

School of Public Policy and Administration

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This week we are pleased to present **Milena Basciano**

1st year Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Honours student

A portrait of Milena Basciano, a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a light pink blazer over a black top. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

My name is Milena Basciano, and I am a first year Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Honours student. Choosing this program wasn't a difficult choice for me: after countless hours spent doing research on multiple universities and various programs, I came across the program's big red banner during York University's Fall Open House. After speaking with those within the School of Public Policy and Administration, I decided that the extensive combination of policy, government, law and business adequately fit my passion and intellect. I was always devoted to working with and helping people, along with carrying out and pursuing improvements of policies. I currently work in the aquatics recreation department for the City of Vaughan and cherish every second of it. My part-time job under the Lifesaving Society helps me develop my time management and communication skills, and appreciation for the importance of responsibility and cooperation. It also provides me with insight into what it's like to work for the government, which further prepares me for my upcoming years in the program, the courses I take and my experience with the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA).

It was not until my first networking event, Starting With Success, that I made admirable new friends, was introduced to the PPASA and all the vast opportunities and relationships the program has to offer. Initially, myself as well as the other first year students were shy, intimidated, and kept to ourselves. Other students and our professors exposed us to the importance of engaging in our community, making the effort to network and to open up, adopt a leadership role and embrace the unique reality we were experiencing. I am more than excited to be a Junior Ambassador for the PPASA and having the privilege of collaborating with such an extraordinary, welcoming and supportive team. My involvement in the school has provided me the opportunity of meeting and networking with new people, gaining further knowledge of the field, and overall feeling a sense of belonging and compassion within this environment. I have found my passion and am thrilled to see and experience what the next few years entail.

McLaughlin Lunch Talk Series adds two more events for February

McLaughlin College invites the York University community to come and listen to interesting speakers as they share their knowledge on a variety of topics, and enjoy a free lunch during the popular Lunch Talks Series. The long-running series continues through February with more events on the calendar. Students who attend six or more Lunch Talks throughout the year will receive a Certificate of Participation, while those who attend 10 or more will receive a Certificate of Honour.

The talks take place in the Senior Common Room, 140 McLaughlin College, Keele Campus.

Feb. 25 – The SNC-Lavalin Affair: A Canadian Scandal in Global Perspective

Presented by **Ellen Gutterman**, this event will examine how the SNC-Lavalin affair erupted in a firestorm of political controversy in Canada in February 2019, when former Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould accused Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his close advisers of pressuring her to allow the Quebec-based global engineering giant to negotiate a deferred prosecution agreement, rather than face trial on charges it paid bribes to win lucrative contracts in Libya. The talk will highlight the attempt to use a deferred prosecution agreement in this case, as: an instance of international diffusion of legal practice from the United States; and, a legal strategy to avoid the political and financial costs of anti-corruption enforcement. It will conclude with some lessons from the SNC-Lavalin affair for the theory and practice of global governance, generally, and for Canadian foreign policy in the 21st century. Gutterman is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science at Glendon College, York University. Her teaching and research interests are in the areas of international relations theory, international law, and global politics, with a specific interest in the global governance of transnational crime and corruption.

This event runs from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 26 – UN World Day of Social Justice

This event is a panel presentation to Commemorate UN World Day of Social Justice, including panelists:

Richard W. Phidd is a (retired University of Guelph 1972-2005), professor, Public Administration and Public Policy, fellow adjunct professor, McLaughlin College, York University 2005-20. Phidd has authored several studies on public sector organizations and policy-making issues in Canada since the early 1970s.

Jennine Rawana is currently the Head of Calumet College and a faculty member in the Clinical Developmental Program in the Dept of Psychology at York University. She is also an executive member of the LaMarsh Centre for Child and Youth Research at York University and a supervising psychologist at the York University Psychology Clinic.

Barbara Jackson is an immigration lawyer who has specialized in the protection of the human rights of migrants and refugees, including arguing before the Supreme Court of Canada on test cases, such as Singh (1985) where the court recognized that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms applied to non-citizens, not just citizens. She has been recognized by a number of communities and Canada by being given an Order of Canada.

James Simeon will moderate the event. He is head of McLaughlin College and an associate professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA), Faculty of Liberal Arts & 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.

