

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Our SPPA Student Profiles are back for Winter 2018!

This week we are pleased to present **Brian Raposo**,  
**4<sup>th</sup> year Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Spec. Honours (Policy Analysis)**



I left high school feeling the same way many students feel, lost, and with very little sense of what to do next in their lives. I knew I wanted to further my education and I had a general enjoyment for the social sciences and humanities, but coming from a family of immigrants who had never gone into post-secondary education, I was always pushed to go to university and study a field that would “get me a good job”. Not knowing what to do next, I began exploring my options. I took a fifth year of high school, after that went to college and took a year of international development studies, but I didn’t feel challenged enough. Then I came to York University, and went into political science. It was only after my second year in political science that I heard about the Bachelor of Public Administration program, and it was only then that I found a program that I was certain I wanted to be a part of. In my experience, the School of Public Policy and Administration has provided a program that tailors to all kinds of students, whether you have an interest in politics, economics, management, accounting, Canadian history, law, or policy. The Bachelor of Public Administration program provides students with a diverse set of knowledge that would appeal to any student, as it provides opportunities not only in the public sector, but the private and non-for-profit sectors as well. The diverse set of courses required by the program appealed to me as it gave me an opportunity to learn about a broad set of subjects while at the same time bringing all that knowledge together in a practical way.

The reason I am sharing my story with you is to reassure anyone who is coming out of high school, or a program that they’re uncertain about, that things will get better - you will find your path in life, and one day will find something that will drive you every day to be better than you were the day before. In my case, the School of Public Policy and Administration has helped

me in this journey because it has exposed me to so many fields of thought and in doing so broadened my horizons significantly. The small size of the program has worked to my benefit as well, as it allows any student to stand out whereas in other programs it is not the case. I have met some wonderful people and learned a lot from the professors and staff working in the School of Public Policy and Administration, and because of that I would recommend it to anyone.

# Community Conversation Mapping out Muslims in Canada: Critical Debates in Academia and Beyond

## Join the conversation and share your thoughts...

Muslim Canadians are the largest religious minority in the country. Contrary to commonplace assumptions, the Muslim community actively participates in debates concerning major issues in Canadian politics, including divisive issues such as LGBTQ rights and racial profiling. This Conversation aims to invite a dialog on new evidence concerning Islamophobia, communal and societal awareness of Canadian Muslims negotiating Islamophobia in everyday life, racialization of Muslims and emphasizes the urgent need to understand Muslim identity in a much broader frame than simply religious identification. The hosts will shed light on academic and scholarly works' contributions to the ongoing debates concerning Muslims in Canada and share findings and observations on scholarship and policy measures that emerged in the Canadian polity during the post 9/11 era and identify the main arteries of the debates as a necessary addendum to media-based presentations of the community.



Date: **Friday, March 2, 2018**

Time: **7– 9PM**

Location: **Noor Cultural Centre**  
(123 Wynford Drive, Toronto, ON)

Moderators: **Nergis Canefe**  
Associate Professor,  
Department of Politics,  
York University

**Azeezah Kanji**  
Director of Programming  
Noor Cultural Centre

Admission is **FREE!**  
Register [Here](#)

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## IASIA-LAGPA Conference July 2018

### Call for Abstract

The International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) and the Latin American Group for Public Administration (LAGPA) in close collaboration with SERVIR – Autoridad Nacional del Servicio Civil and Universidad Católica Sedes Sapientiae are organising the 2018 IASIA-LAGPA Joint Conference to be held from **23 to 26 July in Lima, Peru**. The main theme is:

**Globalization, Territories and Integration.**

**The submission deadline is extended to February 28, 2018.**

If you have not done it yet, we warmly invite you to submit your contributions on the different topics of **the permanent working groups of IASIA, the special sub-themes, the main conference theme** which will be discussed by working group XI as well as the **tailor-made session for PhD students**:

The calls for papers are available via the following link:

[iasia-lagpa-conference2018.org/call-for-papers/](http://iasia-lagpa-conference2018.org/call-for-papers/)

**To submit**, go to [conftool.com/iasia-lagpa-conference2018/](http://conftool.com/iasia-lagpa-conference2018/)

All information about the conference remains available through the website [iasia-lagpa-conference2018.org](http://iasia-lagpa-conference2018.org)

Further requests can be addressed to Bardhyl Dobra at [b.dobra@iias-iisa.org](mailto:b.dobra@iias-iisa.org)

## Call for Papers - Courts and Politics Research Group 2018 Spring Workshop

**Due Date: March 31st**

The Courts and Politics Research Group invites the submission of abstracts for its third annual Spring Workshop, to be held at the **University of Guelph on Thursday, May 10, 2018.**

The goal of the workshop is to bring together faculty and graduate students who study in the field of courts and politics to present scholarship or works-in-progress, (including MRP/thesis chapters) to a group of individuals with shared interests and expertise, in a relaxed and friendly setting. There is no specific theme for the workshop; instead we invite scholars to present work that falls into the broad field of courts and politics, constitutionalism, and law and politics. We encourage the submission of scholarship that is in early stages or is unpublished.

