Our SPPA Student Profiles are back for Spring 2019!

This week we are pleased to present Khadeja Elsibai,
Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Honours Student with a minor in French Studies

For the past few months, I have been working for the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation’s Yonge Subway Extension (YSE) team as a practicum student through the course PPAS 4995 Practicum in Public Administration. The YSE is a cross-jurisdictional project consisting of five subway stations spanning the City of Toronto, City of Vaughan, City of Markham and the Town of Richmond Hill from Finch station to the Richmond Hill Centre.

I was tasked with developing the YSE’s public art strategy which integrates the public art policies and programs of all government stakeholders. Through researching the public art programs of the YSE’s six government stakeholders and best practices in public art and community consultation, I discovered the world of public art and the initiatives undertaken by municipalities to enhance the public realm. The project has allowed me to improve my research and analytical skills and gain experience in producing a variety of reports and documents. I was also given the opportunity to attend meetings and learn first-hand about the challenges of developing transit infrastructure in the GTA and the geopolitical dynamics at play. This has broadened my understanding of the challenges associated with delivering interjurisdictional projects in government.

I am immensely thankful to Professor Constantinou for giving me the opportunity to participate in the practicum and to Fausto Natarelli and the YSE team for hosting me and guiding me throughout this learning experience.
Polycentric Governance in Climate Change Policies Webinar

May 8th, 2019 @ 11am CST
To Register: CLICK HERE

Join Lissel Hernandez-Gongora on the webinar

Globally and in Canada, current climate change mitigation and adaptation policies are polycentric because they include different levels (local, regional, national, international) and different sectors (public and private sector, NGOs, indigenous people). Polycentric Governance has the potential to facilitate tasks such as information sharing, knowledge exchange/learning, financial coordination, conflict resolution and creation of trust. Polycentric governance does not automatically translate into positive impacts in achieving climate change mitigation goals. Efforts to create functional institutional arrangements might exceed the actual implementation of strategies and action plans. When adopting a polycentric approach in climate change policy, some recommendation are: Developing adequate information sharing tools and a clear message, promoting capacity development for local actors, building in past experiences by exchanging best practices, creating internal rules to solve potential conflict, promoting transparency in decision-making and implementation.

For more information, click here. For questions, contact Munzaleen Sajjad at sajjadm@brandonu.ca or 204-721-0484.

Criminological Studies Review Initiative - Call for Papers

The Criminological Studies Review Initiative (CSRI) is pleased to announce that our third call for papers is open! The theme this year is systems of oppression with a racialization focus.

This call for papers is open to all undergraduate and graduate students across Canada in all disciplines. If you have, or are currently working on, a paper that you think fits this theme, please go to our online OJS portal for information about how to submit to this journal: https://csri.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/default/about/submissions

You can also read more about the CSRI and check out our previous publications on that OJS portal as well.

Email us any questions or concerns at: csri.submissions@gmail.com

The deadline for this call for papers is May 15, 2019 at 11:59pm ET.
**Director, Public Policy - Children's Mental Health Ontario**

CMHO is looking for an experienced public policy professional with a passion for health or social policy development. Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, the Director, Public Policy provides senior level leadership to the organization on public policy and government and stakeholder relations to advance CMHO’s objectives and reputation. Key to this role is the ability to lead complex policy files, to advocate effectively on behalf of CMHO member agencies and to work collaboratively with members and other stakeholders to ensure that policy positions are clear, consistent and well-integrated across their membership.

**Analyst, Research and Policy - Region of Peel**

The Analyst provides policy research, critical analysis, strategic advice, and coordinating capabilities to the Health Services senior management including Health Leadership and Public Health Management teams. This position leverages contacts throughout the Corporation, other municipalities, the Provincial and Federal governments and Local Health Integration Networks and other relevant agencies to monitor emerging issues and legislation impacting the health system, the political environment, providing technical advice, policy options, reports to senior management Health Leadership team, the CAO and Regional Chair and for Regional Council.

**Policy and Program Analyst - CADTH**

Reporting to the Director, Governance, Policy and Performance Management, this position works in collaboration with customers, stakeholders, and other CADTH staff to articulate policy issues, questions, considerations, options, and advice for specific topics and projects. In turn, develop policy messages, and support tools and other materials to bridge the gap between the information, findings, and recommendations in CADTH products, and the needs of health decision-makers.

**Policy Development Officer, Children’s Services Division - City of Toronto**

Reporting to the Program Manager, Service System Planning & Policy Development Unit, you’ll provide leadership in the development of strategic projects for the Children’s Services Division that aim to ensure that all families in Toronto benefit from a range of services that promote healthy child development and family well-being. In this key role, you’ll lead the development, implementation and evaluation of policies, strategies and programs, including linking data and outcomes, assess the City’s current child care and early learning system, identify the impact of policy and/or legislative changes from municipal and other levels of government, and recommend opportunities for improved service planning and delivery. Your expert strategic and policy advice, including reports and policy recommendations to senior City management, City Council and its advisory bodies and committees, will be informed by your research and analysis of social and economic trends and issues related to children and families.

**Researcher (Economic Specialty) - Ontario NDP Caucus**

The role of the Researcher is to assist the Leader and Caucus in carrying out their public, parliamentary, party and caucus responsibilities by providing advice and information on strategic issues of concern, and ensuring a focused strategic approach; and to work closely with MPPs and staff to ensure full co-ordination between the two groups and successful communication of the policies and priorities of Leader and Caucus.

