

School of Public Policy and Administration

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Congratulations to PPASA Treasurer, Jenning Cheung, selected to participate in the Inaugural Cohort of York University President's Ambassador Program



The President's Ambassadors with York President and Vice-Chancellor Rhonda L. Lenton

This diverse group of multi-talented undergraduate and graduate students are engaged York community members who will share their commitment for the University through various institutional events and initiatives. We thank all students who applied for the program for their involvement and enthusiasm for the University. "I am delighted to congratulate and welcome this dynamic group of engaged student leaders who are passionate about York University into these new roles," said President and Vice-Chancellor Rhonda L. Lenton. "Beyond their academic work, these students actively participate in diverse University activities supporting students and the University, and I look forward to learning about their experiences and ideas for community engagement at York."

First year students are now eligible to apply to join the 2018-19 cohort of President's Ambassadors. The application deadline is Monday, December 3. For further information and to submit an application, please [click here](#).



McLAUGHLIN COLLEGE

Proudly Presents a Lunch Talk Featuring: Peter Constantinou

What Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro taught me about Teaching and Learning

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

12pm – 1:30pm

140 McLaughlin College, Senior Common Room



Dr. Peter Constantinou is a faculty member in the School of Public Policy and Administration. He has over 24 years of experience in teaching and has been experimenting with what he calls High Intensity Learning Experiences (HILEs).

Traditional thinking about teaching and learning focuses on pedagogy and insight into learners, and some consideration has been given to the notion of the experience that students have in the process of learning. His experience and research shows that when students feel pressure in experiential education activities their performance improves. This August he fulfilled a life-long dream to climb Africa's highest mountain. From this expedition and his work with experiential education, he concludes that without the possibility of failure there is little opportunity to learn and grow.

Annual Public Policy Lecture 2018



Keynote Speaker:

Mario Dion, Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner of Canada

“The Federal Approach to Ethics from an Evolutive Perspective - Key Milestones, Past and Future.”

Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 5:30pm

014 McLaughlin College, Junior Common Room

All are welcome to the lecture, no RSVP required.

Mr. Dion’s lecture will provide an overview of the major steps and causes of the evolution of the conflict of interest and ethical regimes governing elected and appointed officials in the Government of Canada. **Immediately following the lecture, a reception and dinner will be held in honour of Mr. Dion** which will include a mix of senior public officials at all levels of government, graduate students from our Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law Program, undergraduate students from Public Policy and Administration, Political Science, Sociology and various interdisciplinary Social Science programs, and faculty members.

SPPA is sponsoring 20 complimentary dinner seats for our students and alumni.

To RSVP for the dinner, visit: [https://](https://laps.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=503201)

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York University: Part-Time, Executive-Style Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (MPPAL) Program

The MPPAL is designed to provide mid-career professionals in the broader public service with the skills needed for effective public administration and public policy analysis, with an emphasis on the themes of law, social justice, program evaluation, leadership and public sector management. Course offerings are tailored for part-time learners. Students can choose to attend classes at York's Keele campus or at York's convenient downtown Toronto location (at the York/Osgoode Professional Development Centre, 1 Dundas Street W.)

Come and join the MPPAL Director, Prof. Dagmar Soenneken, at the upcoming info. session about the MPPAL program and the optional add-on Graduate Diplomas in Democratic Administration and Justice System Administration:

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

6:00-7:00pm

Vari Hall (VH) D, Keele Campus, York University

Register for this MPPAL info. session at:

<https://laps.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=318151>

If you cannot attend in person, you can also watch this session via videoconference (note that you will need to have [Zoom](#) installed for this option and the link will be sent to registered participants shortly before the session begins.)

Alumni testimonials and other information about the value of the MPPAL program for career development can be found at:

<https://ppal.gradstudies.yorku.ca/>

Celebrating Financial Literacy Month - A Forum for Students by Students on Finessing Your Finances

Strive is an early-stage social enterprise working to build financial resiliency and equal opportunity for individuals while pushing for change in our economic system. Strive brings people together and uses peer groups to build an ecosystem that strengthens capacity, provides support and encourages individuals to advance towards their personal goals.

