

School of Public Policy and Administration

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SPPA News

We are pleased to present our next SPPA Student Profile - Sukhpreet Singh
2nd year BPA student and Junior Ambassador for Public Policy & Administration Student Association



I have always had a passion for politics and law, the intricate relationship of these two fields is constantly in our news and is an essential aspect of our lives. I wanted to study the dilemmas our country faces and the compromises our government develops to resolve these issues, all while balancing the principles of our legal system. I was in Political Science for my first year at York, however I did not enjoy the content, there was quite a bit of theory and no practical application. I wanted to learn about how a real government operates when having to balance scarcity, not how it ought to operate in a perfect environment. Thus a very close friend of mine recommended Public Policy and Administration; at first I was very hesitant as I was scared of the transition process. I went with my gut and luckily everything fit into the requirements perfectly. I am completing both my first and second year classes this year and will be declaring my stream by the end of the semester.

The ability to specialize in a stream is an amazing addition to any degree and it allows one to pursue a specific field of interest. I have greatly enjoyed my classes: AP/PPAS 1110 3.0 Introduction to Public Administration with Professor Karimi was a great introductory class and his lecture style is very simple as he ensures that everyone is confident with the content. AP/PPAS 2195 3.0 Professional Skills and Communication was another great class which helped develop my presentation and professional skills. It was taught by Professor Constantinou who constantly engaged the class during lectures. My academic experience has been very rewarding in the little time I have been a BPA student.

Another great part of my life has been the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA), which I was almost instantly hooked to. I wanted to get more out of my degree than just knowledge; I aimed to make friends, develop my character and build a network. So I went to the Fall Meet and Greet and I asked several PPASA Executive Members what I could do to get involved. I was happy to hear about the volunteering opportunities and soon I had the position of Junior Ambassador for PPASA. I am a liaison between our club and the lower-year students, I market our events and promote the PPASA mantra to everyone I meet. I enjoy tabling for our events and regularly meeting new people at the events we host. The Student Association has provided me with so many opportunities to grow internally as well as learn from my mistakes. I thank myself everyday for making the decision to take a leap of faith because it has already paid off and I still have two more years to go. I have made strong friendships and even better is the fact that several Professors actually know me by name now. I would like to encourage every student to take the extra step by getting involved, coming to events and mingling with the alumni, professors and public sector workers. Our Professors have decades of experience and each has a vast amount of knowledge, not to mention they could help you land a job one day. I truly appreciate the platform provided to present myself and hope to see many new faces at our upcoming events! - **Sukhpreet Singh**

Canada's Policy Future

How do we design policy in Canada in reaction to Trump?



The Public Policy & Administration Student Association (PPASA), Business and Society Student Club, Economics Students' Association, Undergraduate Political Science Council and Young Professionals in Foreign Policy Toronto–YorkU cordially invite you to join us as we discuss Canada's Policy Future. The new economic and social policies under President Trump will have a huge impact on everyone, especially Canada. President Trump's election has also led to the rise of far-right groups, such as anti-immigrant, xenophobic, homophobic and neo-Nazi sympathizers who are isolating different minorities. The Trump administration is also going to change the economics between Canada and the U.S. To further discuss what economic, social and foreign policies Canada should put in place in response to the Trump administration, we are inviting a panel of experts to discuss this important issue with tomorrow's future leaders.

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Panel Discussion: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Networking Reception: 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Location: Senate Chambers (9th floor Ross North)

Speakers:

Dr. Sirvan Karimi, Dr. Peter Panz, Jordan Brennan,
and Warren and Lisa Kinsella

PPASA General Elections 2017-2018

Nomination Period: Monday March 6th – Friday March 17th at 11:59 P.M.

Nominees Announced: Sunday March 19th

Campaigning Period: Monday March 20th – Friday March 24th

Election/ Voting Period: Monday March 27th – Wednesday March 29th 2nd at 11:59 P.M.

New Executive Team Announced: Monday March 31st

POSITIONS:

- President*
- Vice-President*
- Treasurer - Secretary*
- Director of Affairs
- Director of Communications
- Director of Recruitment



Note:

* Denotes must be BPA major/minor/ PPA certificate student to run for position in accordance with the PPASA Constitution.

- You CANNOT run for an executive position on any other political science club if you are running for a PPASA executive position in accordance with the PPASA Constitution.

- You CANNOT start campaigning until the end of the nomination period, after all candidates are revealed.

- You CANNOT spend more than \$50 on your own campaign and may not use PPASA resources to campaign under any circumstances.

TO NOMINATE YOURSELF, please email ppasacro@gmail.com by the 17th of March at 11:59 PM.

