

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2019 SPPA AWARDS - Nomination Deadline is Monday, April 8, 2019

The [Undergraduate Student Award](#) acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent undergraduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The [Graduate Student Award](#) acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent graduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The [Alumni Recognition Award](#) acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one alumnus/alumna to the activities and programs of the School, as well as to the mentoring of its students and new professionals.

The [Emerging Leader Award](#) recognizes a current student or recent alumnus/alumna of the School who is an emerging leader within the broader public sector (including the non-profit sector) and represents the ideals, values and abilities of sound, responsible and engaging public policy and administration in congruence with the School's vision to promote Good Governance. The Award recipient will normally have 5-8 years of work experience in the broader public sector.

The [Practicum Honouree Award](#) recognizes individuals who have made exceptional efforts to provide practicum opportunities for the School's fourth-year students.

The 2018 award winners were honoured at the SPPA dinner with the keynote address delivered by Derek Lett, York PPA Alumnus and Executive Director, Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, an agency of the Treasury Board Secretariat, Government of Ontario.

**For further details about the 2018 awards celebration, please visit:** <https://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2018/12/12/public-service-values-celebrated-at-school-of-public-policy-administration-awards/>

Nominations for the above awards are invited from faculty, staff, individual students and alumni, as well as associations of students, alumni, and friends of the School. Nominations require a one page statement of the accomplishments of the individual as well as a copy of his or her resume.

**Please forward materials, or questions, to:**

**Director, School of Public Policy and Administration**

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## Political Law Journal Focuses on Canada's Constitutional & Governance Challenges After 150 Years



Professor Radha Persaud

*The Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law* published by Carswell Canada has dedicated a special issue to the proceedings of a conference that took place at York University's Glendon Campus. The special issue, titled "**Canada's Constitutional & Governance Challenges After 150 Years,**" was co-edited by Radha (Radhakrishnan) Persaud, a professor in the Department of Political Science at the Glendon Campus and at the School of Public Policy and Administration at York University, and York University alumnus Gregory Tardi (DJur '10), former senior legal counsel in the Office of the Law Clerk and senior parliamentary counsel to the House of Commons in Ottawa.

The conference, **Canada's Constitutional & Governance Challenges After 150 Years, was convened Sept. 29 and 30, 2017 as part of national celebrations of the 150th anniversary of Canada.** It brought together some of this country's leading constitutional minds. The resulting issue of *The Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law* provides a forum for the growing body of interdisciplinary literature on the subject of "law and politics." This 244-page special issue of the journal contains papers presented at the conference and includes work by York University Chancellor Emeritus R. Roy McMurtry, Professor Emeritus of Political Science Ian Greene and Persaud, who initiated and chaired the conference. Organized around three key themes, the conference explored Foundational Values & Constitutional Rights, Democratic Governance and Democratic Processes. The conference proceedings and papers identified challenges facing Canada's public government and suggested improvements within the organic life of the constitution to enhance national capacity, confirm national self-determination and renew national commitment to stability, justice, respect and inclusion.

"The conference on Canada at 150 at Glendon was indeed a momentous event bringing together leading constitutional minds – from across the country – to share their thoughts and analyses on the constitutional and governance challenges of our great federation after 150 years," said Persaud. "I am very pleased to say that many of the papers that were presented at the conference are published in this special issue of the journal. Gregory Tardi and I have been working on this publication for the **past year.**"

To view the full Y-File article, [click here](#).

## McLaughlin College Marks Black History Month with Symposium and Photo Exhibit

**A McLaughlin College symposium celebrating Black History Month will be held at York University on Thursday February 7 from 12pm noon to 1:30pm. All are welcome to attend.**

Titled "**The Importance of Strategic Alliances for Canada's Human Rights Movement,**" the symposium will feature a panel discussion by two celebrated Canadians about their intersecting histories and experiences in the struggle to eliminate discrimination: Arthur C. Downes, a retired justice of the peace and honorary consul of the Republic of Guinea; and Morley S. Wolfe, a retired justice of the peace and former Chair of the League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith. The event will be moderated by [Lorne Foster](#), a professor in the Department of Equity Studies at York University and the faculty co-chair of [Race Inclusion & Supportive Environments](#) (RISE).