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

3:00pm– 5:00pm

152 Founders College, Founders Assembly Hall

Open to all students

PANEL DISCUSSION

Panelists talking about “How they Finessed their Finances” – paid for their education, made ends meet while living on a low income, and more.

SPEED SHARING

Share tips and learn from others on how to manage your finances as a student.

Register online at: <https://www.letsstrive.ca/finesseyourfinancesforum/> to be eligible for door prizes and to learn about a paid research/education opportunity available in Winter 2019.

Associate, Policy and Government Relations - Tesla

The Associate, Policy & Government Relations, Canada, will be part of Tesla's North American Policy and Government Relations team. Tesla's policy staff work with governments, non-governmental organizations, and other private sector entities to develop and communicate exceptional public policy that will accelerate the world's transition to sustainable energy. Reporting to the Manager, Government Relations & Policy, Canada, the successful candidate will be tasked with supporting the policy team on various priority objectives in Canada. In this position, the successful candidate will have a unique opportunity to inform public policy development across the country working at the federal, provincial and municipal levels of government. For more information, [click here](#).

Manager, Policy - Ontario Securities Commission

The Investor Office is a regulatory operations branch of the OSC created in 2015. The Investor Office sets the strategic direction and leads the OSC's efforts in investor engagement, education, outreach and research. The Investor Office also has a policy function, plays a key role in the oversight of the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments (OBSI), and provides leadership in the area of behavioural insights at the OSC. Reporting to the Director, Investor Office, the Manager, Policy, plays a key role in developing and implementing the Office's policy initiatives and strategies for ensuring that the investor perspective is brought to the OSC's policy-making and operations, and for demonstrating leadership not only within the OSC but among the broader stakeholder community. They are looking for a lawyer. For more information, [click here](#).

Analyst, Health Services Research and Policy - Region of Peel

The Strategic Policy and Performance Division requires a dynamic, self-starter with creative and innovative thinking skills to provide health system-wide policy analysis and research to inform decision making regarding the Health Services department's programs and services and the Region's role in the local health system. Reporting to the Manager, Strategic Policy and Projects, you will lead policy, research and advocacy work related to the health system. Using an evidence-based approach, you will develop policy options and prepare reports, briefings and presentations for members of the Region's Health Leadership Team, other leaders throughout the organization and Regional Council. It is envisioned that key areas of focus will include monitoring, research and analysis of priority policy issues for the department (e.g. health system transformation, provincial directions related to mental health and addictions and seniors, directions related to enhancing emergency services, etc.) and informing the development of advocacy action plans for priority advocacy positions (e.g. dispatch reform, mental health system integration, mental health funding). For more information, [click here](#).

Project Manager, Public Realm - City of Toronto

Reporting to the Manager, Traffic Planning & Right of Way Management, the Project Manager, Public Realm (Automated Vehicles) will have an interest in emerging technologies, urban mobility, and vehicle automation. This role leads the development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of detailed project plans and recommends policies, pilot projects, and/or procedures related to automated vehicles and emerging transportation-related technologies. For more information, [click here](#).



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Fellowship Program Lead - Code for Canada

Code for Canada is hiring a new fellowship team member who will contribute to all aspects of fellowship program delivery. The fellowship is Code for Canada's flagship program. It is designed to enable knowledge and cultural exchange between government and other sectors while facilitating progress on cutting-edge digital government products. They will soon be recruiting fellows to work with government partners as part of their third cohort. As Fellowship Program Lead, you will work closely with a program coordinator. In this role you will lead most program management, government relations, and program evaluation activities. For more information, [click here](#).

Analyst, Shareholder Engagement & Policy - Shareholder Association for Research & Education

The Analyst, Shareholder Engagement & Policy undertakes research and program activities in support of SHARE's shareholder engagement service on social, environmental and governance (ESG) issues. SHARE engages with publicly-traded corporations, regulators and legislators on behalf of a growing group of institutional investors on a range of issues including climate risk, responsible resource development, executive compensation, diversity and decent work. The role includes preparing for, and participating in discussions with regulators and legislators about policy initiatives that support more sustainable, inclusive and productive capital markets. For more information, [click here](#).