with an offer of admission.

Many thanks! Best regards,
Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, Professor - Jean Monnet Chair,
School of Public Administration, University of Victoria,
BC, Principal Investigator - Borders In Globalization,

For further information, please visit:
<http://www.uvic.ca/hsd/publicadmin/graduate/future-students/financing-awards/index.php>

Summer Internship Opportunity – Open to LA&PS Students

Our internship program is a new and exciting initiative which engages students, employers and the University to work in partnership to provide excellent internship opportunities for students. **Internships are paid, career-related positions designed to offer students four to eight months of work experience** and the opportunity to gain valuable work experience in their field of study and explore professional career options. We invite organizations and businesses to participate in our unique internship program and access our top students who are open-minded will offer novel perspectives, fresh ideas, specialized strengths and skill sets to your organization.

The LA&PS Office of the Dean, Global & Community Engagement in partnership with Healthwick, one of Britnell Ventures Inc. core companies has created a summer full-time internship opportunity for a LA&PS student. This position is open to all **3rd year students** enrolled in any **Honours program** within **LA&PS** to apply.

Healthwick Summer Internship Opportunity

1 Paid Full-Time Internship

Position: Customer Care Intern

Work Term: May to August 2017 (4 months)

Location: 1360 Speers Road, Oakville, ON, L6L 5V3

For further information about the internship, please visit: <http://laps.yorku.ca/laps-in-the-community/internship-program/>

Qualified and interested candidates should fill out a LA&PS Student Internship Application Form and upload their resume and cover letter by **Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 5:00pm**. To apply, please visit: <http://laps.yorku.ca/laps-in-the-community/internship-program/student-signup-form/>



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Associate Vice President, Government Relations and Communications, Humber College

A unique opportunity to develop and lead a cohesive government relations and communication strategy for Humber, the most comprehensive and dynamic college in Canada. Reporting to the Vice-President of Advancement and External Affairs, your efforts will support and advance the College's strategies and goals with that of municipal, provincial and federal governments, along with executing and overseeing a strategic and comprehensive communications strategy for the whole College. This pivotal role will have an internal and external focus, forging positive working relationships across the College and with a network of government representatives, other colleges and provincial and federal associations. Clearly articulating how Humber's strategic directions and vision help meet the needs of government will raise the profile and support of Humber among all levels of government. Your experience in government relations and understanding of government structure, functions and decision-making will help to inform and support College leaders. **Please click here to view details:** <http://www.ipac.ca/documents/AssociateVicePresident-Humber103.pdf>

Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Development and Program Design, Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services

Salary range: \$148,360.00 - \$201,840.00 per year. Location: 56 Wellesley St. W., Toronto

Are you a forward-thinking executive looking for an opportunity to provide leadership towards a rewarding, transformative mandate? The Ministry of Children and Youth Services seeks an executive to help shape the future for children and youth in Ontario. You will join an exceptional team of leaders and contribute your passion and drive to give children the best start in life, prepare youth to become productive adults, and make it easier for families to get key services at all stages of a child's development. **Please click here to view details:** <http://www.ipac.ca/ADM-11131E>

Manager, Surveillance Policy and Programs, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Salary range: \$99,005 - \$113,156 per year. Location: 393 University Ave, Toronto, Toronto Region

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is seeking a dynamic change manager to lead the establishment of a new surveillance policy and programs unit in its Disease Prevention Policy and Programs Branch. Are you a strategic, results-oriented leader who can drive change and deliver on the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's population and public health agenda? Are you committed to improving population health outcomes and providing quality public health services through better coordination across Ontario's health system? If so, consider this exciting opportunity with the Population and Public Health Division, where you will provide leadership and expertise in public health surveillance policy and program development, implementation, evaluation, and issues management. **Please click here to view details:** <http://www.ipac.ca/Manager-11130E>

Director of Utilities - City of Kitchener

The Director of Utilities position requires a dynamic, seasoned leader with strong political and business acumen, exceptional interpersonal and trust building skills, and the ability to build and support collaborative teams as well as foster strong relationships with elected officials, municipal colleagues and government agencies. The Director of Utilities provides strategic leadership to a team of approximately 93 staff, with respect to Gas and Water Operations, Gas Supply Operations and Regulations, Asset Optimization and Business Development. The team is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Utilities Division, developing and implementing Utilities programs, policies, budgets, rates and strategies that are aligned with council's priorities and corporate strategic direction and regulatory requirements. Reporting to the Interim Executive Director of Infrastructure Services, within the Infrastructure Services Department, you will oversee the day-to-day leadership and operation of the Utilities Division. You will represent the City of Kitchener at the Ontario Energy Board, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Environment, and Technical Standards and Safety Authority.

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