

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Our SPPA Student Profiles are back for Spring 2019!

This week we are pleased to present **Irene Danchie**,  
**2nd year Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Specialized Honours (Law, Justice and Public Policy Stream) Student**  
**and Director of External Affairs for the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA)**

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My name is Irene Danchie and I am a 2nd year Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Honours student specializing in Law, Justice and Public Policy. I have always had a passion for helping others as I am moving from the hospitality industry into the law and justice field. After completing a year in Criminology at York, I discovered Public Administration through the student clubs and organizations fair. I fell in love with the program and how it offered various outlets of support for professional development and academic growth. After thorough research and speaking to academic advisors, I knew that Public Administration was the journey I wanted to take. The program offers a variety of career paths and many opportunities to discover these careers through professional networking events. What really attracted me to this program, was the hands-on experience in government and administration offered through the practicum course AP/PPAS 4995 6.0 available in the fourth year. I look forward to combining my academic achievements and my administrative skills with this invaluable experiential learning experience.

In August 2018 I attended the program orientation hosted by Professor Kimakova, where detailed information was provided about the program and great extracurricular opportunities to engage in, including the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA). After meeting a fellow PPASA executive, Vinita Kalia, who encouraged me to apply to join the association, I became an Ambassador. I have truly enjoyed collaborating with the PPASA team organizing networking events and making connections with York students. I am excited to return to the association in September as the Director of External Affairs!

I highly encourage students to take full advantage of the many benefits of joining a student association with their respective program to access all that York University has to offer. This opens doors to new possibilities and meaningful relationships. Being involved has definitely boosted my confidence within the program and helped me to set realistic goals for my future. My advice is to take the next step in your student to professional transition, by making the best out of the time we have here at York University.

Liberal Arts  
&  
Professional Studies

# Writing Prizes

[Nominate your students]



The LA&PS Writing Prizes are open to student papers from any LA&PS course. Nominated papers may be in any style or format, except creative writing.

Any Course Director in LA&PS may nominate a paper (one per course). The 2019 deadline for submissions is June 7 (awards announced in Fall 2019).

Questions? Visit our website at  
[laps.yorku.ca/faculty-staff/laps-writing-prize](http://laps.yorku.ca/faculty-staff/laps-writing-prize)  
for more information.

## Innovative 'IDeAs' wanted for making Canada more accessible are due April 30

*York University students, along with students from other Canadian universities, are being challenged to put their creative minds to work to develop solutions that will make the world more accessible for persons with disabilities, including new ideas for devices, software, architectural design, awareness campaigns or policies.*

The [Innovative Designs for Accessibility \(IDeA\) competition](#) is an initiative organized by Universities Canada on behalf of Employment & Social Development Canada. The IDeA student competition aims to inspire Canadian students to use their creativity to develop innovative, cost-effective and practical solutions to accessibility-related issues, to help create communities that are more accessible for persons with disabilities. Students in all university programs are welcome to apply.

Working individually or in teams, students are encouraged to identify an accessibility-related issue, develop a plan to address the issue and implement a solution, with input and guidance from academic and accessibility experts.

- To make a submission, the student or student team must be nominated by a member of the university faculty or administration (university representative).
- Each universities is limited to a maximum of 10 submissions to the competition.
- University representatives will be required to provide the name and contact information of a senior administrator willing to confirm that the project is being endorsed by the university.

**There are three first-place prizes of \$5,000, three second-place prizes of \$1,500 and three third-place prizes of \$1,000.**

York students can find rules and registration information [here](#).

**[The deadline for contest submissions is April 30.](#)** Students interested in submitting their idea should carefully review the rules and criteria for registering for the competition and must source a faculty member to nominate their team and concept. Nominations and projects must be submitted online in the [IDeA program portal](#) by April 30. To view the full Y-File Article, [click here](#).



Legislators play a critical role in addressing the most pressing issues we face today. But too often they arrive unprepared to succeed once in office. The Institute for Future Legislators prepares participants to not only succeed but lead with integrity. **Running over three weekends from May to June 2019, the Institute provides intensive hands-on mentoring and training.** You will learn directly from those creating change through our legislative institutions including former politicians, civil servants, journalists, and advocates. During the final weekend of the Institute, you'll get to put learning to practice, through an intensive parliamentary simulation in Ottawa (TBC). The Institute is now accepting applications from a diverse and cross-partisan group of people of all ages and backgrounds. The only prerequisite is legislative aspirations and a readiness to learn from highly experienced practitioners.

