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## SHOUT Canada Genocide Studies in Rwanda ROR 2018 Participant Package, deadline Jan 25

During the summer of 2015 I was fortunate enough to be able to participate in the ROR program. The trip enabled me to learn about the genocide from people who were directly impacted either as survivors, perpetrators or rescuers. It gave me the opportunity to listen, analyze and draw my own conclusions about some of the things I had read in books and seen on television. I was able to learn about the resilience and bravery people exhibited as well some dark truths that aren't as publicized. The trip allowed me to see first hand how the legacy of such atrocities impact the way institutions operate and how everyday citizens live their lives. As an MPPAL student, I found that the trip sharpened my commitment to social justice not just as a citizen, but as a public servant. It reinforced the importance of the tools courses such as Constitutional Law and Equity, Policy, Law and Planning had given me and why it was important to implement them.

SHOUT Canada's primary mandate is to foster a generation of students and young professionals with the power, voice and determination to affect change. Reflections on Rwanda(ROR) is SHOUT Canada's flagship program and offers 10 to 15 Canadian students and young professionals with the opportunity to visit the Republic of Rwanda, becoming witnesses to the country's history and gaining exposure to the factors that made the 1994 genocide possible.

Natricia Drummond (MPPAL 2017)





# McLAUGHLIN COLLEGE

As part of our popular Lunch Talk series McLaughlin College Proudly Presents:

### 'FAKE NEWS' AND THE FUTURE OF JOURNALISM IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Presented by:

Fred Fletcher



Theories of democratic citizenship often idealize news as an essential source of information for rational public debate. 'Fake news' – however defined – challenges this ideal and raises questions about the future of democracy. Social media have created a new public sphere that after a promising start, some argue, has been polluted by fake news. How should we understand fake news? How dangerous is it? Can traditional journalism – with its professional norms of verification, balance and impartiality – provide an antidote to fake news? In what ways can journalism reinvent itself to compete more effectively for attention and regain public trust?

Fred Fletcher is University Professor Emeritus, Communication Studies and Political Science, at York University. His research and teaching have focused on media and politics and, in 2016 he was awarded the MacEwan University Medal of Excellence for his contribution to the study of political communication in Canada. He has been a principal investigator of the Canadian Internet Project for many years and his recent work examines the challenges faced by traditional media and political discourse in the digital age.

#### EVERYONE WELCOME

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018 12PM – 1:30PM SENIOR COMMON ROOM 140 McLAUGHLIN COLLEGE

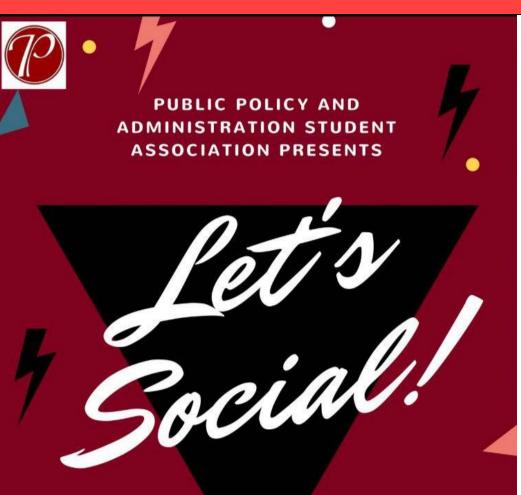
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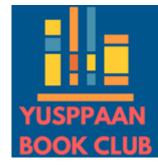


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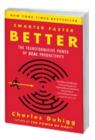


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JANUARY 18, 2018 4:00-7:00 PM THE UNDERGROUND, THE MAIN HALL



Join us for the 2nd part of our 2 part book series written by Pulitzer Prize winner Charles Duhigg Smarter Faster Better



In Smarter Faster Better, Duhigg applies the same relentless curiosity, deep reporting, and rich storytelling to explain how we can improve at the things we do. It's a groundbreaking exploration of the science of productivity, one that can help anyone learn to succeed with less stress and struggle, and to get more done without sacrificing what we care about most—to become smarter, faster, and better at everything we do.