We are delighted to announce that this year the workshop will feature a roundtable dedicated to discussion of Peter Russell's important new book, *Canada's Odyssey: A Country Based on Incomplete Conquests* (U of T Press, 2017), with Professor Russell in attendance.

Those interested in presenting work are asked to send paper titles and short abstracts (200 words or less) to Kate Puddister ([kpuddist@uoguelph.ca](mailto:kpuddist@uoguelph.ca)) and Emmett Macfarlane ([courtsandpolitics@gmail.com](mailto:courtsandpolitics@gmail.com)) workshop organizers.

The Courts and Politics Research Group is composed of scholars who study courts, constitutions and the law from a political science perspective. It is designed to connect political scientists in the region of Southern Ontario:  
<http://www.courtsandpolitics.org/>

## Advocacy Coordinator Girl Guides of Canada

This is an exciting opportunity to join a leading girl-driven organization in a role that will influence decisions and shape public debates, conversations and policies on issues that promote the development, health and well-being of girls and young women. The Advocacy Coordinator will support the development of girl-driven, evidence-based positions on priority issues impacting girls and young women, support the development and implementation of advocacy and thought leadership initiatives to contribute to GGC's unique insights to public debates/discussions/decisions on issues impacting girls/young women, coordinate opportunities for girls/young women to advocate, monitor political/social/economic development of issues that impact girls/young women and provide strategic advice on opportunities for action, support their volunteers and staff, and so much more [More information >>](#)

## Policy Analyst Condominium Management Regulatory Authority of Ontario

Do you like ensuring compliance with condominium regulation? Who doesn't! The CMRAO is hiring a policy analyst. [More information >>](#)

## Policy Analyst College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario

The College is currently seeking a Policy Analyst to lead policy projects and the research and analysis of a range of policy issues affecting Traditional Chinese Medicine in support of the strategies for the College. Experienced in policy analysis and research, you will provide research and policy support to the College and its Council and Committees. [More information >>](#)

## Analyst Research and Policy (3 positions) - Region of Peel

Peel Region  is hiring for 3 positions in its Public Health Communicable Diseases Division (1 permanent, 2 contract). The Research and Policy Analyst provides research and analysis, project leadership and strategic and policy advice using a broad Public Health perspective. In this role, you will provide expert guidance and advice on the development and implementation of programs, policies, processes and objectives. [More information >>](#)

## Policy and Project Advisor Parks Forestry and Recreation, City of Toronto

Reporting to the Manager Public Relations and Issues Management, the Policy & Project Advisor provides senior level support and coordination for divisional communication plans and engagement initiatives to advance work programs in support of PF&R strategic goals and objectives. With a focus on business transformation projects, the incumbent will participate as a member of a variety of project teams and will have an indirect reporting relationship to the Project Director or Manager of projects to which they are a contributing member. [More information >>](#)

## Science, Innovation and Policy Officer UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office

The British Consulate-General in Toronto is recruiting for the role of Science, Innovation and Policy Officer. This position is to fill a maternity leave. With primary responsibility for the province of Ontario, the position will encourage high level science and innovation policy cooperation to benefit the UK, facilitating the exchange of knowledge between policymakers and the science community.

[More information >>](#)

## Senior Policy Advisor Ontario Ministry of Finance

The Pension Policy Branch at the Ministry of Finance are seeking a Senior Policy Advisor to join their team and provide innovative policy analysis and advice regarding retirement income security and pension benefits standards policy, including innovative pension models such as pooled registered pension plans and target benefit pension plans

[More information >>](#)

## Senior Policy and Program Advisors Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

That's right, six positions. all in the Population and Public Health Division's Health Protection Policy and Programs Branch. Three positions are focused on addictions and substances policy, one on environmental health and one on tobacco and smoke policy.

Four of the positions are permanent, two are temporary with possibility of extension.

[More information >>](#)

## Associate Manager, Homeless Partnership United Way of Toronto and York Region

Reporting to the Manager of Community Investment, the focus of this role is to support the implementation of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) program including administering HPS funded sub-projects, collecting and analyzing data to measure chronic and episodic homelessness and those imminently at risk of homelessness in York Region. They're looking for more than 1 year of related experience in project coordination and/or management preferably with complex community projects involving multiple stakeholders, such as residents, businesses, public service sector and United Way corporate partners.

[More information >>](#)

## Director, Policy and Communications Ontario Waste Management Associate

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, this is an exciting and challenging position for an individual with strong knowledge and interpersonal skills, and experience in policy, communications, research, and analysis. The successful candidate will understand a public policy context, will be effective in a public policy environment and will be an innovative communications manager. Knowledge of the waste management sector is an asset, but is not a requirement.

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