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Public Service Values Celebrated at School of Public Policy and Administration Awards Dinner



The **2018 Students, Alumni and Community Recognition Awards dinner** hosted by the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) took place on November 22.

With over 100 guests in attendance, the annual gathering featured a **keynote address by alumnus Derek Lett, Executive Director with the Ontario Conflict of Interest Commissioner's Office**. Lett (BA Spec Honours PPA '91) reflected on his 26-year career in the Ontario Public Service, which spanned many significant changes in successive governments.

Aiming to provide guidance to students and recent graduates on how to cope with change, Lett emphasized adherence to three long-standing core

public service values: professionalism, neutrality and integrity. Lett also reflected on what attracts and motivates one to choose public service and "what actually keeps someone there and allows them to weather the storms associated with negative public perception, leaders who might distrust public servants and others who may choose to undermine trust in public institutions for political advantage." Lett shared experiences that resonated with the audience: high-stakes work "in the face of volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity", concluding that "public service is an honourable, humble and noble profession", and that "we must be open to different ways of achieving an objective. Approaches do not have to be mutually exclusive. Be innovative." **Lett was also presented with this year's Practicum Award for his long-standing commitment to the practicum program for our 4th year Bachelor of Public Administration students.** The School's Experiential Education Coordinator, Professor Peter Constantinou, presented him with the award.



Derek Lett, during his address on Public Service in Turbulent Times: The Importance of Public Service Values

Several other awards were presented to students and alumni:

Undergraduate Student Award to Justin Tan in the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Spec. Honours, Management stream for his service to the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA) as President in 2017-18 during his 3rd year of studies and as Director of Recruitment prior to that. In 2018 Tan also received the McLaughlin Academics' Choice Award for his involvement with the work of the College. Tan has also volunteered and worked for Canadian Red Cross and is currently working as CCTV Team Lead Operator for Security Services while completing his studies at York.



Justin Tan (centre) with his parents, Justo and Maria Tan



Graduate Student Award to Eric Lothman in the Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (MPPAL) program. Lothman enthusiastically participated in the 2017 IPAC-CAPPA Case Competition during his 1st year in the MPPAL program and volunteered at open houses and helped organize professional development opportunities for both MPPAL and BPA students. Lothman has also served as Director of Communication for our Graduate Students' Association of Public Policy, Administration and Law (GSAPPAL); as well as in a number of other volunteer roles including as Manager of Outreach and Partnerships for the Strategic Leadership Forum and as Student Outreach Committee Member for the Canadian Association of Management Consultants (CMC-Canada). Lothman currently holds the position of Policy Analyst with the Student Achievement Division of the Ontario Ministry of Education.



Rebecca Mukuna, (right) with University Professor Brenda Spotton Visano

Best 2018 Major Research Paper Award to Rebecca Mukuna (MPPAL, Class of 2018) for her research on the topic of Health and Safety for Migrant Farm Workers in the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program. Mukuna started to work for the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety as a Training and Education Assistant in 2017 and what she learned on the job regarding health and safety also inspired her to write her major research paper. University Professor Brenda Spotton Visano served as Mukuna's research supervisor and presented her with the award.

Other MPPAL students Lisa Gotlieb, Rod Carew, Pauline Raphael, Diane Prelich, Tasha Oommen were presented with the Best Team Award for their participation in the 2018 IPAC-CAPPA National Case Competition by Professor Dagmar Soennecken, Graduate Program Director for the MPPAL program. Professor Soennecken also acknowledged the work of the team's dedicated coaches John Wilkins and Anthea English, who both brought to students a wealth of experience from the federal public service and elsewhere, and have held Executive in Residence positions at the Schulich School of Business and at the School of Public Policy and Administration respectively.

As part of its annual tradition, the evening was moderated by **last year's Alumni Recognition Award Winner Tanya Waugh** (BPA Spec. Honours, Policy Analysis stream, Class of 2013 and MPPAL, Class of 2015) as **Master of Ceremonies**. In attendance were also the School's Advisory Committee members President Emeritus Ian Macdonald and Anthea English, the former Assistant Comptroller General for Internal Audit at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, who joined SPPA as its Executive in Residence during the 2017-18 academic year; and Associate Dean Students Peter Avery of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies.