The symposium will examine the history of strategic alliances that emerged in the struggle for human rights and racial inclusion, acknowledging the intersecting histories and experiences of many equity-seeking groups, especially from the Black and Jewish communities. Guest panellists will recount their roles and work in advancing human rights policies and programs that have provided greater protection to racialized groups experiencing prejudice and grave incidents of discrimination.

The event has been planned to commemorate a celebratory month of Black excellence. It will highlight the ambitious and audacious alliances that changed the course of human rights advocacy in this province. The event will also mark the official launch of the award-winning photo exhibit [Many Rivers to Cross: The African-Canadian Experience](#), which is open for viewing from Feb. 4 to 28, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the McLaughlin College Art Gallery, 001 McLaughlin College.

The exhibit presents audiences with images and "an impression of the place that those of African descent have long occupied in the Canadian mosaic." It addresses themes of immigration, culture, the struggle for justice and work, all in the context of a complex and supportive community life. Brought to York by the Multicultural History Society of Ontario, the exhibit examines immigration, culture, struggles for justice, work and community among people of African descent living in Canada.

The event is sponsored by McLaughlin College, the Centre for Human Rights, Equity & Inclusion, and the RISE Sub-Committee of the President's Advisory Committee on Human Rights.

## 2019 AMCTO Scholarship Program

AMCTO is pleased to offer up to **10 fully paid conference scholarships** to New Professional and Student members who may not otherwise be able to attend the **2019 AMCTO Conference taking place June 9-12, 2019 at Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville, Ontario.**

The Annual AMCTO Conference is Ontario's leading professional development and networking event for local government managers, and will attract almost 500 attendees from municipalities large and small across the province. The 4-day event features world renowned keynote speakers, and high quality workshops on new legislation, emerging issues, and key strategic management issues affecting the local government sector. The conference also features a dynamic social program with lots of opportunities to network with fellow municipal professionals.

**These conference scholarships are valued at nearly \$1500 and include a full delegate registration and accommodation for three nights at Deerhurst Resort.** The AMCTO conference experience is a top notch educational and professional networking experience for anyone with aspirations toward a career or growth in municipal management and leadership.

### Scholarship Eligibility & Criteria:

- Student or New Professional Member (who has not attended the AMCTO Conference previously)
- Letter of Recommendation from professional or academic supervisor
- Updated resume
- Written Statement (no more than 500 words)
- Willingness to participant in planned AMCTO Conference programming.

The scholarships will be reviewed by the AMCTO Awards Review Committee and **successful recipients will be notified in March/April of 2019.**

For any questions, feel free to contact **Rick Johal ([rjohal@amcto.com](mailto:rjohal@amcto.com))**, Director, Member & Sector Relations at AMCTO.

**For more information about the 2019 AMCTO Conference, [click here.](#)**  
**To apply for a Conference scholarship, [click here.](#)**

## Women in Politics: Speed Networking Evening by Equal Voice Toronto Chapter

To help promote and celebrate women in politics, Equal Voice Toronto is hosting a Women in Politics speed networking event. At this event, there will be numerous rounds of speed networking sessions where attendees get the opportunity to network with various politicians and staffers who will share their experiences working as women at all levels of government.

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

**7:00-9:00pm**

**Second Student Centre, Convention Room, Second Floor**

**York University, Keele Campus**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

**\*Please note that you do not have to be a student to attend. This is a free event.\***

### Guest Speakers:

- **Najva Amin**, VP Organization of LPC-O and a Past President of the Ontario Young Liberals
- **Jill Andrew**, MPP, Toronto - St. Paul's
- **Rima Berns-McGown**, MPP, Beaches - East York
- **Lauren Callighen**, Former Senior Advisor, Tour - Office of the Premier of Ontario
- **Amy Fee**, MPP, Kitchener South - Hespeler
- **Jennifer McKelvie**, Councillor, Ward 25, Scarborough-Rouge Park
- **Adria Minsky**, Director of Policy for the Minister of Government and Consumer Services

**Equal Voice is a national, bilingual, non-profit, multi-partisan organization dedicated to electing more women to all levels of political office in Canada.**

Equal Voice regards the under-representation of women in Canada's Parliament, in our provincial/territorial legislatures, and on municipal and band councils, as a fundamental deficit in Canada's democratic institutions. Founded in 2001, Equal Voice brings women and men together from across the political spectrum in its chapters and local groups across the country.