**Vice-President, Digital Public and Government Affairs - Edelman**

Edelman is looking for an entrepreneurial business leader to join its expanding team as Vice President, Digital Public and Government Affairs, location is flexible, though Toronto or Ottawa would be preferred. The role will be responsible for building and leading Edelman’s digital public affairs and advocacy offering across Canada. This role will work with teams and clients across all Edelman offices in Canada and integrate closely with the Digital Public Affairs team in Washington, D.C.
Policy, Research and Initiatives Advisor - York Region
Reporting to the Senior Project Manager, Corporate Asset Management, this role is responsible for developing strategic and expert policy support and advice for the Corporate Asset Management program; leads policy initiatives, develops policy options and recommendations and provides strategic advice; undertakes analysis to assess impacts of initiatives and the development of strategies and policies; monitors performance, implements processes and develops the Corporate Asset Management program especially as it relates to government regulations; maintains awareness of developments and trends which may impact direction; providing quantitative analysis, research and advice to assist senior management in developing strategic policies; researching, developing and analyzing innovative and strategic policies and programs; develops cross-functional linkages to ensure that policies and programs align with Region goals; preparing briefing notes and committee reports.

Policy Analyst (Lead on Addictions and Complex Care) - CMHA Ontario
Reporting to the Director, Public Policy, the Analyst will investigate trends and opportunities, coordinate projects, manage a community of practice, review legislation and public policy, and recommend policy options for CMHA Ontario to contribute to the advancement of health systems development and mental health promotion in Ontario. Experience in the field of substance use and addictions is a requirement. The Analyst will coordinate projects that convene multiple stakeholders on public policy-related issues in mental health and addictions, appraise health promotion and health service delivery approaches, identify options and monitor health system performance which focus on the planning of services and supports for people with substance addictions issues.

Strategic Advisor, Office of the Chief of Police - The Toronto Police Service (TPS)
This newly created role, Strategic Advisor to the Chief of Police, calls for a balance of strategic leadership and influence skills, with the ability to anticipate and respond quickly and appropriately as new opportunities and situations arise. The Toronto Police Service (TPS) is the fourth largest municipal police service in North America. We are dedicated to delivering best-in-class police services, in partnership with our communities, by being where the public needs the Service the most, by embracing partnerships to create safe communities, and by focusing on the needs of the City. In this key role, you will work closely with the Chief of Police and the Command Team as a senior strategist and relationship manager, ensuring the seamless coordination and communication of Service-wide priorities, issues and initiatives to critical stakeholder groups. You will handle time-sensitive and confidential challenges impacting the Service, providing critical support to the Chief of Police. As our ideal candidate, you are a superb communicator with a strategic mindset, and deep experience in relationship management with senior-level individuals and institutions across government agencies, community and the media.

Multiple Director positions (and more) - Future Skills Centre
We previously shared the search for the Executive Director position at the new Future Skills Centre. They are now hiring for three Director-level leadership positions. 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.
Director, Intergovernmental Relations - The Future Skills Centre, Ontario

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Director of Intergovernmental Relations will lead, cultivate and facilitate the development of strategic relationships and partnerships with provincial, territorial and municipal governments to foster collaboration and promote initiatives that are aligned with the Centre’s goals and objectives. The incumbent will lead the design, development and implementation of integrated engagement plans, programs and projects, working cooperatively with all levels of government. The Director will monitor and analyze the political landscape across the country and develop strategies to advance the Centre's interest. The Director of Intergovernmental Relations will also manage the operations and staff of the FSC-CCF regional hubs across the country.

Director, Research and Evaluation - The Future Skills Centre, Ontario

Reporting to the Executive Director and working closely with the Research and Evaluation Sub-Committees, the Director of Research and Evaluation will be responsible for coordinating the FSC-CCF’s research and evaluation agenda with partners, stakeholders and proponents to ensure an optimal procedure framework. The Director will play a key role in facilitating the implementation of the FSC-CCF’s research plan and grant making strategy and will establish operational plans to ensure effective management of FSC-funded innovation projects from inception to completion, including evaluation and close-out. The incumbent will oversee detailed project plans, monitor project status and coordinate outputs with relevant associated knowledge mobilization activities. The incumbent will build relationships with internal and external stakeholders undertaking projects and will determine, develop and prepare plans, informed by the relevant research with a view to enhancing and promoting the Centre’s objectives. The Director will supervise the FSC-CCF research and project management support staff and develop research and project management infrastructure including relevant data collection tools, information management systems, framework, and processes to support the achievement of goals.

Director, Stakeholder Engagement and Knowledge Mobilization - The Future Skills Centre, Ontario

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Director of Stakeholder Engagement and Knowledge Mobilization will be responsible for leading, cultivating and facilitating the development of strategic relationships with stakeholders and partners across the Canadian employment, skills and training ecosystem to promote initiatives that align with the Centre’s goals, and for coordinating partnerships with core FSC-CCF partners on all stakeholder engagement and knowledge mobilization activities. The incumbent will lead the design, development and implementation of strategic engagement plans. The Director will be responsible for liaising with core partners on FSC-CCF’s knowledge mobilization and dissemination efforts, including developing capacity-building opportunities that generate social and economic benefits for Canadians. The Director will initiate, research and implement comprehensive marketing and mixed-media strategies, communications and programs for the Centre. The Director will also support the translation of research and knowledge into products distributed to external stakeholders and the general public to increase awareness and promote the Centre’s strategic objectives.