# School of Public Policy and Administration **NEWSLETTER**

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# New Federal Executive Public Servant in Residence at SPPA

As of September 21, **Rory O'Connor is our new Federal Executive Public Servant in Residence at SPPA until May 31, 2021.** This appointment is shared with the Glendon School of Public and International Affairs. The Executive in Residence will engage with students in courses through guest appearances and serve as co-coach for the National IPAC-CAPPA Public Administration Case Competition for our MPPAL students. Furthermore, broader engagement with students and alumni will be facilitated through our mentorship circles and other professional development events and activities. Stay tuned for more information and mark your calendars for our next SPPA Career Panel forthcoming on October 29, 2020.

Rory O'Connor joined Indigenous Services Canada as Associate Regional Director General, Atlantic Region in 2015. Prior to this, he was Director of West Bank and Gaza Development (Global Affairs Canada), Director of Strategic Planning and Operations Development for Eastern Europe, Middle East and Maghreb (Global Affairs Canada), and Director of Ministerial Services (Canadian International Development Agency). He has also worked for the Treasury Board Secretariat, Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, and Veterans Affairs. During this time he has worked in regions, headquarters, and overseas, in policy, programming, and corporate service functions. Prior to joining government he worked with the United Nations Association in Canada.

Rory graduated from the University of Prince Edward Island with a BA in Political Studies, minoring in Economics and Philosophy, and a Public Administration Diploma. He obtained a MA in Political Studies from the University of Western Ontario and pursued Doctoral studies in International Relations and Public Policy part-time at Carleton University, completing his comprehensive exams before being posted to Afghanistan as First Secretary, Development.



## **SPPA News**

# **Information Session**

Master of Public Policy Administration and Law (MPPAL)



The MPPAL has established a strong track-record of advancing public service careers. With both full-time and part-time options available, students can choose to attend classes at York's Keele campus or at York's convenient downtown Toronto location (Vantage Venues, 150 King Street West). Full-time students will study alongside the MPPAL program's part-time students. Classes are offered exclusively on evenings and weekends.

Come and join MPPAL Director Prof. Naomi Couto to learn more about the MPPAL program at one of our **upcoming information sessions**. In following health and safety protocols during the Covid-19 pandemic all Info Sessions will be held **remotely via Zoom**. The Zoom Link/Invite will be sent to registered participants shortly before the session starts.

Register for one of our upcoming remote info sessions (*registration links below*):

Tuesday, October 27, 2020. 6:00 to 8:00 pm - <u>Register Here</u> Saturday, November 14, 2020. 1:00 to 3:00 pm - <u>Register Here</u> Tuesday, November 24, 2020. 11:00am to 1:00 pm - <u>Register Here</u>

The MPPAL program application deadline is January 15, 2021.

How was the event?

# **STARTING WITH SUCCESS**



If you attended Starting with Success, we would love to hear your feedback!

# Fill out the survey using link: https://tinyurl.com/SWS20survey

We would like to thank you for joining us for this year's Starting with Success!



## **SPPA News**

# Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Equity-Seeking Groups across Canada

## Share your COVID-19 story. Participate in the community-based research study below!

### (Survey participants are anonymous.)

The Canadian Arab Institute in collaboration with Brock University launched a community-based research project to evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on equity-seeking groups across Canada.

Co-investigators include Dr. Gervan Fearon, President of Brock University and Dr. Walid Hejazi of the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. This investigation, the first of its kind, examines pandemic impacts on members of **equity-seeking groups** across Canada. The focus of the research will be on Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Edmonton, and Windsor. It aims to illuminate the challenges faced by various groups, with the mission of informing the development of post-pandemic policies and processes. For more information, visit our <u>survey registration webpage</u> and our <u>press release</u>.

Instagram: <u>cdnarabinstitute</u> Linkedin: <u>Canadian Arab Institute</u> Facebook: <u>Canadian Arab Institute</u> Twitter: CdnArabInst

## McLAUGHLIN COLLEGE

As part of our popular Lunch Talk series McLaughlin College Proudly Presents:



Transitioning from an in-person university experience to remote learning during a pandemic is a new challenge that both students, staff and faculty could not have anticipated. This new configuration has impacts on the way students form friendships, establish connections to their teaching staff as well as the motivation to study. This workshop provides a high-level overview of how mental health and well-being is interconnected to student success. Students will gain new ideas on how they can support their wellness, which is a foundation to their personal and academic success. Academic wellness can enable students to secure better grades or access new opportunities to build their careers during their time at York. Additionally, the workshop provides an overview of key campus services that can support students during this transition.



