

School of Public Policy and Administration

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Our SPPA Student Profiles are back for Spring 2019!

This week we are pleased to present **Rean Pelayo**,
1st year Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Specialized Honours student



My name is Rean Pelayo and I am a first year student in the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) program. In my last year of high school, I was experiencing difficulty choosing what I wanted to study. It was not until I discovered York University's Public Administration program when everything seemed to start falling into place. What grabbed my attention for the program was its versatility. I have always had an interest in the subjects of law, government, and business, and the BPA program combines them all through the range of courses you can take, as well as specializing in a certain stream. I have yet to decide which stream to specialize in, but I am confident that no matter which one I choose, the education and experience I get from my time at York will have more than prepared me for my future ambitions.

Being a Junior Ambassador for the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA) has only deepened my devotion to wanting to work in public service. While I have only been in university for a year as well as part of the PPASA, simply being exposed to a great team and network of like-minded yet unique individuals is very motivating. I believe that it is often our differences which make for the best ideas, as everyone has something to bring to the table. Attending networking events has given me insight into the amount of hard work that goes into being a public servant, or even just an involved citizen.

There are so many resources provided by the School of Public Policy and Administration that should be taken into consideration and made use of. I am enthusiastic of what is to come out of being in this great program. Here, you are surrounded by people who only want you to achieve and will help you get there. I encourage everyone, no matter what you may study, to attend events hosted by the PPASA, as you can only gain something from going to one. The Student Association is always here to help, and is less intimidating as we are your fellow students! You are set up to succeed, even if it may be a strenuous journey getting there.

PPASA Executive Council 2019-2020



Hello PPASA Students! ***We are pleased to announce the newly elected Executive Council*** and we thank all voters for participating!

On behalf of the School of Public Policy and Administration faculty and staff, congratulations to all members elected to the 2019-2020 PPASA Executive Council. ***We wish you a wonderful and successful year ahead in your new roles!***

President:

Sarah Afriyie (Acclaimed)

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Abdur Rahman Ouzeri (Acclaimed)

Director of Professional Communications:

Joanne Jang

Director of External Affairs:

Irene Danchie (Acclaimed)

The Public Policy and Administration Student Association would like thank all students and staff for a successful year! We are looking forward to another successful year with our new team!

Please feel free to reach out to ppasa.york@gmail.com for any questions!

Show your #YUSpirit during Red & White Day, March 28 as we Celebrate York's 60th Anniversary Today



York University President and Vice-Chancellor Rhonda L. Lenton has issued this invitation to the York community:

On **Thursday, March 28**, join students, faculty, staff and alumni as we celebrate our community and show our #YUSpirit on Red & White Day. Red & White Day is an opportunity to celebrate our community, and this year, we also have the chance to celebrate York's sixtieth anniversary. ***There are a number of ways you can show your #YUSpirit and get involved in Red & White Day at the Keele and Glendon campuses:***

- Wear red and white or York gear;
- Play games at the indoor carnival;
- [Take a great picture and enter the #YUSpirit Photo Contest;](#)
- Save up to 50 per cent off branded merchandise at the Bookstore and Vari Hall Pop-Up Shop from March 25 to 29;
- Save 10 per cent off York Lions wear at the Tait Pride Shop Sale on March 28;
- Find the free giveaways and vendor discounts;
- Enjoy tasty treats at the Food Trucks.

The day will be full of exciting events and activities including the Campus & Alumni Donor Breakfast, student club tabling and more. For a full schedule of events and details please visit the [Red & White Day website](#). I look forward to seeing you there.

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

REMINDER: 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:

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[Clusters Activation Program, Economic Blueprint - Toronto Region Board of Trade \(3 Jobs!\)](#)

Clusters Program Manager; Clusters Associate; and Cluster Policy Analyst

The Board is seeking three strategic-thinkers and results-oriented individuals to help develop and contribute to the Board's Cluster Activation Program. You will work in collaboration with the Economic Blueprint team to build on the Board's previous clusters research to both inform the economic blueprint and nominate clusters case studies for the program. Your core responsibility will be to work with your team to implement a case study methodology that will be used to examine an industry cluster's strengths and weaknesses, map out its ecosystem and supply chain, evaluate its value chain, and identify barriers to growth. Your work will involve interviewing stakeholders within a cluster ecosystem and identify the policy framework within which the cluster operates. The results of the interviews will be distilled and analyzed to inform a 3-year action plan to improve the competitiveness of the cluster and its ecosystem.

[Senior Manager, Research and Policy - CPP Investment Board](#)

The Senior Manager, Research and Policy – Public Affairs and Communications (PAC) will be based in CPPIB's Toronto office and report to the Head of External Affairs. The individual will be responsible for undertaking significant research initiatives, making recommendations on advocacy strategies, producing documents for internal and external audiences, as well contributing to and helping manage important organizational initiatives. The successful candidate will work closely with both the Director, Industry and Stakeholder Affairs, and Director, Federal & Provincial Affairs.

[Partnership Development Officer - Future Skills Centre](#)

Future Skills Centre is seeking an experienced individual to support the planning and implementation of stakeholder outreach and engagement strategy activities for the FSC-CCF. Working closely with core partners and the project team, the Partnership Development Officer creates and executes a partnership framework to attract, retain and strengthen strategic relationships with key stakeholders, individuals and external organizations. Using your exceptional interpersonal skills, you will develop and implement initiatives to raise awareness, endorsement and support among current and prospective partners.

