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SPPA News and Announcements

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



Meet and discuss a book that we have read. Express opinions, likes and dislikes. Meet in homes, libraries, bookstores, pubs, cafés or restaurants over drinks and meals.

Our First Book: **THE COMEBACK: How Aboriginals are Reclaiming Power and Influence** - by John Ralston Saul

For the last hundred years, Aboriginal Peoples have been making a comeback – a remarkable comeback from a terrifyingly low point of population, of legal respect, of civilizational stability. A comeback to a position of power, influence, and civilizational creativity. What is happening today between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals is not about guilt or sympathy or failure or romanticization of the past. It is about citizens' rights. It is about rebuilding relationships that were central to the creation of Canada. Wide in scope but piercing in detail, *The Comeback* presents a powerful portrait of modern Aboriginal life in Canada illustrated by a remarkable selection of letters, speeches, and writings by Aboriginal leaders and thinkers, showcasing the extraordinarily rich, moving, and stable indigenous point of view across the centuries.

****New Meeting Date**:** Saturday, May 20, 2017

Location and Time: TBA

To join our Book Club, email us at: yusppaan@gmail.com

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How to Execute the Perfect Coffee Meeting

by Hannah Moss



Ever see an awesome lady or gent in your field and think, “Dang, how does she do it?! That person is totally cool and I want to be more like that.” My bet is that you have had this professional envy at least once (I basically have it once a day, if we’re being honest) but you’re probably hesitant to actually ask that person for their advice. Asking someone to share their wisdom can be intimidating, especially if you don’t really know them personally. But don’t let that stand in your way. Requesting a 30-minute coffee meeting (or tea meeting or cupcake meeting or whatever it is that you’re into) is a great way to get real advice from someone who is already excelling in your field of choice. It can also help you expand your network. To make your coffee meeting a little easier, here’s a step-by-step guide to requesting, meeting, and following up with that superhero in your profession.

To view the full article, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/2oJbPy8>



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Fraser Institute - Student Essay Contest

Showcase your ideas on public policy and the role of markets by entering our essay competition. **\$9,000 in cash prizes will be awarded with \$3,000 of this designated just for high school students!** Winning essays may be published in Fraser Institute journals and authors will have the opportunity to experience the peer review process. This contest is open to high school, undergraduate and graduate students.

2017 Topic: *Regulating the Sharing Economy: Do the Costs Outweigh the Benefits?*

Questions to Consider: Should industries participating within the sharing economy be held to the same regulatory standards as their traditional counterparts (i.e. Should Uber and its drivers be regulated the same as the Taxi company and subsequently its drivers in your city?) With a fundamental market change in how consumers wish to conduct business (i.e. shift to peer-to-peer services) can these traditional regulations really apply? Would such regulations improve the general well-being of our communities?

For complete contest details, visit:

StudentEssayContest.org

If you have any questions, please contact:

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FINAL REMINDER:

The nomination deadline for each of the SPPA award categories is this Friday, April 21, 2017.

The [Undergraduate Student Award](#) acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent undergraduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The [Graduate Student Award](#) acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent graduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The [Alumni Recognition Award](#) acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one alumnus/a to the activities and programs of the School, as well as to the mentoring of its students and new professionals.

The [Emerging Leader Award](#) recognizes a current student or recent alumnus/alumna of the School who is an emerging leader within the broader public sector (including the non-profit sector) and represents the ideals, values and abilities of sound, responsible and engaging public policy and administration in congruence with the School's vision to promote *Good Governance*. The Award recipient will normally have 5-8 years of work experience in the broader public sector.

The [Practicum Honouree Award](#) recognizes individuals who have made exceptional efforts to provide practicum opportunities for the School's fourth-year students.

The 2016 award winners were honoured at a function attended by York University's Vice-President Research and Innovation, Robert Haché, and Victor Severino, York PPA Alumnus and Assistant Deputy Minister of the Business Climate and Funding Administration Division of the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Growth and the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science.

For further details about the 2016 awards celebration, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2j9QgS0>

Nominations for the above awards are invited from faculty, staff, individual students and alumni, as well as associations of students, alumni, and friends of the School. Nominations require a one page statement of the accomplishments of the individual as well as a copy of her or his resume.

Please forward materials, or questions, to:

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2017 Frontier College National Forum – Literacy and Poverty

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

11:30 am - 4:30 pm

OISE (University of Toronto)

Auditorium Ground Floor

252 Bloor St. W., Toronto, ON

Registration is free. Lunch will be provided.

Frontier College's national forum will examine the role of literacy in poverty reduction strategies across Canada. The panel will consider the challenges faced by individuals, employers, and communities, and explore the role of literacy in alleviating poverty. The forum will be webcast live to satellite conferences in Whitehorse, Vancouver, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Toronto, London, Montreal, and Halifax. The satellite conference will be held at OISE (U of T), and registration and networking will begin at 11:30am. Opening remarks will begin at 12:00pm, with **keynote speaker Kaydeen Bankasingh**. She is a local, grassroots community leader living, working and raising a family in the Lawrence Heights, Neptune community. For the past 9 years she has worked extensively with residents to develop community capacity to influence local decision-making and civic processes. Currently she is working with local agencies and residents to establish equitable spaces and structures that strengthen collaborative community development work and collective impact. Kaydeen believes that empowering a resident with the capacity to be an active participant in their own life can be the most important step in decreasing the impacts of poverty on quality of living.