[Senior Manager, Public and Regulatory Policy - Scotiabank](#)

The Senior Manager, Canadian Government Affairs and Regulatory Policy contributes to the overall success of the Government Affairs by interpreting the public policy and regulatory policy impact on the financial services sector and the specifically Scotiabank, providing intelligence and identifying potential opportunities and risks. The Senior Manager creates and implements a strategic plan and tactical plans around regulatory affairs with impact on Canadian and international financial sector policy, connecting and coordinating financial services regulatory changes with different business lines in the Bank on major public policy changes and emerging regulatory trends.

[Policy and Research Consultant - City of Toronto](#)

Reporting to the Project Manager, Tower and Neighbourhood Revitalization, and working closely with the Manager, Tower and Neighbourhood Revitalization, the Policy & Research Consultant is responsible for leading the development of business processes, corporate-wide policy, and program implementation support for the Tower and Neighbourhood Revitalization (TNR) Unit. The Policy and Research Consultant will address emerging policy issues related to community space, tower renewal and neighbourhood revitalization; support program development, monitoring of program standards, evaluation of performance measures and program impact; and identification of emerging issues and best practices.

[Senior Consultant - Blueprint](#)

The chosen candidate will be the lead liaison on behalf of Blueprint for their role in the Future Skills Centre. They will work closely with senior Blueprint staff as well as senior FSC staff to coordinate, manage, and lead work on Blueprint's contribution to FSC strategy, evidence generation, granting processes, advisory committees, and deliverables. The role draws deeply on diplomacy skills and confidence working within multi-stakeholder environments. You will be fostering a range of relationships across key actors, while at the same time, representing Blueprint's expertise, point of view, and activities on a pan-Canadian stage.

[Manager, Public Affairs - Canadian Tire](#)

The Manager of Public Affairs will provide government relations advocacy and stakeholder relations to protect Canadian Tire Corporation's (CTC) business interests and enhance brand trust. You will analyze government legislation and regulations to mine opportunities that support the advancement of Canadian Tire's strategic imperatives, in alignment with customer and government interests. You are a critical thinker with expertise working in government or related agencies who will bring experience and passion for Government and Public Affairs to life within the broader team through strategy and storytelling opportunities. You have strong consensus building and communication skills to effectively engage stakeholders and work collaboratively in a team environment with both internal and external parties.

[Internship in Public Policy and Entrepreneurship - Canadian Federation of Independent Business](#)

This is a four-month summer internship program beginning May 2020 with opportunities in Toronto and five other cities coast-to-coast. Reporting to a member of the legislative team, you will be responsible for the research, analysis and writing of a specific project relevant to small business members. The project has been pre-selected based on its compatibility with the Intern Program and CFIB's legislative agenda. At the end of four months, the project may be considered a component of CFIB's public advocacy work on these issues.

[Bankruptcy Analyst – Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada - Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy \(incl. Toronto location\)](#)

Please see the job posting at the following link: <https://psjobs-emploisfp.psc-cfp.gc.ca/psrs-srfp/applicant/page1800?poster=1412427>

Selection process number: 20-DUS-NCR-EA-363344

[Chief Librarian- Halton Hills Public Library, Halton Hills, ON](#)

Halton Hills Public Library is looking for a dynamic, progressive, passionate and engaged leader to fill the Chief Librarian role. Do you understand the continuously changing information world and are you able to embrace and advocate newer platforms, relationships and systems? While being a catalyst for positive change, you must also possess exceptional interpersonal skills, and demonstrate the ability to build and support collaborative teams as well as foster strong relationships with the Town and a broad range of community stakeholders in Halton Hills. Do you fit the bill? The Halton Hills Public Library has proudly served the community for more than a century, and it continues to lead the way as a progressive library serving a busy community - a small-town library, with big city ideas. *Serves the residents of Halton Hills, with 17 full-time and 50 part-time staff and an operational budget of \$3.4 million. *Two branches within the Town of Halton Hills, a community of 62,000 people, hosts 250,000 visitors annually and more than 360,000 online visitors. A third branch is slated to be built in the latter part of the decade.

[Committee Clerk -Legislative Assembly Of Ontario, Toronto, ON](#)

The Legislative Assembly of Ontario seeks a Committee Clerk who, as part of our Procedural Services Branch, in Toronto, ON, will play a significant role by providing information and advice to Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Ministries, offices of the Assembly, the public, and the media.

