


School of Public Policy and Administration

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Our SPPA Student Profiles are back for Winter 2018!

This week we are pleased to present **John Soriano**,
2nd year Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Spec. Honours (Law, Justice and Public Policy)
and Treasurer for the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA)

A portrait of John Soriano, a young man with dark hair and a beard, smiling. He is wearing a dark jacket over a striped shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a tree trunk visible on the right.

My name is John Soriano. I am currently a second-year undergraduate student studying Public Administration, and specializing in the Law, Justice and Public Policy stream. Growing up, I have always had a passion for law, economics, and politics as these three aspects of society are pivotal instruments in our modern day society. After graduating from high school, I wanted to study the psychology behind our government/state, when addressing public concerns within the framework of the law. The program I chose before discovering Public Administration, was Law and Society which only focuses on law and its Canadian historical context. Fortunately, before making my final decision, a close friend of mine recommended the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) program, which has a wide variety of courses that include all of my interests.

My first year at York was a major transition as the workload and marking scheme between the two levels of education were vastly different, but with the guidance of my mentors and friends I met during orientation, I was able to succeed and develop socially. Despite the small BPA community, the program is home to the most brilliant and caring professors of the University. Courses that correspond with what my interests are: AP/PPAS 2200 3.0 Communities and Public Law with Professor Sirvan Karimi, and AP/PPAS 2420 3.0 Community Policing with Professor Kirk Atkinson, which are both public law courses that are broken down into simple and organized lectures for students regardless of the complicated language of law.

At the beginning of my 2017-2018 year, the position of Treasurer for the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA) became vacant and had the chance to take it on. So far, being part of PPASA has been one of the most exhilarating experiences I have had at York University. As an introvert, I was initially against meeting new people, but as the year progressed, I slowly began to open up and make new friends while building mentor-student relationships with my professors.

Overall, I highly encourage everyone to participate in extracurricular activities (such as attending events hosted by PPASA) as not only will this help build your network, it will also expand your horizon, enhance your skills and encourage self-development by exposure to environments outside your comfort zone.

The best investment is investing in yourself - John Soriano

Scholarships and Bursaries is now accepting nominations for the Fall/Winter 2017-2018 **Murray G. Ross Award**.

This award was established by the Student Council in 1962 in honour of York's first President and is one of York University's most prestigious graduating accolades. It is presented annually to a graduating undergraduate student for **scholarship and outstanding contributions to student life**. The recipient of this award will receive a medal at their convocation ceremony and a notation on his/her transcript.

Each faculty is asked to put forth at least one nomination. Nomination packages should include the following:

- a nomination letter that includes a detailed summary outlining the student's academic performance and contribution to University/Faculty activities
- no more than three letters of recommendation.

The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, April 27, 2018. Packages can be submitted via internal mail to the attention of Karen Warner at W223 Bennett Centre for Student Services.



The Asian Undergraduate Research Symposium
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018 | TOKYO, JAPAN

Key Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Venue & Location: Toshi Center Hotel, Tokyo, Japan ▪ Symposium Date: Sunday, October 14, 2018 ▪ Abstract Submission Deadline: July 31, 2018 ▪ Registration Deadline: August 31, 2018

The Asian Undergraduate Research Symposium 2018 (AURS2018)

The Asian Undergraduate Research Symposium 2018 (AURS2018) will be held in Tokyo, Japan on Sunday the 14th of October. This one day event is held in English and is aimed at final year undergraduate students. AURS provides undergraduates with an exciting opportunity to present and learn from researchers and professionals from around the globe. The AURS organisers are again reaching out to undergraduate scholars from across all fields and disciplines to participate in the 2018 symposium. Here, students will share their academic research experiences and the knowledge they have acquired as an undergraduate working with professors or academic mentors with each other, and with the symposium leaders.

The day-long symposium will comprise a number of workshop activities and culminate in a poster presentation to be held on Sunday the 14th of October in a special session of the [The Asian Conference on Education 2018](#) (ACE2018).

AURS2018, which takes place in a supportive and collegial environment in Tokyo, provides you with a motivating and thought-provoking opportunity to present your research, network with other undergraduates and academics from around the world, and find out how your participation in the symposium can aid you in your future directions.

[Register now](#)

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**Start your spring cleaning!
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We are organising the FCJ Refugee Centre ANNUAL GARAGE SALE!!!!!!

Start your spring cleaning! Clean your garage! Donate to the FCJ Refugee Centre sidewalk sale!!!! We will take gently used households items, shoes, kitchen items, toys, self-care items, stationery items, jewelry, arts and crafts stuff, sheets, blankets, tools, bits and pieces from your craft making tool collection...!

The garage sale is scheduled for mid to late June at the FCJ Refugee Centre.

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Government Relations Assistant Indspire

This one-year contract position will provide a suitable candidate valuable experience in the field of government relations, public policy, proposal writing and government reporting. Training for the successful candidate will be provided by our Director of Government Relations. Training will include: prospect research, basic database training, report submission, proposal writing, government affairs strategies and tactics, and various administrative tasks.

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Senior Program Analyst (2 positions) Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies

The Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies is hiring for two different program analyst positions. One is focused on [Child Welfare Service Excellence](#) one on [OACAS learning](#). Both roles include a focus on public policy development. Full official job description [here](#).

Senior Coordinator, Public Issues Canadian Cancer Society

Reporting to the Senior Manager, Public Issues, the Senior Coordinator, Public Issues works with the team to reduce the burden of cancer in Ontario by advocating to governments and other decision-makers to ensure healthy public policy is in place to help lower the public's risk of developing cancer and improve the lives of those living with cancer.

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Senior Policy Analyst Ontario Ministry of Education

If you are an experienced policy analyst with excellent analytical and research skills, then consider this challenging opportunity with the Ministry of Education. The Capital Program Branch is seeking your leadership skills to provide strategic input into the development and implementation of school board capital policies and funding framework.

[More information>>](#)

Senior Policy Advisor Ontario Ministry of the Status of Women

The Ministry of the Status of Women is looking for an experienced policy professional to provide leadership, analysis and advice in the development of policy and program initiatives to prevent violence against women, promote women's economic security and advance the social equality of women in Ontario. This is a bilingual position.

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Community Development Officer Coty of Toronto

The City is currently seeking a Community Development Officer for its Tower Renewal Office. They are looking for someone with considerable experience supporting environmental improvement in buildings and a strong skills at driving social and cultural change with a range of stakeholders.

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