Tanya Waugh served as Master of Ceremonies for the event



President Emeritus Ian Macdonald and Professor Brenda Spotton Visano with alumni at the awards dinner



From left to right: John Wilkins (coach), MPPAL students Rod Carew, Tasha Oommen, Diane Prelich, Pauline Raphael, Anthea English (coach) and MPPAL Director Professor Dagmar Soennecken



Undergraduate Program Director Professor Joanne Magee and Sukhpreet Singh, President of the PPASA, presented the awards to **this year's winners of our high school essay contest for sharing their insightful Vision for Canada:**

- 1st Prize to Haohan Zhang**, Grade 12, AY Jackson Secondary School, North York, for her essay on *Canada's Next Challenge: Implementing a Carbon Pricing Policy*;
- 2nd Prize to Kayla Evans, Merveille Massamba and Randesh Wijesundera**, Grade 11, Francis Libermann Catholic High School, Scarborough, for *A Call for Canada's Vision*, their co-authored submission that addressed issues of youth homelessness, affordable housing and educational qualifications for political leaders;
- 3rd Prize to Hanlin Cheng**, Grade 12, Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute, North York, for the essay *Microscopic Change: The Ethical Dilemma of Scientific Policy*.



From left to right: Sukhpreet Singh (PPASA President), Stephanie Iacobacci (Department Head, Canadian & World Studies & Social Sciences, Francis Libermann CHS), grade 11 Francis Libermann CHS students Merveille Massamba, Randesh Wijesundera, Kayla Evans and Professor Joanne Magee, SPPA Undergraduate Program Director



The evening concluded with the presentation of two coveted alumni awards by SPPA Director Alena Kimakova:

Emerging Leader Award to Yana Gravets who graduated with the BPA Spec. Honours, Policy Analysis stream in 2011 Cum Laude on the Dean's Honour Roll while also completing the Professional Certificate in Human Resources Management at York. Upon graduation, Gravets secured a position with the prestigious Finance Officers Municipal Internship Program with the City of Burlington and was later promoted to a permanent Financial Analyst role, with primary focus on the City's capital budget and corporate projects. During this time, she also completed the MPPAL program, graduating in 2013. In 2014 she secured the position of Senior Budget and Policy Advisor with the Office of the Budget at York Region. In 2018 she was promoted by York Region to the position of Head of Policy, Planning and Liaison, Finance Commissioner's Office. Without a doubt, Gravets' new role at York Region is one of leadership and strategic importance, and a remarkable achievement.

Yana Gravets (right) with Professor Alena Kimakova, SPPA Director

Alumni Recognition Award to Shaun Kuttiyil (BPA Spec. Honours, Policy Analysis stream, Class of 2011 and MPPAL, Class of 2015) for his long-standing service to the School. As an undergraduate student, Shaun held the position of PPASA President and received the SPPA Student Award. Since his graduation from the MPPAL program in 2015, Shaun has been active in the York University School of Public Policy and Administration Alumni Network (YUSPPAAN), volunteering as Treasurer until 2018, when he took on the role of Chair. Throughout these years, Shaun has also served as a mentor and role model for our students in the BPA, helping to strengthen their team building capabilities, and as an avid organizer of the YUSPPAAN Book Club that brings together alumni, students and faculty for a unique combination of intellectual stimulation and networking. Shaun has worked in both the public and private sectors, starting as Administration Officer at B2B Bank and currently holds the position of Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Oversight and Performance Branch, Corporate Services Division with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.



Shaun Kuttiyil (right) with Professor Alena Kimakova, SPPA Director



The SPPA Students, Alumni and Community Recognition Awards dinner has also been featured in Y-File. To view full article, [click here](#).



GSAPPAL/PPASA Networking Event

Save the Date

Thursday, January 31, 2019

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Downtown - Location TBA

This is a networking opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students, alumni and other professionals in the public service.

We hope to see you there!

Further details to follow shortly.

The 2018 York Cares United Way Campaign

The 2018 York Cares United Way Campaign has been extended, because we urgently need your support to show your Local Love.

By giving, you can count yourself part of an important uprising in our community. **One that cares for every person who lives here battling hunger, homelessness, domestic violence, social isolation, mental health and unemployment just to name a few.** These issues can be easy to ignore but are preventing our communities from prospering. **They are unignorable.**

If you haven't yet donated, now's the time. You have until December 18th to contribute to this year's campaign and help us reach our goal of \$180,000.

Here is a 30 sec video highlighting [#UNIGNORABLE](#) issues in the Greater Toronto area, and [Travis & Daniel's story](#).

Remember, when you're helping people realize a brighter future, every degree of giving counts, and no moment is too soon.