**PROGRAM DATES:** May 25 & 26 (first weekend), June 8 & 9 (second weekend) and June 21–24, Ottawa (TBC) (third weekend)

**PROGRAM FEE:** \$1200 CAD (Financial assistance may be available. If the program fee poses a barrier to your participation, please indicate this on your application form, and we will be in touch about available assistance. In the past, participants – like successful politicians – have also been able to fundraise enough to cover the program fee. **Please email [iflr@ryerson.ca](mailto:iflr@ryerson.ca) to discuss).**

To register and for more information go to: <https://www.ryerson.ca/iflr/Apply/>

**Applications are due by Monday, April 29, 2019.** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and seats are limited.

## Weaving Indigenous Wellbeing, Research and Ethics: Community and Campus Perspectives in Canada

April 25th, 2019 @ 12:00-1:00pm EST

**The webinar will feature the work and vision of four Indigenous leaders working in community-campus engagement.** Two Professors from Saskatchewan (Michelle Johnson-Jennings, PhD) and British Columbia (Dr. Michelle Pidgeon) and two community leaders from the National Association of Friendship Centres in Ottawa (Jennifer Rankin and Shady Hafez) will focus on ethical research, Indigenous knowledges, equitable partnerships and how higher education and other Canadian allies can collectively support Indigenous community health and wellbeing. They will explore the challenges they face, opportunities for the future, and specific recommendations for policy, funding, culture, and program changes.

Presented by CFICE and Community-Campus Engage Canada, in collaboration with the [National Association of Friendship Centres](#), the [Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network](#), and the [Centre for the Study of Educational Leadership and Policy](#) (CSELP), this webinar explores answers to the guiding question ***How do we grow impactful Indigenous-Campus engagement and ethical research in Canada to better support indigenous community health and well being?***

**All are welcome. Registration is free.**

**Key contact:** Nicole Bedford **Email:** [cfice@carleton.ca](mailto:cfice@carleton.ca)

For more information and to register for the online webinar, please visit the [event website](#).

## [Director, Clean Economy \(Ontario\) - Pembina Institute](#)

The Pembina Institute is seeking a highly motivated individual to join their team as Director, Clean Economy (Ontario). They are seeking someone with a strong background in climate policy, relationships across sectors and a record of influencing policy change. Under the direction of the Ontario Regional Director, the successful candidate will be responsible for leading the development of the strategic direction for the clean economy program in Ontario with a focus on carbon pricing and decarbonizing transportation, and for setting their approach to achieve policy change that results in a thriving clean economy and reduced carbon pollution in the province.

## [Manager, Public Issues \(Advocacy\) - Canadian Cancer Society](#)

Reporting to the Senior Manager, Public Issues, the Manager, Public Issues advocates for provincial policies that help prevent cancer and improve the lives of Canadians touched by the disease. The successful candidate will work closely with MPPs, the Ontario Provincial public service, and other provincial stakeholder groups, provide strategic advice, and lead the development and implementation of Public Issues work plans. They will also oversee Ontario Provincial advocacy operations and collaborate with provincial/territorial advocacy teams across the country.

## [Associate Deputy Minister, Office of Regulatory Policy and Agency Relations - Ministry of Finance, Ontario](#)

The Office of Regulatory Policy and Agency Relations (ORPAR) at the Ministry of Finance leads policy development and modernization in several areas, including: Increasing choice and convenience for purchasing alcohol in the province; enhancing gaming options for consumers, including through online channels; implementing the model for the distribution and retail of cannabis; bolstering confidence in Ontario's capital markets; and regulating the financial services sector so that insurance, mortgages and credit are accessible, competitive, and allow all citizens to live, work and thrive in big cities and small towns across Ontario.

## [Lead, Industry Relations - Payments Canada](#)

Based in Toronto, reporting to the Head, Industry Relations, the Lead, Industry Relations will build extensive relationships with Payments Canada's internal and external stakeholders to enhance Payments Canada's knowledge and understanding of strategic industry issues and the specific perspectives of the assigned relationship. This role is part of Payments Canada's modernization program designed to improve the overall client experience and enhance the broader public policy objectives for the payments system (i.e., safety, soundness, and efficiency and user interests).