## Examining the Effects of Anti-Sexual Violence Education Amongst University Students

Are you a student or recent graduate who has participated in anti-sexual violence education or training through your university or college? Would you like to tell us about it in a 30 to 45-minute interview?

**Confidentiality is assured and a 10\$ honorarium is provided.**

### **This study seeks the participation of people who...**

- Are currently attending, or graduated for no more than one year from, a university or college program;
- Have participated in mandatory or voluntary (i.e., by choice) programming of some kind, offered by or at your educational institution, that seeks to prevent or educate about sexual violence/assault (e.g., violence against women awareness, a talk, course, or consent workshop, self-defense class, workshop for your sports team);
- Are between 18 and 30 years of age.

### **The research will:**

- Examine the relationship between anti-sexual violence education and young people's sexual practices;
- Provide young adults with a chance to voice their experiences of and strategies in sexual negotiations (e.g., how they articulate desires and boundaries, interest and non-interest);
- Be conducted in a non-judgmental, open-style interview that allows participants to express themselves and share their opinions (i.e., there are no 'right answers');
- Contribute to the development of sexual violence prevention efforts, and hopefully, better sex!

Research conducted by Dr. Tuulia Law, York University

To participate in an interview or for more information contact:

[tlaw@yorku.ca](mailto:tlaw@yorku.ca) or (647) 809-9178

## York University Market (YUM)

Join us on **Wednesdays from 11:00am-4:00pm at Central Square** for our weekly farmers market! We will be here every week this term except on reading week.

**YUM! Is a student-run initiative of Regenesis and Food Services at York.** We sell local produce that we order from Foodshare at cost in an attempt to bring you healthy and sustainable food options! We are a group of YorkU students who genuinely care about food, health and the environment, and want to do our part in bringing you tasty and local options.

### **Come by and check out these local vendors that will be attending:**

**Organic Chef Foods** - gourmet doughnuts, tarts and samosas

**Chiamigos** - healthy, just-add-water chiapudding

**Ontario Honey Creations** - family run beekeeper making local honey, beeswax candles, and honey vinegars

**Albion Hills** - Smoked dried meats, pepperettes, salami, and soft butter pretzels

**G-Free Sweets** - Gluten free pastries and desserts

**Crown Valley Bakery** - always baked the same day: assorted baked goods: pie, cookies, and loaves

**Spahket** - natural health and beauty products

**Eastend Vegan** - vegan cheese

**Fresco Foods** - hot and fresh spring rolls and samosas

**Hot Yoga Wellness** - yoga memberships, yoga mats and accessories

**De La Terre Bakery** - natural baked goods and sourdough breads

Come by and grab lunch with your coworkers while supporting local businesses!

**Don't want to wait in line for your produce? Pre-order!** You can either get a \$5 fruit or veggie box, or a \$10 mixed box. For pre-orders contact:

[christina@regenesis.eco](mailto:christina@regenesis.eco)

**Interested in being a vendor? Have any YUMmy questions? E-mail us at:**

[yumarket@regenesis.eco](mailto:yumarket@regenesis.eco)

Follow us on Instagram for weekly updates and contests! [@yumarket\\_regenisis](https://www.instagram.com/yumarket_regenisis)

## [Program Director, Data Policy Coalition - Powered by Data](#)

Powered by Data are looking for a skilled and enthusiastic leader to serve as Program Director for an emerging policy coalition around unlocking administrative data for social impact. This exciting new role will be responsible for weaving 40+ service providers, advocacy groups, and foundations into a functional coalition, supporting them to prioritize and pursue policy priorities, and securing resources to ensure the initiative's ongoing success beyond 2019. They are looking for a strategic communicator with experience in public policy, fundraising, and an interest in data and technology.

## [Government Relations Manager - Freedom Mobile](#)

Shaw/Freedom Mobile are looking for a Manager, Government Relations working in their Toronto office. Reporting to the Vice President, Government Relations, the successful candidate will be responsible for developing and executing their government relations strategy and supporting their government relations work in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and southern and eastern Ontario. Also, this role will support their government relations work with the Province of Ontario.

## [Legislative Assistant - Office of MPP Jessica Bell \(NDP, University-Rosedale\)](#)

MPP Jessica Bell is hiring an assistant to support in political and legislative duties who will be responsible to the Member for administration and correspondence, stakeholder relations, public relations and advisory/research duties.