**Shaila Khan** is Health Educator and Training Specialist at Student Counselling and Development. She has passionate group of Peer Health Educators who are student leaders that deliver workshops and provide peer-centered support on various health topics from a non-judgemental and harm-reduction framework. Shaila has recently completed her Masters in Dance from York University. She is concurrently training as a Dance Movement Psychotherapist (DMT) through the National Centre for Dance Therapy in Montreal. Her work focuses on movement for trauma regulation. She offers mindful movement classes for York students. For full listing of all events visit:

https://www.yorku.ca/scld/health-education-promotion/

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

12:30 to 1:30 PM VIA Zoom

Click here to register: <u>https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlvd-iupzMiGNAXD5PhYou4p0RpiU83AljG</u>

# Lifelong Learning Mississauga



# Fall 2020 – Ethics in Politics: Oxymoron or Necessity?

To be offered as virtual lectures via Zoom Webinar

Presented by Professor Emeritus Ian Greene Tuesdays, 6 October to 24 November 2020 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon



# YORK UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE

# BACK TO SCHOOL CONTEST

Complete our online survey to enter our Back to School Contest!

**1st Prize** \$200 Bookstore Gift Card

\$100 Bookstore Gift Card

**3rd Prize** \$50 Bookstore Gift Card

CLICK HERE to access the survey and contest entry.

Contest closes October 16, 2020.

Terms and conditions are posted on the Bookstore website. No Purchase is necessary. In-store ballots are available. A skill testing question is required to win. Odds of winning depends on the total number of eligible entries received.







## **Job Opportunities**

#### **Director, Provincial Government Relations - Diabetes Canada**

Reporting to the Senior Vice President, Mission, the Director, Provincial Government Relations is responsible for developing and leading Diabetes Canada's provincial government relationships. The Director will develop and implement the strategic advocacy in the provinces to improve services, care and access (except Québec). This role will also be responsible for coordinating our advocacy efforts and partnerships within the provinces. The Director will assess trends and issues within each provincial government and other key provincial decision-making bodies and determine appropriate actions with key stakeholders and volunteers.

#### Policy and Advocacy Advisor - Hamilton Chamber of Commerce

Like many of the larger chambers across the country, the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce is fortunate to have in-house policy/advocacy resources that help influence municipal, provincial and federal decision-making to help grow the local economy. This position also helps extend the Chamber's influence outside of Hamilton by connecting in with the provincial and federal chamber advocacy networks to which we belong. The Policy & Advocacy Advisor works closely with the President & CEO, the Chamber's Policy & Advocacy Council, its members and task forces to establish the organization as the business and economic thought leader in the community

#### Bilingual Manager, Teacher Certification Initiatives - Council of Ministers of Education, Canada

The bilingual Manager, Teacher Certification Initiatives is responsible for managing the PanCanadian Assessment Centre and Integration of Internationally Educated Teachers project, in coordination with the CMEC Registrars for Teacher Certification Canada (RTCC) and its two working groups. This role will appeal to individuals with strong project management skills. Reporting to the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC) coordinator and supported by an analyst, the manager leads all aspects of project implementation, including managing contractors, setting and tracking work plans and budgets, communicating with a broad range of stakeholders, and assuring high-quality project deliverables and outcomes. The incumbent will engage with governments' senior officials, professional regulatory bodies responsible for teacher certification in Canada, and external expert consultants.

#### Director, Strategic Policy and Planning - Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario

The AGCO is responsible for regulating the alcohol, gaming, horse racing and private cannabis retail sectors in accordance with the principles of honesty and integrity, and in the public interest. The industries that the AGCO regulates are subject to constant change from a social, economic, political and legal standpoint. It is in this context that you will be tasked with providing strategic advice and support to the Chief Strategy Officer, C-Suite and senior management on a wide range of complex and politically sensitive issues. The results of your work will be used in setting the AGCO's strategic agenda.

#### Manager, Programs - OneEleven

OneEleven is rebuilding. The Program Manager is responsible for creating and delivering programming for OneEleven member companies. This entails both rebuilding past programming, augmenting it digitally where need in the post-COVID environment, and creating brand new programming both online and inperson. You will build relationships that help OneEleven better respond to the programming and services that are valuable to emerging tech companies who are rapidly scaling their businesses. Ranging from facilitated peer groups and skills building workshops, to an internal mentorship program, quarterly investor showcases and health & wellness initiatives, you'll be responsive to the needs of member companies and help them reach their next stage of growth.

## **Job Opportunities**

#### Director, Election Services- City Of Toronto

As Director of Election Services, you'll ensure and champion the openness and transparency of the City's democratic processes by making processes and documents accessible to all. In this key role, you'll provide leadership and strategic coordination to work teams in the administration of municipal elections and by-elections, including referenda, recounts and contract elections, in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, other applicable legislation and regulations, City by-laws and Election Policies and Procedures, and election principles established through case law.

