

School of Public Policy and Administration

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 2017 – Volume 5, Issue 13

SPPA News

On **March 28, 2017** the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) held a reception at the Royal Ontario Museum to celebrate **150 years of public service in Ontario** as well as **10 years since the establishment of the School and its Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (MPPAL) program**.



Given the venue's close proximity to Queen's Park, the guests in attendance included the School's own alumni and other professionals working in the Ontario Public Service (OPS), students and faculty. Opening the event, the School's Director, Professor Alena Kimakova, underscored the importance of recognizing public service and the ever-changing challenges policy-makers and public servants face in their daily work while balancing multiple, and often competing, objectives as well as diverse stakeholder views. To acknowledge the work involved in the different spheres of public service, the speakers' list included representatives from the OPS, municipal government and the non-profit sector. In line with the School's objective to always remain current and relevant in its work, the speakers focused on the road ahead as well.



First, **Chancellor Greg Sorbara** introduced the **Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation**, who emphasized the important role non-partisan public servants play in supporting the decisions made by elected officials and the quality of the work that York University and SPPA graduates bring to the OPS. The challenges in transportation are on the minds of all York community members and GTA residents, and Minister Del Duca is well aware of the importance of his portfolio for the quality of life in Ontario.

Jim Pine, Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Hastings and Co-Chair of the ONWARD Initiative dedicated to succession planning in Ontario municipalities drew attention to the expected massive waive of retirements in the municipal sector and the need for training and recruitment to rejuvenate the workforce and its leadership. He called on our students and alumni to seriously consider careers in surrounding municipalities, and for municipalities to create more opportunities to bring students and young professionals into the sector early on in their careers.

The Honourable Steven Del Duca

Jane Wedlock, Manager, Public Affairs at United Way Toronto & York Region stressed the importance of community-based research and knowledge mobilization for creating social programs from the ground up, and the collaborative projects between United Way and York University in this area. Professor Kimakova reflected on the School's students being involved in such projects in partnership with broader public sector organizations in key experiential education courses, the importance of stakeholder consultations for the design of social programs and capacity building in non-profit organizations and the communities they serve.



Narda Razack, Associate Dean, Global and Community Engagement in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies thanked all of the speakers at the event for their thoughtful and visionary remarks, and called for further collaboration to expand opportunities for our students.

Provost and President-Designate Rhonda Lenton offered closing remarks at the event. She thanked the featured guests as well as two **York Presidents Emeriti** in attendance – **Lorna Marsden and Ian MacDonald** – both currently serving on the School's Advisory Committee, for their service to the University and the public more broadly. The President-Designate also highlighted the opportunities for collaborating in the future, among other things through the Markham campus development.

From left to right: Jim Pine, Rhonda Lenton, Alena Kimakova and Jane Wedlock



Careers in Government: Meet our Alumni

Wednesday, April 12, 2017
6:00 – 7:00pm
Vari Hall 3005/3006



**School of Public Policy
and Administration**

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

Fausto Natarelli (BA in Public Policy and Administration class of 1984)

Manager, Infrastructure with York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, planning and development of major projects such as a possible extension of the Yonge Subway line to Richmond Hill and vivaNext rapid transit capital program. Previously Director of the Hurontario LRT project for Metrolinx and Windsor Border Initiatives Implementation Group. Recipient of the Ontario Public Service Amethyst Award in 2014 and the Institute of Public Administration of Canada/Deloitte 2010 Public Sector Leadership Award.

Joshua D'Cunha (BA in Public Administration and Justice Studies class of 2000 and JD)

Contracts Manager, Walsh Group, a Chicago based infrastructure firm. Member of the Ontario Bar and practicing attorney for the firm, focusing on public-private partnerships.

Tanya Waugh (BPA class of 2013, MPPAL class of 2015)

Senior Policy Advisor, Ontario Ministry of Transportation. Previous roles include Policy and Delivery Advisor at the Ontario Cabinet's Office, Strategy and Results Branch; Business Analyst for Service Ontario within the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services.