## [Government Relations Advisor - Trillium Gift of Life Network](#)

TGLN is currently seeking a highly motivated, experienced Government Relations Advisor, Communications to manage and implement projects, and to develop and foster relationships to achieve TGLN's objective of increasing consent for donation and encouraging a culture of donation in Ontario. This position will be reporting to the Manager, Communications.

## [Senior Policy Analyst, Community and Health Services - York Region](#)

Reporting to the Program Manager, Community Development and responsible for providing policy support and strategic advice to the Department; researching, analyzing and developing policies and programs to respond to human services, agencies and community needs interpreting federal and provincial legislation and regulations, monitoring and assessing impact on Regional policies and practices, including planning initiatives and providing advice on performance measurement; preparing environmental scans; and developing cross-functional linkages to ensure that policies and programs align with Department, Provincial and Federal goals; preparing briefing notes and committee reports.

## [Director, Corporate Affairs - LCBO](#)

Reporting to the Vice President, Communications and Corporate Affairs, you will direct the corporate affairs and public policy functions at the LCBO to support and champion the provincial government's position related to the evolution of the beverage alcohol marketplace in the Province of Ontario. You will be the primary lead on policy matters and serve as a key senior advisor on a wide range of public policy initiatives.

## [Intern, Public Affairs - National](#)

National is looking for a go-getting Intern to join their growing team; someone who wants to dive in and deliver results. Your paid internship will support all aspects of National's account work, as you learn and grow new skills across public affairs, government relations and corporate communications.

## [Manager, Policy & Social Responsibility - OLG](#)

Manage, inform and help to evolve OLG's Responsible Gambling (RG) research and policy programming. Collaborate with internal partners and external stakeholders to ensure RG policies are evidence-informed, applicable to gambling operators, and promote long-term business player sustainability and harm minimization. This position will work closely with the Senior Manager, Policy & Social Responsibility, to manage a comprehensive strategy designed to contribute to knowledge advancements in the gambling field and continuous improvement of OLG's PlaySmart program.

## [Policy Specialist - Ontario College of Pharmacists](#)

Responsible for providing support within the Strategic Policy, Planning and Analytics Department, this 12-month contract position will include supporting and implementing the Assurance and Improvement in Medication Safety Program and supporting renewed governance.

## [Director, Policy & Regulatory Affairs - Federation of Rental Housing Providers of Ontario](#)

Reporting to the President & CEO, your duties and responsibilities will include: monitoring and responding to emerging legislation, regulations and by-laws affecting the rental-housing sector; developing position papers, briefs, and responses to government consultations; developing policy/program proposals that support and advance FRPOs positions; identifying, analyzing and tracking legislative and regulatory issues that impact the rental housing sector; and working with consultants engaged to support FRPO's government relations objectives.

## [Senior Manager, Government Relations - Canadian Marketing Association](#)

The most important issue the Senior Manager will deal with is the privacy file – issues of data security, customer data usage, definition of private information, etc. and reports to the Vice President, Public Affairs and Thought Leadership.

## [Economist - Brookfield Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#)

BII+E is seeking an Economist to produce quantitative and qualitative research, analysis and written products to help support building a robust, data-driven picture of Canada's innovation and entrepreneurship policy landscape and how Canadians from different communities interact with this landscape. The Economist will work with the Director and the broader team to develop actionable policy recommendations and to inform the design of pilots, programs and other initiatives.

## [Senior Manager/Director Corporate Affairs and External Relations - Canada Infrastructure Bank](#)

The Senior Manager/Director is responsible for developing and executing the corporate engagement strategy with the federal government shareholder and other government and industry stakeholders. Specifically, this will require active collaboration with colleagues at Infrastructure Canada and other federal departments and central agencies. A central element of cooperation with counterparts in the Government of Canada will focus on CIB annual planning and quarterly and annual reporting.

## [Executive Director - City of Toronto Municipal Licensing & Standards Division](#)

You will be responsible for advancing and delivering the highest level of progressive, practical and responsive services to the public relating to the enforcement of City By-laws and standards, including municipally regulated businesses and the care and control of domestic animals. You will set the overall strategic and operational direction of the Division by establishing divisional goals and objectives that are closely aligned with the strategic planning initiatives of the City of Toronto.



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