#### Senior Manager, Economic Development- Town Of Whitby

We are looking for a bold and dynamic leader for our Economic Development team. The future of economic growth at the Town of Whitby needs an enthusiastic, innovative and visionary leader and a team player that understands what it takes to build a vibrant and sustainable community. Having a University degree in Economic Development, Business or Planning, an ideal candidate needs to have a minimum of 7-years' experience in the area of Economic Development within the municipal government or broader public sector. They need to possess a rare combination of problem solving and team building skills with the ability to motivate others and engage their commitment to meet the goals of the department and the corporation.

#### **Board Director with Government Policies and Programs Experience - WomanACT**

The Woman Abuse Council of Toronto is seeking an active board member with experience in government policies and programs to support the organization in advancing its mission of ending gender-based violence, and gender inequity.

#### Intern, Social Impact Initiative- Universities Canada

Universities Canada is the national organization that represents Canadian public and private not-for-profit universities and university-degree level colleges at home and abroad. We are based in Ottawa and provide a forum for discussion and a framework for action at the federal level, facilitating the development of public policy on higher education. We are currently seeking an intern to help advance our work on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) until March 2021.

#### Vice-President, Services and Business Development Sector - Public Service Commission of Canada

The Vice President, Services and Business Development Sector, holds a highly visible leadership position delivering high profile recruitment and talent assessment programs, services, and systems across the country. In this role, you will lead a highly motivated and diverse team of professionals, located in Gatineau, Montreal, Toronto, Halifax and Vancouver, to meet and exceed ambitious objectives in shaping the future of the Public Service of Canada. The Government of Canada is counting on us, on your leadership, to contribute to the hiring of a competent, diverse, and professional public service, including the hiring of an additional 5000 persons with disabilities in the next four years. We will also count on you to advance the delivery of digital recruitment and talent assessment services, adapted to the emerging needs of all users, internal and external to the government, and build national business intelligence to innovate and transform programs, systems and services delivery, to meet the recruitment needs of the federal public service of today and tomorrow.

#### Justice Of The Peace- Ontario Court Of Justice

A Justice of the Peace is an independent judicial officer who presides in court over various proceedings under federal and provincial statutes. This is a full-time appointment, remunerated at \$148,962 per annum, with travel within the province required.

#### Corporate and Government Affairs Market Lead – Mondelez

In this role, you will oversee all communications and public and government affairs activities for a region, cluster of countries or Business Unit. You are a business adviser who promotes and protects Mondelez International's reputation by managing all media relations, crisis and issues communications, internally and externally, as well as public and government affairs advocacy, using integrated and strategic communications.

# **Job Opportunities**

#### Chief of Staff to the Mayor - City of Cambridge

The Chief of Staff will oversee the operations of the Mayor's and Council's office, acting as a connection between the Mayor, Council, and City Manager, Deputy City Mangers, Director of Communications and staff. The Chief of Staff will report to the Mayor. This position will assist the Mayor in developing and executing the Mayor's and Council's communications, working with and managing Council relations, and work with senior city staff to address emerging issues and priorities. This is a term contract until election date Oct. 24th, 2022.

#### **Specialist, Housing System - Region of Peel**

In this role, at the region of <u>PEEL</u> you will be a key contributor in completing specialized trend and data analysis, conduct research, develop program evaluations and measure system performance. You will assess, analyze and support the development of complex funding models, performance reporting, service design, programs and policies. You will also provide expert guidance and advice on the development and implementation of funding programs, services and performance measurements in Housing.

#### Project Director, Public Policy Research and Outreach - University of Ottawa

In this role you will provide leadership and high-quality guidance and support to the University Research Centres and Institutes engaged in public policy, in particular the working group established as part of the Alex Trebek Forum for Dialogue. As such, the incumbent will help foster close relationship with governments, understand their needs, and build a pipeline of high-impact public policy research; provide information and support to the OVPR, the Centres/Institutes and the working group regarding key activities, initiatives and advice on partnerships and funding opportunities; and engage the Centres/Institutes and public sector partners in the development of strategic initiatives, and provide oversight of high profile events.

#### Administrative Assistant- City Of Toronto - Office Of Councillor Jaye Robinson, Chair Of The TTC

We're looking for an Administrative Assistant to join the office of City Councillor Jaye Robinson (Ward 15 - Don Valley West) and Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC). The Administrative Assistant will support the Councillor directly with administrative tasks, including scheduling, correspondence, office expenses, and data entry. Experience working in an administrative capacity in the public or private sector is an asset. Education: Minimum Requirement – Post-Secondary Degree. Other key qualifications include proficiency in Microsoft Outlook and experience using a database management system. Applications should include a resume and cover letter and can be submitted to the Councillor at <u>councillor\_robinson@toronto.ca</u> by Monday, October 5 at 5:00 pm. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning immediately. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### Members - Toronto Police Service Race-Based Community Advisory Panel

The Community Advisory Panel provides advice to the Toronto Police Service on race-based data collection, analysis, and public reporting.



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