[Senior Policy Advisor - Canadian Digital Service](#)

The policy team are CDS's bureaucracy hackers and government navigators, enabling digital delivery with our partners and beyond. They work through legislative, regulatory, and policy issues in product development. We dig into processes to find creative solutions. Their goal is to scale modern service design and development practices across government — to produce better outcomes for the public — by changing the relationship between policy and delivery. In this role, you'll have the opportunity to work with colleagues with diverse skills and experience. You'll flex your problem-solving abilities on issues like privacy, user research, and cloud procurement. You'll help architect CDS's engagements with Cabinet, ministers, and senior officials. You'll practice and strengthen your management skills.

[Director, Policy - Financial Services Regulatory Authority](#)

The Director oversees the development and implementation of Policy Development programs/services/initiatives, including strategies, plans, rule-making, guidance and other tools to meet the overall strategic plans and priorities of the Policy Function in support of FSRA goals of a principles-based, risk-focused, regulatory framework for the delivery of a transformed regulator.

[Senior Advisor, Partnerships - Mitacs](#)

The successful candidate will help implement Mitacs' strategic plan, develop and manage relationships with key stakeholder groups in Ontario, including governments, industry and academia. The position reports to the VP National Partnerships. The Senior Advisor will manage government relations and advocacy in Ontario on issues relating to skills training, work-integrated learning, internships and industry-academia partnerships. As part of their duties, the successful candidate may be required to participate in lobbying government office-holders in a manner consistent with Mitacs values and relevant legislation.

[Senior Policy Analyst, IT - City of Toronto](#)

Reporting to the Manager, Strategy, Policy and Issues Management, you will play a lead role in developing and delivering the corporate IT policy program for the City of Toronto. As a Senior Policy Analyst, IT, you will use a best practices approach in providing leadership and coordination in the design, development, implementation, management, monitoring and evaluation of the divisional IT policy program.

[Programs Intern - Metcalf Foundation](#)

The successful candidate will work closely with the Foundation's three program directors, the Grants Manager, the Communications Manager, and other Foundation team members to support research, planning, and delivery of specific initiatives. The role is not strictly public policy, but does feature research on public policies and promising models related to the Foundation's program areas in the job description.

[Executive Director - The Future Skills Centre/Centre des compétences futures \(FSC-CCF\) Ontario](#)

The Future Skills Centre - Centre des compétences futures (FSC-CCF) is an exciting new arms-length research centre established through the Government of Canada's Future Skills Program to strengthen Canada's skills and training ecosystem and ensure Canadians are skilled and equipped to meet the diverse needs of the nation's employment market. A collaboration between Ryerson University, the Conference Board of Canada, and Blueprint-ADE, the FSC-CCF will identify, replicate, and scale evidence-based solutions to improve knowledge of trends and skills, promote more inclusive and responsive career development processes, and improve access to high quality training. Working in collaboration, the FSC-CCF will access a network of more than 150 partners linking thousands of service providers, employers, community groups, academic and practitioner researchers. Building on this growing community of practice, the consortium will complement existing structures and drive systems change by promoting effective policies and practices. The FSC-CCF will enhance existing networks, promoting collaboration using leading-edge technology platforms to create and disseminate new knowledge. It will advance evidence-driven innovation in skills development to improve outcomes, increase inclusivity and resilience, and fuel growth.

The Executive Director will lead the establishment of governance and infrastructure for the organization and will lead and manage the FSC-CCF operations, processes and systems. Reporting to the Vice-President, Research and Innovation at Ryerson University, the Executive Director will collaborate with key partners at the Conference Board of Canada and Blueprint-ADE, the Advisory Board and Ryerson's senior leadership team on the development of strategic plans for FSC-CCF and will be accountable for the implementation of these plans, the realization of the organization's objectives and the fiscal stewardship of the organization. The Executive Director will ensure that FSC-CCF's processes and systems effectively support the cultivation, invitation, identification, selection and assessment of research and pilot projects that result in the effective mobilization and dissemination of knowledge. The Executive Director will foster a pan-Canadian, cross-sectoral network of diverse partners and stakeholders to address the future skills needs of Canadians.

[Inaugural Chief Executive Officer - The Ontario Caregiver Organization](#)

"Caregivers and the caregiving experience is a not a singular experience; it is extremely diverse and requires an organization and a leader who understands the lived experience of caregivers."

Ontario's caregivers have made it clear that the support systems that currently exist for them are not enough. Caregivers are seeking an organization in the province, dedicated to them and their needs, and not dependent on the disease, location, age, ethnicity, or condition, that makes them a caregiver. The newly created Ontario Caregiver Organization is ready to recruit the inaugural Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who will build an approach that means that all mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, partners, neighbours and friends can receive support that will help them help the people they love and care for. As the inaugural CEO, you will be developing the structure, processes and systems that will allow the development of caregiver programs of education and support. A key success factor will be the ability to build partnerships and nurture relationships with the multiple organizations that currently include caregiver support in their mandate. You will also need to champion innovation and excellence as you prioritize a warm handoff while capitalizing on the opportunities provided through digital opportunities. While focusing provincially, you will also need to build collaborative approaches with other provinces and territories and look broadly to integrate international lessons learned.



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