If you haven't or don't want to read this, come nonetheless to discuss the ideas from the book, and even bring your own books that you're reading to share with others

Friday Jan 19, 2018 (Rescheduled) Time: 6:00 PM Location: Sud Forno (132 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M5C)

RSVP: <u>yusppaan@gmail.com</u>

# **Undergraduate Research Fair 2018**

The call for applications is now open for York University's annual multidisciplinary **Undergraduate Research Fair**, to take place March 7, 2018; **applications close Jan 28**. The Fair website—with information on eligibility requirements and the online application form—is here: <u>http://</u><u>Researchfair.info.yorku.ca</u>

The juried Research Fair is an excellent opportunity for undergrads to share their work in a friendly, cross-curricular environment, by way of simultaneously presented poster sessions. Applications are based on a project completed for a York credit course in 2017 (January – December). Students wishing to present an academic poster apply by submitting a graded, research-based project or honours thesis, prepared between Jan and Dec 2017, along with a 250-word abstract. A workshop on designing and presenting an academic poster will be offered to participating students, and the posters are printed at no cost to participants. Monetary prizes will be awarded, and all Fair participants will receive an invitation to submit a new article on their project, to be considered for publication in the refereed e-journal *Revue YOUR Review*, sponsored by York University Libraries.



Undergrad students who have created a piece of art or design work for a 2017 York credit course may apply to have their work displayed in the Scott Library *Art Walk*. One artwork submission will be chosen for the cover of the e-journal.

We know, from past Fairs, that encouragement from faculty members is the prime motivator for students to apply to the Fair.

If you have any questions about the Fair or the application process, please email <u>ugfair@yorku.ca</u> directly.





# 2018 OGRA Emerging Municipal Leaders Forum

As part of the 2018 OGRA Conference, students, recent grads, and interns will have the opportunity to speak directly with municipal leaders about the important work they do every day. The Emerging Municipal Leaders Forum will feature a panel of leaders from both the elected and staff sides of municipal government. These individuals will share their thoughts and experiences with students interested in a career at the local level. Students in attendance will hear what it takes to succeed and learn how the industry is evolving. A significant amount of time will be allocated for questions.

The panel discussion will be followed by a networking session. Students will have the opportunity to talk to municipal leaders looking to speak directly to those Interested in a career in municipal government. Students interested in public policy, geography, law, planning, economics, engineering, communication, social sciences, and public office are encouraged to register and come prepared with questions for discussion.

### Speakers

- Kelly Elliott, Councillor, Municipality of Thames Centre
- Leigh Bursey, Councillor, City of Brockville
- Tony Haddad, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Tecumseh; Co-Chair, ON-WARD
- Tara Baker, Chief Financial Officer, City of Guelph

\*\*\*Pre-registration ends at noon on February 23rd. However, on-site registration is available on Sunday, February 25th.\*\*\*

# Job Opportunity

### Policy Analyst Ministry of Health and Long-term Care 1 PERM 2 TEMP Salary: \$61,397.00 - \$85,839.00 Per Year Closing date: January 18, 2018

Bring your strong policy analysis skills to this exciting new role in the Strategic Policy Branch at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, where you will get to work on files such as transforming health care in corrections, opioids, medical assistance in dying, among others. More information >>

### Policy Analyst C.D. Howe Institute

Reporting to the Vice-President, Research, and working with the Institute's senior research team, the position combines original research with coordination and review of work by outside experts, publishing, and presentation to policymakers, business people, academics, and the media. The position's working level and working area of focus will depend on the assets the candidate incumbent brings to the post. More information >>

### Policy Analyst and Clusters Specialist and Policy Analyst and Communications Specialist Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity

Ideal candidates for both are innovative, detail-oriented self-starters who can manage a research publication from end-to-end, with a strong numerical, policy analysis, and writing background to support the various forms of the Institute's publications. More information for Policy Analyst and Clusters Specialist >> | More information for Policy Analyst and Communications Specialist

### Policy roles (various) Ministry of Health and Long-term Care

Some different groups at the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care are looking for policy people. The Strategic Policy Branch is hiring 3 Policy Analysts to work on files such as transforming health care in corrections, opioids, medical assistance in dying, among others. [Eds: a great branch constantly doing interesting work].

The Research, Analysis and Evaluation Branch is also looking for Senior Policy Advisors. This posting (for a different role) gives a sense of the skills they are looking for. Interested folks for the positions in this branch should send a resume and letter of interest to <u>anne.hayes@ontario.ca</u> and <u>emre.yurga@ontario.ca</u>.

### Regional Head of Public Policy Ofo FULL

Do you like cycling? Are you passionate about shaping emerging technologies' regulatory environments? Ofo, the world's first and largest "non-docking" bicycle-sharing platform, is looking to hire a Regional Head of Public Policy to lead strategic public policy and government affairs in Canada. Their ideal candidate has 7+ years of policy experience, a deep understanding of Canadian political issues, and "entrepreneurial DNA". More information >>

### Policy Advisor Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario

CAHO is looking to hire an experienced Policy Advisor [Eds note: full-time, permanent position alert 2]. The PA should have superb research, project management, communication, and qualitative and quantitative analysis skills. The PA should have a solid understanding of Ontario's health care system and be interested in policy development, financial and economic analysis, and stakeholder engagement.

### More information >>



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