## [Research and Policy Analyst - CMHA National](#)

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) is seeking qualified applicants for the role of National Research and Policy Analyst to join the National team for a one-year contract with the possibility of renewal, contingent upon ongoing funding. They are looking for a Research and Policy Analyst to work closely with the Research & Public Policy team in identifying key public policy issues, assisting with the coordination and oversight of research projects, reviewing legislation and public policy, and investigating trends and opportunities.



## [Multiple roles - Evergreen](#)

There are a few roles right now at Evergreen, including working on their [Action Labs](#), and the [Future Cities Canada](#).

**Evergreen is helping make cities flourish.** Cities that are low carbon, inclusive to all and sustainable at their core. Cities to live, move, work, play, learn and thrive in. Since 1991, we've been facilitating change. Working with other city builders to convene, collaborate and catalyze ideas into action. Our teams connect with many stakeholders to lead with a mindset focused on solutions. We collaborate to develop innovative ideas and catalyze change by testing solutions, developing prototypes and scaling projects. Through our award-winning suite of programs, we have actively engaged Canadians in creating and sustaining healthy urban environments in our [schools](#), our [public spaces](#), in [housing](#) and [transit systems](#), and [communities themselves](#). Flourishing cities start here – at a site, in a neighbourhood, on the ground – where spaces become great places, and have a real and lasting impact, creating a better world for all.

## [Labour Relations Officer \(Government Relations\) - Ontario Nurses Association](#)

This role is focused on policy advocacy on behalf of Ontario's nurses. The ideal candidate must be passionate about all things political; be strategic; and be able to articulate ONA's positions in a compelling way to current government and opposition parties and work within the boundaries of ONA's governing and administrative policies, vision and strategic directions, and team standards.

## [General Manager, Children's Services - City of Toronto, ON](#)

The City of Toronto is recruiting for two progressive leaders to join the Community and Social Services Department Executive team, including an exciting opportunity as General Manager of Children's Services. This mandate would be a solid career move for a transformational leader who is both strategically minded and tactically skilled, equally adept at setting strategy, plans and goals, and at mobilizing resources to deliver on divisional and corporate priorities. If you're such a results-oriented leader, bring your vision and expertise to the City of Toronto. Reporting to the Deputy City Manager, you'll set the overall strategic direction for the Children's Services Division by establishing divisional goals, objectives and priorities aligned with City strategic directions and Council priorities. In particular, you'll oversee and coordinate the policy framework and administration of divisional programs, and lead policy development, planning, organizing, implementing, directing and evaluating activities and matters related to the services provided within Children's Services and to the community childcare programs overseen by the Division.

## [Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration - City of Toronto, ON](#)

The City of Toronto is recruiting for a progressive leader to join the Community and Social Services' Executive team, as Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration. This is a career-defining mandate for a transformational leader who sees both the forest and the trees, capably setting strategy, plans and goals, then skilfully mobilizing the necessary resources to achieve results and deliver on divisional and corporate priorities. If you're such a leader, the City of Toronto Social Development, Finance and Administration Division welcomes your vision, guidance and expertise. Reporting to the Deputy City Manager, you'll lead, direct and manage the Social Development, Finance and Administration Division, a broad portfolio encompassing service system planning, community development and neighbourhood capacity building programs, youth employment, Corporate-wide strategic initiatives and City/Council priorities. This is an exciting opportunity to advance the City's social inclusion agenda, including social planning, research and policy development, while providing the financial and administrative oversight and controls as well as direct financial and administrative supports for the Community and Social Services divisions.

## [Associate Deputy Minister, Office of Regulatory Policy and Agency Relations - Ontario Ministry of Finance](#)

The Ministry of Finance supports effective stewardship of the government's finances as well as a dynamic, innovative and growing economy. The Office of Regulatory Policy and Agency Relations (ORPAR) at the Ministry of Finance leads policy development and modernization in several areas, including:

- Increasing choice and convenience for purchasing alcohol in the province
- Enhancing gaming options for consumers, including through online channels
- Implementing the model for the distribution and retail of cannabis
- Bolstering confidence in Ontario's capital markets
- Regulating the financial services sector so that insurance, mortgages and credit are accessible, competitive, and allow all citizens to live, work and thrive in big cities and small towns across Ontario



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