To RSVP, please visit: <http://laps.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=246114>

Ontario Graduate Policy Research Challenge

The Ontario Graduate Policy Research Challenge rewards high-quality graduate student research relevant to postsecondary education, training and labour market policies in Ontario. **The Challenge is open to graduate students and recent graduates from graduate programs at publicly assisted Ontario universities or post-graduate certificate programs at Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT). The applicant should be currently enrolled in an eligible program or have graduated in 2015 or 2016.** The Challenge seeks to increase the profile of emerging policy scholars by providing a platform for students and recent graduates to effectively communicate their work with the research community and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD).

Each applicant will submit a policy brief on a policy problem related to postsecondary education, training or labour market policy that reflects a research project they are working on (e.g., PhD dissertation, Master's thesis or research work as part of their regular course work). Only one policy brief per applicant will be considered. The Brief should not exceed 1,200 words.

Top applicants will receive awards between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Finalists will be provided the opportunity to discuss policy issues raised in their briefs with MAESD staff and present key findings at an Award Ceremony organized by MAESD. **Applications should be submitted to Hillary Arnold**, Research Coordinator at the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development **by 11:59pm April 21, 2017 at GraduateChallenge@ontario.ca**

For more information, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/2o2OJT0>

<http://bit.ly/2nb2L5Y>

To complete an application form, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/2o30YPa>

24th International Conference of Europeanists: Sustainability and Transformation



University of Glasgow, United Kingdom

July 12-14, 2017

Organized by the Council for European Studies

The 24th International Conference of Europeanists promises to bring together a wide range of experts to present and debate new research on critical, timely topics such as Brexit vote, the immigration crisis, the stability of the Eurozone, the resurgence of populist political movements, and the opportunities and challenges of technological advances in artificial intelligence and data gathering. The conference also features a set of exhibits, digital and print advertising, and numerous sponsored special events.

Keynote Speaker:

Judy Dempsey is a nonresident senior associate at Carnegie Europe and editor-in-chief of its blog, Strategic Europe. Prior to joining Carnegie in 2012, Dempsey had a long and distinguished career in journalism. She was a columnist for the International New York Times after serving as the International Herald Tribune's Germany Correspondent from 2004-2011.

Discussant:

Anand Menon is a Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs at Kings College London. He also directs the Economic and Social Research Council Initiative on the UK in a Changing Europe. He has written on many aspects of contemporary Europe including the EU politics and institutions and European security and he has written widely on European integration for various publications including the Financial Times. He is a member of the Council of the European Council on Foreign Relations and an associate fellow of Chatham House.

For further information, please visit:

<https://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/conferences/upcoming-conferences/2017-ces-conference>

29th Annual Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference

**Different by Design – Exploring Innovation for
Rural Prosperity**

September 20-23, 2017

Nelson, British Columbia

Conference Themes include:

- 1) Workforces of Tomorrow:** What job opportunities do we expect in the coming years? How are we addressing changing training, capacity building, and recruitment needs? We are looking for your innovative approaches to addressing workforce challenges today, as well as preparing for tomorrow.
- 2) Our Changing Environment:** Changes range from habitat loss to ecosystem degradation to changing climate. What are we doing to slow, stop, or reverse these changes? How are we adapting to changing conditions? We want to hear about your approaches and/or solutions.
- 3) Creating Connections:** We are looking for examples of collaborative initiatives between organizations – including municipalities, different levels of government, public-private partnerships, working with First Nations etc.
- 4) Communities of Opportunity:** Development opportunities relating to food, energy, recreation, tourism, arts, culture, and much more can be found across rural places. We are looking for the ideas you have tried or would like to try and what you have learned.

Now accepting submissions for oral presentations, panels, capacity building sessions and posters. **Submission deadline is April 28th.**

To make a submission, please visit:

http://kootenays2017.crrf.ca/?page_id=46

For more information: <http://kootenays2017.crrf.ca/>



Stay
connected
with SPPA

Facebook:
[/YorkUSPPA](https://www.facebook.com/YorkUSPPA)

Twitter:
[@YorkUSPPA](https://twitter.com/YorkUSPPA)

SPPA LinkedIn Group:
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12006583>

MPPAL LinkedIn Group:
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3908927>

www.sppa.laps.yorku.ca

*If you wish to
unsubscribe from the
SPPA Newsletter, please
email us at:

lapssppa@yorku.ca
asking to be removed
from the mailing list.



