

School of Public Policy and Administration

NEWSLETTER

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This week we are pleased to present Patricia Cobarrubias

2nd year Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Specialized Honours student



My name is Patricia Cobarrubias and I am currently in my second year in the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) program. I have always been passionate about student leadership all throughout high school in my roles as Student Council Vice President as well as being a Student Director for the Toronto Catholic District School Board. The subjects of law, justice, and governance never failed to capture my attention and were definitely where I excelled. With that being said, it was no surprise that I found the program to be the perfect fit and got involved with the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA) as a Junior Ambassador in my first year. Currently, I am the Director of Outreach. This role has opened so many doors and opportunities have come my way. The networking events and professional skill-building workshops that the program provides have definitely enhanced my interpersonal and intrapersonal skills. In addition, being in this program has enlightened, educated, and challenged my knowledge regarding the public service. Through my engagement with PPASA, I have gained a deeper sense of appreciation and understanding towards public sector servants along with the work that they do for our society.

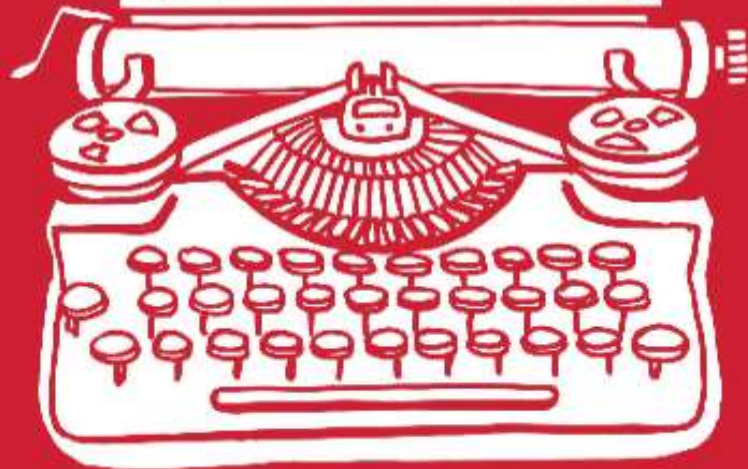
This program is fantastic because there is so much to learn about, and just as many resources of support to learn from as well. The BPA program is overflowing with notable professors and alumni that are more than willing to mentor, lend a helping hand, and share words of wisdom from previous experiences to students. This program, especially the PPASA, definitely feels like one giant family. We succeed together because we are constantly helping one another; and we are more than happy to help you along your journey as well!

PS: Patricia will be serving as Vice President for PPASA in 2020-21. Congratulations on this new role!

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 2020 deadline for submissions is June 7 (awards announced in Fall 2020).

Questions? Visit our website at
laps.yorku.ca/faculty-staff/laps-writing-prize
for more information.

[IPAC Update on COVID-19](#)

Webinar on Crisis Management

IPAC is excited to welcome Paul t'Hart from Utrecht University for a webinar on crisis management. Professor t'Hart is one of the world's leading experts on crisis management and leadership. In his webinar, he will present 10 reflections on the strategic leadership challenges of tackling the COVID-19 outbreak. Tackling Crisis Strategically: Navigating COVID-19 and Beyond Paul t'Hart, Professor of Public Administration, Utrecht University

April 7, 2020

12:00pm - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Webinars are free for IPAC members, and \$30 for non-members.

H1N1 Case Study

IPAC has an extensive case study library. In 2012, IPAC commissioned a case study detailing Canada's response to the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic. To help Canada's public servants respond adequately to the COVID-19 outbreak, we have made that case study free to everyone.