Nominations received after this time will not be accepted. **Please include the following information in the email:** Your Full Name, Contact Information (email/phone number), Position You Are Running For, A short description of yourself and why you are running for the position (appx. 500 words or less), and Self-image: Optional, but recommended.

The PPASA conducts its elections in a democratic manner by having the general membership vote for candidates interested in filling the positions. Your name associated with an email on our email list is the PPASA record of membership, therefore you must be on the mailing list to be able to vote. Once all nominations are received on March 17th, PPASA will be distributing an email revealing all the of the candidates for each position on March 19th. Detailed election procedures will be emailed out to all nominees on this day. The election will be facilitated by Chief Returning Officer Antara Quadri. All ballots will be received electronically at ppasacro@gmail.com. All ballots will be kept strictly secret by the CRO and deleted after the election is finalized. The results will be made available to PPASA members.

If you have any further questions, please email: ppasa@yorku.ca

LA&PS Call for Nominations - Student Leadership, Student Association and Alumni Awards

The Office of the Associate Dean, Students invites members of the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies community to submit nominations for the **Student Leadership, Student Association and Alumni Awards** to be presented at the LA&PS & SCOLAPS Year End Awards event on April 25, 2017.

Student Leadership Awards: - Outstanding Student Leadership Award -

Honours student leaders for exceptional contribution to an undergraduate student association in the Faculty. Normally three awards are given out each year, valued at \$300.

Outstanding Student Volunteer Award - This award is given to two students who have distinguished themselves in the areas of volunteer contributions, service and leadership. The value of each award is \$250.

For further details and to submit a nomination:

<http://mycentre.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=509434>

Student Association Award - Outstanding Overall Contribution to Student Experience Award –

given to a student association in recognition of its outstanding contribution to the enrichment of the undergraduate student experience. The award is valued at \$250. **For further details and to submit a nomination:** <http://mycentre.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=509619>

Alumni Awards - Alumni Award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Experience (York Alumnus) -

A certificate of recognition for alumni who have enhanced student experience by active engagement inside or outside of the classroom or with a student association. **For further details and to submit a nomination:** <http://mycentre.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=510184>

Nomination deadline: Monday, March 20, 2017. For questions, contact Lynn Moynihan at 416-736-2100 ext. 70790 or moynihan@yorku.ca

The Office of the Associate Dean, Global & Community Engagement (GCE) invites members of the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies to submit nominations for the **Outstanding International Student Leadership & Volunteer Award, LA&PS**, which honours international students for exceptional contribution to an undergraduate student association, achievement in upholding the vision of building strong and inclusive communities and volunteer contributions, service and/or leadership. One award valued at \$300.

For further details and to submit a nomination: <http://laps.yorku.ca/student-resources/outstanding-international-student-leadership-volunteer-award-laps/>

Nomination Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2017. For questions: gce@yorku.ca



McLAUGHLIN COLLEGE

Senator Anne Cools to deliver lecture in upcoming McLaughlin Lunch Talk



Senator Anne Cools

The talk, titled “Ninth Floor,” will examine the infamous Sir George Williams sit-in. It takes place on **Wednesday, March 15th at 11:30am, and again at 6:30pm, in the Senior Common Room, 140 McLaughlin College.**

It started quietly when a group of Caribbean students, strangers in a cold new land, began to suspect their professor of racism. It ended in the most explosive student uprising Canada had ever known. Over four decades later, Ninth Floor reopens the file on the infamous Sir George Williams sit-in – a watershed moment in Canadian race relations and one of the most contested episodes in the nation’s history. Can we make peace with the past? What lessons have we learned? What really happened up there on the ninth floor? Senator Anne Cools is a member of the Canadian Senate. Born in Barbados, she became a Senator in 1984, the first Caribbean-Canadian to be appointed to Canada’s upper house. She is the dean and the longest-serving member of Canada’s Senate and is the first female black senator in North America.

Everyone welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Vicky Carnevale at vcarneva@yorku.ca if you will be attending. For further information, call **416-736-5128.**

CSRI – Second Call for Papers



The Criminological Studies Review Initiative (CSRI) is pleased to announce that our second call for papers is open! The theme this year is social control, regulation & governmentality—as it relates to criminology, crime or criminal justice.

Subtopics for research include:

Biopower/biopolitics; Control strategies; Criminal justice policy; Discourse & governance; Gender & sexuality; Immigration & border control; Neoliberalism; Policing, security & militarization; and Risk management.

Note: This list is not exhaustive. Submissions may focus on other areas relating to the overarching theme of social control, regulation and governmentality. All essays/articles must contain some element relating to criminology or criminal justice in addition to this thematic focus.