Please visit the United Way Greater Toronto website to make your donation today:
<https://www.unitedwaygt.org/giving>

Winter 2019 Career Fair



Thursday, January 17, 2019
The Second Student Centre
10:00am - 3:00pm

Career Fairs are an excellent way to learn about jobs in your field of study or interest, meet employers and expand your professional network. If you prepare yourself for the career fair ahead of time you will make the most of your experience.

Meet employers who are looking to hire York University students for a variety of opportunities including **part-time, summer, internship and full-time positions** after graduation.

For Career Fair preparation and tips, visit:
<http://careers.yorku.ca/students-and-new-grads/services-events/career-fairs/tips/>

For the full list of Employers participating in the Winter Career Fair 2019, please [click here](#).

Campus Meal Club at the Second Student Centre - Healthy and Affordable Meals!

The Campus Meal club is a ready-made solution designed to provide you with healthy, nutritious, convenient and affordable lunch options. We at the Student Centre recognize that students need more wholesome and cost effective meal options than what has been offered on campus in the past.

Each meal is prepared on site by our kitchen team, packaged each day for your pick up and costs only \$8! The Campus Meal Club is an online-only ordering club where you place your orders on our dedicated website. **Each week we will feature 3 different meals that you can order Monday through Friday.**

The unique feature of the program is that you can specify exactly which day of the week you would like to pick up your meal, place an order for one day or for multiple days, the choice is up to you. For the upcoming week, orders must be placed by 2pm on the Thursday prior, to be eligible for the following weeks pick up.

You can pick up your meals at the new Second Student Centre Welcome Desk by providing your email or order ID that you will receive from the site. Meal pick up is anytime between 11am-4pm. There is no delivery service provided for your meal, unfortunately. Our non-profit, student run and operated organization provides you with the healthiest and affordable meal options on campus!

For further information, visit:
www.campusmealclub.ca

Tennis Canada - 2 positions available

The future is bright for tennis in Canada, and you will be right in the middle of it all at Tennis Canada! A national sport organization with a mission to lead the growth of tennis in Canada and a vision to become a world-leading tennis nation, Tennis Canada seeks to grow participation across Canada and develop champions on the international stage. Tennis Canada also owns and operates the Rogers Cup presented by National Bank tournaments in Toronto and Montreal, two of the best-run sporting events in the world which annually bring the globe's best tennis players to Canada. In recent years, Canadian tennis has seen historic achievements, with players reaching Grand Slam finals and record high world rankings, and participation and interest on the rise. Join us as we look to build on this exciting momentum and produce even greater results. We are a team of innovators, who are passionate about our work and pursue excellence together every day.

Coordinator, Communications

Reporting to the Director, Communications, the Coordinator, Communications is a key member of the Tennis Canada communications team whose goal is to promote the sport of tennis and Rogers Cup presented by National Bank across Canada and globally. This position will execute several communications and media relations initiatives to assist the organization in working towards its mission of leading the growth of tennis in Canada. Responsibilities will include:

- Communications for Rogers Cup presented by National Bank
- Communications and Media Relations Initiatives
- Media Monitoring and Reporting
- Content Provider

For more information, [click here](#).

Director, Safe Sport

Reporting to the President and CEO, the Director, Safe Sport will provide leadership and oversight regarding safeguarding, insurance, and risk management. The Director will ensure that the Board of Directors, management, employees and volunteers comply with Safe Sport policies and protocols and relevant legislation. This is a full-time permanent position. The Director, Safe Sport will work with all of Tennis Canada's stakeholders including staff, Board, provincial tennis associations, the Tennis Professionals association (TPA), member clubs, tournaments and volunteers to ensure that policies and procedures are implemented to best foster a safe environment within which recreational participants, athletes and the people who deliver the sport can thrive.

Responsibilities will include:

- Planning and Policy Development
- Insurance
- Risk and Incident Management
- Education and Awareness

For more information, [click here](#).

If interested, please submit your resume to resumes@tenniscanada.com

For more information about these and other job opportunities at Tennis Canada, please visit: <http://www.tenniscanada.com/more-info/careers/>.

Senior Researchers, Research Associates and Research Assistant - Blueprint ADE

Blueprint ADE is hiring for 5 positions. They are experiencing a period of rapid growth, and they are looking for candidates with a strong research background and a passion for working with clients and partners to design and test evidence-informed solutions to complex social and economic challenges. For more information, [click here](#).

Call for Collaborators - Brookfield Institute

The Brookfield Institute is seeking policy-oriented economists or data scientists to support their quantitative research on a part-time, project basis. These roles will contribute to the Institute's efforts to build a robust, data-driven picture of innovation and entrepreneurship trends in Canada, and to inform thoughtful public policies that enable Canadians from different regions, sectors and backgrounds to seize the opportunities and prepare for the risks in the shift to an innovation-driven economy. They are specifically seeking support for projects within their Skills for an Innovation-Driven Economy work stream. For more information, [click here](#).