Responding To The Crisis: Canada And H1N1

Paul Bretscher, Patrick Falastein, Alicia Miller, Varena Osieck

[Please click on the link: View case study](#)

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS – TORONTO COMMUNITY HOUSING

Reporting to the Chief Operating Officer (COO), the Director, of Programs and Partnerships is responsible for leading a team of staff who will provide strategic advice and support to the COO and the Regional Operations teams on program evaluation, corporate-level partnership development and complex business process changes that require significant project management support. They will develop and implement business processes, evaluation frameworks and policies to support the regional operations teams, related to the social and economic development of TCHC communities. This role will lead the Program and Partnership team and will serve as a back-end support to the regional operations team, and the Operations team at large. In response to issues flagged by the regional operations team, they will collaborate closely with various TCHC stakeholders, external agencies, and partners to develop policies, business processes and evaluation frameworks to address community wide issues related to youth development, community-level conflict resolution, violence reduction, and economic and community development. Working in collaboration with these various stakeholders, this role will be required to lead the development of strategies and programs that support the regional operations teams to improve outcomes for tenants and communities.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER – ELECTIONS ONTARIO

Working alongside the Chief Operating Officer, you will track and keep the COO abreast of emerging issues and requests from both internal and external stakeholders on matters relating to the Operations Cluster; maintain and develop strong relationships with internal and external stakeholders while offering point-of-contact support to collaborate on special projects and interjurisdictional business for the Executive team; prepare reports, analyses, and position papers that align with Elections Ontario's (EO's) key messaging and initiatives for the consideration of the Executive team, committees, as well as government bodies; provide Executive support at committee meetings and act as the coordinator for the preparation of meeting agendas, minutes, research, and follow-up briefings.

MANAGER, CLIENT RELATIONSHIP & CASE MANAGEMENT-THE MINISTRY OF CHILDREN, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Attention Strategic Leaders! Are you an experienced manager who is looking for a challenge- The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Family Responsibility Office (FRO), Client Liaison Branch offers you an exciting opportunity to provide leadership to a team in the delivery of support services to families. 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 team in meeting the goals of obtaining and enforcing child and spousal support orders. The position offers leadership opportunities in a call centre, complex program delivery environment. In a time of significant change, you will be instrumental in providing 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. 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. For more information please visit: Family Responsibility Office.

AMENDED - STRATEGY ADVISOR DEVELOPMENT – THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Consider this exciting opportunity with the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development Prevention Office, Systems Priorities Unit, **(3 positions)** where you will provide project leadership and expertise in specialized research, analysis, development, implementation and issues management of occupational health and safety prevention, strategies, policies, programs, and standards. The Systems Priorities Unit (SPU) leads innovation in the application and integration of data, risk assessment and modeling, knowledge mobilization and evidence-based metrics with Ministry partners to support organizational effectiveness and demonstrate improved outcomes for Ontarians. They provide data, research and analytics capacity for Prevention funding and program areas in the ministry. The unit supports public reporting on Prevention initiatives and the government's Health and Safety strategy.

AMENDED - STRATEGY ADVISOR DEVELOPMENT-MINISTRY OF LABOUR, TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Consider this exciting opportunity with the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development's High Hazards and Training and Awareness Units, where you will provide project leadership and expertise in specialized research, analysis, development, implementation and issues management of occupational health and safety prevention, strategies, policies, programs, and standards. High Hazards Unit, Strategy and Integration Branch **(5 Positions)** The High Hazard Unit (HHU) is responsible for developing an integrated provincial occupational health and safety strategy. The strategy guides the work of system partners (WSIB, Health and Safety Associations and the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development) to achieve specific goals. The unit leads collaborative planning with system partners to support implementation and reports on the achievement towards the goals of the strategy through an annual report. In addition, the unit is responsible for coordinating implementation of specific high hazard I initiatives including, occupational disease prevention and construction health and safety. Training and Awareness Unit, Training and Awareness Branch **(2 positions)** The Training & Awareness Unit (TAU) is responsible for developing and establishing Chief Prevention Officer (CPO) training standards and building other innovative occupational health and safety programs to support safer Ontario workplaces. In addition, TAU is responsible for developing and implementing strategic initiatives to address gaps in the occupational health and safety system particularly focused on training, awareness and occupational health and safety culture.

STUDENT - CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK – ONTARIO PUBLIC SERVICE

All applications must be submitted through the Ontario Public Service Careers website by clicking the Apply Online button on the job ad. Applications submitted through third party websites will not be accepted. Are you a student looking for an opportunity to build your career over the summer? Are you passionate about making a difference? The Summer Employment Opportunities program provides students with opportunities to obtain valuable work experience, gain transferable skills, and build professional networks.

STUDENT - PROJECTS ASSISTANT– ONTARIO PUBLIC SERVICE

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