This call for papers is open to all undergraduate and graduate students across Canada in all disciplines. If you have, or are currently working on, a paper that you think fits this theme, please go to our online OJS portal for information about how to submit to this journal: <http://csri.journals.yorku.ca/>

You can also read more about the CSRI and check out our first publication on that OJS portal as well. Feel free to email us any questions or concerns at csri.submissions@gmail.com

The deadline for this call for papers is **April 17, 2017, 11:59pm ET.**

Upstream – Second Annual Conference

Upstream is a non-profit focused on promoting policy action on the social determinants of health. Upstream’s second annual conference will take place in **Ottawa on April 8, 2017.**

Closing the Gap: Better Health for All brings together scholars and practitioners who are actively implementing solutions to health equity issues. This year’s feature guest is Professor Emeritus Richard G. Wilkinson, co-author of *The Spirit Level: Why Equality is Better for Everyone*. Taking place at the Shaw Centre in downtown Ottawa, this event is an opportunity to network across departmental lines and with the Canadian community of SDoH advocates.

A limited number of discounted tickets is available for students. Any who are interested in attending are invited to contact Cody Sharpe directly at the address below.

The complete list of speakers will be announced in March at: <http://www.thinkupstream.net/closingthegap> If you have any questions about the event, please do not hesitate to contact Cody Sharpe directly at the phone number below.



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Call for proposals: University Student Housing: Addressing the Affordability Challenge

In 2015-2016, the presidents of the four Toronto universities collaborated on the StudentMoveTO initiative in order to develop the first-ever comprehensive survey of university student travel behavior, trends and needs across seven campuses in the GTA. A second collaborative initiative is now being proposed to address the unique housing affordability challenges faced by students attending Toronto universities. The City of Toronto is the second most expensive housing market in Canada. The city's core is transitioning to an enclave of wealthy households, while lower-income households are becoming more concentrated in the inner and outer suburbs of the GTA. The high cost of housing and the segregation of wealth and poverty in Toronto, combined with differential access to transit, present acute challenges for university students in their ability to secure affordable housing. Student incomes tend to be both low and fixed – making students especially vulnerable to increases in housing expenses. StudentMoveTO identified the tradeoff that students are forced to make between housing and transportation. The cost of housing was identified by nearly one-quarter of survey respondents as the reason for their most recent move. Furthermore, when students were asked what would motivate them to change their main mode of transportation to campus, results indicated that “the most important motivator across all seven campuses was a change in home location; a sign students understand the relationship between transportation and housing” (StudentMoveTO, 3). Implications of a lack of affordable housing for students are significant and include greater economic precarity, hidden homelessness, longer daily commute times, lower levels of campus engagement, and potentially compromised health and safety. Given that such a large proportion of the students attending the four Toronto universities come from lower-income families, the lack of affordable student housing can, at worst, act as a barrier to university attendance.

In light of this situation, we propose that students and faculty from the four universities work together to: 1) Document the nature and extent of the current student housing affordability challenge, including the unique housing challenges faced by students, and 2) Identify creative initiatives that might address these housing challenges. Improved affordability may depend on zoning changes, innovative design solutions, novel financing mechanisms, social entrepreneurship or other shifts in municipal, provincial or federal policy. **Activities to be supported could include (but are not limited to)** primary research, identification of international best practices, workshop/conference, design charettes, or prototype/policy development. **The aim is to encourage the formation of multi-university, multi-disciplinary teams comprising both faculty and students, ideally working in concert with public sector partners and/or not-for-profit and community-based organizations.** Proposals should be based on teams comprising faculty and students from at least two of the four participating universities. If multiple proposals are received, the four presidents may opt to combine proposals and/or teams.

Proposals are due by March 24, 2017. Those interested in submitting a proposal should contact Professor Linda Peake, Director of the City Institute at city@yorku.ca

Senior Financial Analyst, Ministry of Municipal Affairs/Ministry of Housing Salary Range: \$68,536 - \$100,994 per year. Location: 777 Bay Street, Toronto

Bring your financial expertise to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Ministry of Housing, Controllershship and Financial Planning Branch where you will lead and coordinate the business and financial planning initiatives and reporting for the ministry and its agencies. We are responsible for supporting business operations such as promoting a housing market that serves a full range of housing needs, protecting tenants, encouraging private sector building, providing opportunities for supporting programs and delivering land use planning services. **Please click here for details:** <http://www.ipac.ca/SeniorFinancialAnalyst-12515E>

Associate Vice President, Government Relations and Communications, Humber College

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/AssociateVicePresident-Humber2>



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