Vice-President, Corporate and Public Affairs - TD Bank

The Vice President will play a key role within the team and across the bank to guide the conversations with internal and external audiences critical to the bank's future. Unifying the bank's efforts across colleague engagement, external communications, executive leadership, corporate citizenship and public affairs, will help to deliver Public Affairs, Stakeholder and Influencer Relations, Engagement, and Program Development and Leadership. For more information, [click here](#).

Bilingual Government Relations Specialist - Futurpreneur Canada

As a Bilingual Government Relations Specialist, you will support Futurpreneur Canada's government relations, stakeholder outreach and thought leadership initiatives, including day to day stakeholder communications, research and event management. You will support and contribute to Futurpreneur Canada's short and long terms plans to inform, engage and secure needed government execution of a government relations strategy to successfully cultivate, maintain and leverage Futurpreneur Canada's extensive relationships across Canada with elected officials, staff in all orders of government, and relevant policy influencers. This strategy will require research and consultation to contribute and respond to relevant government policy and support agendas; communication to ensure strong relationships with policy makers and influencers and to promote Futurpreneur Canada's economic and other activities including the timely preparation of public funding and partnership proposals, policy submissions and reports. This is a full-time permanent position and will be located at their national office in downtown Toronto. For more information, [click here](#).

Associate Director of Public Policy Innovation - Sidewalk Labs

In this role you will be responsible for working with Sidewalk's Policy and Communications team, legal team, subject-area experts, outside advisors, and government partners to explore existing statutory and regulatory frameworks and design detailed, actionable proposals that would provide for and encourage urban innovation. You will also be responsible for communicating their proposals, and related policy analysis, to internal and external audiences, in writing and verbally. This role will focus both on their work in Toronto and our approach to urban innovation more generally. You will be based in either New York or Toronto, report to the Head of Policy and Communications, and collaborate closely with members of other teams and senior leadership at Sidewalk Labs. For more information, [click here](#).



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Manager, Digital Governance - Waterfront Toronto

Waterfront Toronto is seeking a Manager, Digital Governance, who will be responsible to manage and implement projects, initiatives and activities related to Waterfront Toronto's innovation and intelligent communities' initiatives, specifically with respect to the digital governance/privacy components. You will assist in the management of Waterfront Toronto's Digital Strategy Advisory Panel to help facilitate their guidance on the digital and data governance/privacy components of the waterfront projects. For more information, [click here](#).

Public Affairs Consultant - Crestview Strategy

Candidates will bring a diverse range of life and work experience and share with Crestview how they will apply that experience in politics and/or public affairs to advising and supporting clients across a wide variety of sectors interacting with all levels of government. Civic, issue-based or political campaign experience will be highly valued as will experience in government. Qualified candidates will have 2-4 years of project management-level experience and will have had interaction with major public policy files. They will have interacted with the media, developed a skill set in communications planning and be a strong writer. They will be willing to travel as needed. For more information, [click here](#).

Project Manager - Atkinson Foundation

Atkinson Foundation is hiring a Project Manager who will collaborate with other team members and report to the Director of Social Investment. At Atkinson, project managers have a portfolio of administrative, communications and research responsibilities related to strengthening the decent work movement and promoting social and economic justice in Ontario. For more information, [click here](#).

Policy/Program/Data Analyst - York University

The Policy/Program Evaluation/Data Analyst two-year contract position would be dedicated full-time to supporting the Director in analyzing and rectifying areas of concern deemed high, moderate and low risk for the Student Counselling & Development Centre. This position is responsible for evaluating and making recommendations impacting clinical service and the staff delivery model. This position will also report and make recommendations regarding policy, partnership enhancements and implementation of data systems. For more information, [click here](#).

Director of Nursing and Health Policy - Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

RNAO is seeking an outstanding professional to join their senior management team as Director of Nursing and Health Policy. Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, you will proactively identify critical issues in nursing, social policy and health care that impact the role of nurses and the health of the public. You and your team will develop policy, write position papers, develop advocacy plans and present findings and recommendations to the Chief Executive Officer, Board of Directors, and other stakeholders. Your ability to identify emerging issues, clearly articulate ideas, and present evidence-based arguments, will contribute to the formulation of Association strategies that are congruent with RNAO's Mission and Ends. Candidates must be RNs. For more information, [click here](#).