Communications and Public Affairs Intern, Canadian Beverage Association

Job Type: Temporary, Full time, 16 weeks

The Canadian Beverage Association is a small, driven team, looking for a summer student with demonstrated interest in both communications and public affairs. The ideal candidate loves a challenge, thrives on variety, and brings fresh energy and ideas to the office every day.

Key Responsibilities: Supporting priorities of communications team: Assist with daily media monitoring and membership news alerts; Maintain database of media contacts; Maintain database and calendar of stakeholder outreach and events; Assist in drafting of communications materials; Support the Association's social media presence; Supporting priorities of public affairs/government relations: Assist in updating provincial/federal government contact lists; and Assist in updating legislative calendars.

Requirements: Must be a full-time student intending to return to studies in the upcoming school year.

Please click here to view details: <http://bit.ly/2nBn9c2>

Deputy Clerk, Municipality of Magnetawan

Salary Range: \$41,860 – \$54,600 per year. **Location:** 4304 Hwy #520, Magnetawan, ON. **Job Type:** Full-Time

The Municipality of Magnetawan is located in Parry Sound District, approximately three hours north of Toronto and under an hour from Huntsville, Parry Sound and North Bay. As part of Ontario's cottage country, we are home to 1,500 full-time residents and a similar number of seasonal cottagers. The municipality is abundant in rivers, lakes, forests, and farms, and our two Villages – Magnetawan and Ahmic Harbour – are seasonal destinations for tourists year-round. The ideal candidate for this position is a recent college or university graduate looking to gain experience in all aspects of municipal administration. **Highlight of Duties:** Performs the statutory duties of Deputy Clerk as defined in the Municipal Act; Prepares agendas, resolutions, by-laws, staff reports and minutes for Council meetings; Assists the Clerk-Administrator (C-A) in all aspects of the job as assigned; Explores process and policy alternatives and improvements; researches funding opportunities and prepares funding applications; and assists the C-A with all matters related to land-use planning, including the review of applications for zoning by-law amendments, discussing options with residents and business owners, and liaising with the planning consultant and local planning authority. **Please click here to view details:** www.magnetawan.com

Toronto Urban Fellow Research Associate, City of Toronto

Salary Range: \$73,892.00 per year. **Job Type:** Temporary, Full-Time, 12 months

Job Summary: To provide research, analysis and project support related to social, economic or public policy, urban affairs and government services as part of the Toronto Urban Fellows program.

Major Responsibilities: Assists senior staff in analyzing corporate and/or operational policy issues, formulating research objectives and designing and developing research projects from an interdisciplinary perspective; Evaluates alternative models and approaches; Applies an understanding of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies; Provides research support and conducts project research in a number of areas including corporate policy development, intergovernmental relations, government practices and procedures, civic engagement, and performance monitoring systems; Develops and implements data collection instruments and research methods; Reviews and analyzes statistical data, external reports and research studies, and existing and proposed policies; Assists in identifying options, assessing implications and developing implementation strategies on project work; Conducts analysis and assesses impacts of government policy, legislative and budgetary proposals, from all orders of government; Prepares written comments, reports and summaries on research topics; Prepares background studies and briefing notes for projects and assignments; Provides support in the preparation of reports, briefing material and presentations; and Liaises with program staff and external organizations in the course of research and analysis.

Please click here to view details: <https://www.brainhunter.com/frontoffice/seekerViewJobDetailAction.do?sitecode=pl389&jobId=2263904&page=search&external=and> <http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=136732d0b6d1e310VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

Program Services Manager and Assistant Director, Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Salary range: \$99,005 - \$113,156 per year. **Locations:** 1 Permanent - 119 King St. West, Hamilton, ON and 1 Permanent - 1259 Gardiners Rd., Kingston, ON

Consider these exciting and challenging opportunities to work in West Central and Eastern Regions, where you will play a vital role within the division in leading and managing provincial programs, by monitoring the effectiveness of the program and making assessments for continuous improvement.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/Manager-11141E>