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McLaughlin College commemorates International Human Rights Day, Dec. 10

To commemorate International Human Rights Day, Dec. 10, McLaughlin College will present a panel of speakers as part of its popular Lunch Talk Series.

International Human Rights Day commemorates Dec. 10, the day on which, in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The UDHR is one of UN's major achievements as well as the first enunciation of human rights across the world.

The declaration stipulates universal values and a shared standard of achievement for everyone in every country. While the declaration is not a binding document, it inspired more than 60 human rights instruments that today make a common standard of human rights. It is the most translated document around the globe – available in more than 500 languages. Despite the efforts to protect human rights, the hostility toward human rights and those who defend them continues to rise. As a result, this year's Human Rights Day advocates for everyone to stand up for their rights and those of others – civil, economic, political and cultural rights. Additionally, the day aims to enlighten us about how our rights are a foundation of sustainable development and peaceful societies. The day also acknowledges the advocates and defenders of human rights around the world.

The event moderator is James C. Simeon, head of McLaughlin College and an Associate Professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA), Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University. He is a member-at-large of the Executive of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) and a past president of CARFMS.

Panelists include:

- **Anna Purkey**, a senior research associate and the summer course director at the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University. Purkey is a lawyer by training and has a long history of academic and advocacy engagement with issues related to the human rights of refugees and refugee law. Her talk is titled "Legal Empowerment and Human Rights: the Dignity of 'Others'."
- **Warda Shazadi Meighen**, a refugee and immigration lawyer at Waldman & Associates. She is the current chair of the International Justice Circle at Human Rights Watch Canada and an adjunct professor of refugee law at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law. Her talk is titled "Activating Human Rights Instruments: Strategies and Challenges."

The event runs from 12pm to 2pm in 140 McLaughlin College, Senior Common Room. All are welcome to attend. To view the full Y-File article, please [click here](#).

St. Gallen Graduate Symposium - Call for Essays

Compete in our [Global Essay Competition](#), get the chance to win the St. Gallen Wings of Excellence Award and qualify for participation as a Leader of Tomorrow in the world's premier opportunity for intergenerational debates: [The St. Gallen Symposium](#). **Meet 300 of the world's brightest young minds. Present and debate your ideas with 600 senior leaders.** Be inspired by some of the world's most impressive speakers. Gain a unique and new perspective on this year's topic. Become a member of a unique global community. Celebrate our 50th anniversary with us. Win prize money of CHF 20,000 split amongst winners.

Essay question - Freedom Revisited: Which aspects of freedom need to be defended, or recalibrated, to meet the challenges of our time? Domestically and on the international stage, values of individual, economic, and political freedom are subject to critical inquiry or outright attack. Diverse phenomena such as populism, global power shifts, climate change, the digital revolution, and global migration call for a reflection on the value of freedom for the way we live, do business, and organize politically in the years ahead. While some call for a defence of established freedoms, others call for *recalibration* of our concept of freedom, or the balance we strike between freedom and other values, such as equality, sustainability, and security. Where do you stand in this debate?

Choose one of the following positions as you develop your essay:

In defence of freedom: Choose an area in the realm of business, economics, politics, or civil society where **current concepts of freedom are under pressure and where they need to be defended**. Describe the problem and **offer a concrete and practical proposition of how established concepts of freedom should - and can be - defended**. Describe its impact for the future.

In defence of recalibrating freedom: Choose an area in the realms of business, economics, politics or civil society where **current concepts of freedom are unsuitable for the challenges we face and where they need to be recalibrated**. Describe the problem and **offer a concrete and practical proposition of how established concepts of freedom should and can be recalibrated**. Describe its impact for the future.

To be eligible, you must fulfill all of the following criteria:

- Enrolled in a graduate or postgraduate programme (master level or higher) in any field of study at a regular university
- Born in 1990 or later

Essay requirements: Max. 2,100 words, excl. bibliography & footnotes; Your name must not be mentioned anywhere in the contribution file. Individual work expected, no group work allowed. The essay must be written exclusively for this contest.

Deadline: 1 February 2020, 11:59 p.m. last time zone (UTC-12)

[Senior Manager, Client Relationship and Case Management - Ontario Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services](#)

The Family Responsibility Office effectively and compassionately guides payers, recipients and partners through the family support process to ensure families receive the support to which they are entitled. The ideal candidate is an experienced leader of a major customer service organization and a high volume, fast-paced, time sensitive and client-focused environment that will manage a large team in meeting the goals of obtaining and enforcing child and spousal support orders originating in Ontario and in reciprocating jurisdictions. The positions offer leadership opportunities in a call centre environment as well as a complex program delivery environment with some interjurisdictional work. In a time of significant change, you will be instrumental in providing executive leadership to build capacity, technical expertise and credibility to the organization in order to ensure public confidence while ensuring successful delivery of the established mandate and the mission of the Family Responsibility Office.

[Senior Policy and Strategic Issues Advisor, Public Health - City of Toronto](#)

Reporting to the Director, Strategy and Preventive Health this position provides strategic advice and leadership on policy and strategic issues to ensure effective planning, delivery and assessment of Public Health programs, policies, and services, in compliance with applicable statutes, provincial mandatory Public Health Standards and City Council and Board of Health directives.

[Senior Analyst, Climate and Environment - Shareholder Association for Research and Education](#)

The Senior Analyst is responsible for research, analysis, and advocacy in support of SHARE's shareholder engagement program on environmental, social and governance issues. They are looking for someone who is passionate about and committed to building a more sustainable, inclusive and productive economy and who is looking to contribute to a vibrant values-driven organization. The position requires a strong advocate for the environment that understands the world of finance and capital markets, with demonstrated analytical skills, strategic thinking, excellent communications and research skills.

[Policy Offer Recruitment Programme - Department of National Defence \(DND\)](#)

The Policy Officer Recruitment Programme (PORP) is a three-year program created to recruit, develop, and train talented individuals from entry to working-level in the Policy Group at the DND. Through the PORP, participants are familiarized with the unique characteristics of DND and the Canadian Armed Forces. The PORP is designed to provide participants with the experience, knowledge and competencies required to emerge as well-rounded and effective Defence Policy Officers. Deadline to apply is December 6, for work beginning in September 2020. The programme is based in Ottawa.

[Senior Manager, Government Affairs and Policy - AbbVie](#)

AbbVie is a global, research-driven biopharmaceutical company committed to developing innovative advanced therapies for some of the world's most complex and critical conditions. This position leads all Government Affairs and Policy for AbbVie Canada. The position reports to the Director, Market Access and Government Affairs and is based in Quebec or Ontario. The Senior Manager, Government Affairs and Policy will be responsible for building and executing a pan-Canadian government relations and policy plan and support local government affairs initiatives.

[Advisor, Planning Analytics \(Project Subways\) - Metrolinx](#)

As the Advisor in the Research & Planning Analytics Office, you would provide planning analysis and advice in the development of quantitative methods and strategies related to Metrolinx initiatives and to coordinate and manage project, research, data and studies.

[Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government and Planning Policy - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing \(MMAH\)](#)

As the Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Services Division, you will lead the operations division on matters related to municipal land-use planning, municipal finance, municipal governance, housing, disaster recovery and Ontario's Building Code. You will also lead modernization initiatives to improve service delivery and meet government objectives. You will require dynamic and innovative leadership with superior relationship management expertise to provide direction and oversight on the legislated mandate and strategic initiatives of the Division.



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