For more information, contact:

literacy@frontiercollege.ca

To register, please visit:

<https://frontiercollege.wufoo.eu/forms/2017-frontier-college-national-forum-toronto/>

The Prague Summer Schools

The Prague-based NGO Schola Empirica is pleased to launch the 13th edition of **Prague Summer Schools**, which are seven-day academic programs designed to bring together undergraduate and graduate students of various nationalities and academic backgrounds to enjoy their summer holidays in a unique academic and cultural environment.

Schola Empirica is pleased to announce the forthcoming Prague Summer Schools on the following topics:

- Summer School on Crime, Law and Psychology
- Summer School on European Politics: Interests versus Culture
- Summer School on China: A World Superpower Myth or Reality?
- Summer School on Development, Sustainability and Globalization
- Summer School on Education: The Future of School
- Summer School on Behavioral Economics and Psychology

July 1-8, 2017

Prague, Czech Republic

We invite you to visit our website www.praguesummerschools.org to discover the details about the upcoming programs. The website will direct you to the individual page of each summer program and information on academics, logistics, photos, alumni feedback, guidelines to the application process, and the online application.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at:

info@scholaempirica.org

****Extended Application Deadline: April 30, 2017****

Freedom of Information (FOI) Assistant Records Management/FOI Section Commission Services Department

Job Term: Temporary position, approximately 8 months
Annual Salary Range: \$57,366.40 - \$71,635.20 (Level 6) –
35 Hour Work Week

Guided by a new and ambitious Corporate Plan, the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), North America's 3rd largest transit system, has embarked on a 5-year journey to transform into a transit system that makes Toronto proud. Our ongoing recruitment efforts are strategically aligned with the TTC's corporate mission "to provide a reliable, efficient, and integrated bus, streetcar, and subway system that draws its high standards of customer care from our rich traditions of safety, service, and courtesy".

Key Accountabilities Include: Assisting the Coordinator – Freedom of Information/Records Management in ensuring corporate compliance with rules and regulations set out in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA); Liaising with various TTC departments and staff to gather responsive records; Reviewing responsive records and making access recommendations based on the statutory requirements and in consideration of prior rulings of the Information & Privacy Commissioner of Ontario; Preparing draft decisions, correspondence and submissions, severing records, collecting fees where applicable, tracking requests, maintaining records and ensuring the TTC meets all legislative requirements and obligations; Responding to public and internal enquiries concerning access requests, privacy and other related MFIPPA matters; Assisting with the administration of the TTC's inactive physical records program, including verifying the use of appropriate retention codes, retrieval of boxes from the contracted Records Centre and the secured destruction of records that have met their retention requirements; Administering weekly payroll on behalf of the Commission Services Department and tracking departmental expenditures; and Participation in the TTC Customer Service Ambassador Program.

For further details, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2opZRWP>

Senior Policy Advisor, Ontario Ministry of Finance

Salary Range: \$69,496 - \$102,408 per year. **Job Term:** 1 Permanent, Full-Time position and 1 Temporary position, duration up to 18 months.

Location: 7 Queens Park Cr., Toronto, ON

Are you a team-oriented, highly motivated, and strategic-minded professional with a strong background in policy development and analysis? If so, consider joining the Revenue Integrity Policy Unit in the Ministry of Finance. These positions offer a challenging opportunity to provide leadership and policy expertise to support the development of strategic initiatives that address the sharing economy, revenue integrity and tax administration.

What can I expect to do in this role? You will:

- Lead, coordinate and undertake policy research, analysis and development to support the government's approach to addressing the underground economy and emerging issues related to the sharing economy and tax administration policy.
- Lead, coordinate and undertake engagement with stakeholders, other ministries, and governments to ensure that initiatives and policies are current and relevant.
- Prepare and present succinct, high-calibre briefing materials and provide specialized policy advice and recommendations to senior government Officials.
- Lead projects and implement strategies and policy/program options to develop, maintain and enhance the integration of planning and policies into program delivery and legislative proposals.
- Conduct financial, statistical and economic analysis to estimate the impact of changes on the underground economy.
- Lead and represent the Ministry on inter/intra-ministerial and external committees to provide expertise in addressing a variety of complex and sensitive issues.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/Advisor-13059>

Senior Procurement Advisor, Cabinet Office of Ontario

Salary Range: \$78,081 - \$101,719 per year. **Job Term:** 1 Permanent position. **Location:** Whitney Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, ON.

Are you a procurement professional who is looking for an opportunity to work in a dynamic and high-profile environment? If so, consider joining the Finance Team in the Cabinet Office Corporate Planning and Services Division, where you will provide strong leadership on a full range of procurement activities and services to the ministry.

What can I expect to do in this role? You will:

- Lead procurement activities in partnership with high-profile clients in a fast-paced, dynamic environment to meet ministry objectives.
- Provide expert advisory services and support to the ministry's program areas on the procurement of goods and services in accordance with Ontario Public Service (OPS) directives, policies and best practices.
- Provide end-to-end business case development, technical review and development of RF(x) documents with a focus on service procurement and coordinate corporate procurement reports.
- Facilitate and foster collaborative relationships with ministry partners and stakeholders to resolve procurement and contract management issues in an effective manner.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/SeniorAdvisor-13069E>



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