What You'll Do. You'll act with integrity to:

*Provide sound advice and non-partisan support services to management and all Members of Provincial Parliament. *Demonstrate the utmost sensitivity, tact, integrity and good judgment

You'll support our collaboration as you:

- *Advise Committee Chairs, Members and other contacts on points of order, and rules of procedure, and assist in drafting motions
- *Effectively administer committee meetings in accordance with the Standing Orders, Orders of the House, instructions of the committee and accepted administrative practices
- *Arrange and co-ordinate all logistics for committee meetings as well as produce, evaluate and monitor the annual budget and verify Members'/staff expense reports
- *Write minutes of proceedings, prepare reports for tabling in the House, and prepare summaries, histories, advertisements and other public and confidential documents
- *Provide management and guidance to an Assistant, developing work performance goals, and managing performance through review, coaching and counselling.

[Coordinator, Strategic Projects - City of Brampton](#)

Reporting to the Supervisor, Events, the Coordinator, Strategic Projects provides project management expertise for the development and implementation of initiatives identified in the Culture Master Plan, Destination Development Strategy and other corporate strategic documents. This role serves as the main point of contact for strategic projects within the Cultural Services division throughout their lifecycle and is responsible for providing project management oversight, including efficient and effective use of project resources and adherence to corporate policies and processes, to meet project goals and objectives. This position encompasses significant research, analysis, and multi-stakeholder engagement, and requires excellent communication and presentation skills. A strong background in strategic and business planning is required to support ongoing cultural development and establish a positive and authentic image for Brampton as a cutting-edge cultural hot spot on the world stage.

[Director of Policy and Government Affairs - FP Canada](#)

FP Canada regularly contributes to discussions with governments, regulators and other stakeholders on issues that impact the financial planning profession in Canada and worldwide. As their new Director of Policy & Government Affairs, you will take on a challenging and diverse role, with a focus on helping set and further FP Canada's public policy agenda and objectives with governments across the country, advancing their leadership role in the financial services industry on policy matters, and strengthening their relationships with key stakeholders in government and regulation.

[Program and Policy Intern - Condominium Authority of Ontario](#)

This is a 4-month internship opportunity beginning in May 2020. Responsibilities include providing information and support to condominium communities; researching condominium legislation and responding by phone and email to explain the legislative context for condominium living, the legal rights and obligations of condominium owners, condominium corporations, residents, condominium board directors, and condominium managers; and assisting with public awareness and outreach initiatives, including drafting website content, information and outreach materials.

[Project Manager- City Of Toronto](#)

Toronto is home to more than 2.9 million people whose diversity and experiences make this great city Canada's leading economic engine and one of the world's most diverse and livable cities. As the fourth largest city in North America, Toronto is a global leader in technology, finance, film, music, culture, and innovation, and consistently places at the top of international rankings due to investments championed by its government, residents and businesses. With a vision to make Toronto a place where business and culture thrive, our Economic Development and Culture (EDC) Division works to advance Toronto's prosperity, opportunity and liveability by fostering employment and investment opportunities, encouraging cultural vibrancy through enhanced cultural experiences, and engaging partners in planning and developing the City's economic and cultural resources. If you are passionate about cultivating relationships and partnerships, and are committed to meaningful engagement with the Indigenous community, then consider this mandate as an excellent career opportunity! EDC is seeking a strong leader who, as part of the Business Growth Services unit, and working very closely with the Indigenous Affairs Office, will contribute to achieving divisional objectives, particularly regarding Entrepreneurship Services. As a Project Manager, you will also work closely with First Nations, Métis and Inuit stakeholders, to strengthen the City's relationship with Indigenous communities and advance reconciliation in the City of Toronto.

[The Summer Employment Opportunities \(SEP\) program offered by the Ontario Public Service \(OPS\) is now accepting applications](#)

The SEP is one of the largest summer employment programs **for students and new graduates (you can apply even if you are graduating in February or June and there is no maximum age limit).**

The SEP is a great way to get work experience in the public sector, and we strongly recommend that you get this experience before graduating.

Application deadlines vary, depending on the job type. The first closing date is **February 28, 2020**, with closing dates staggered one week apart until **April 3, 2020**. Please refer to the **"APPLY BY:"** date on the job ad.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Pages/SEODatesAndResources.aspx>

Confirm your eligibility at: <https://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Pages/SEOEligibilityCriteria.aspx>

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