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SPPA Student Profile

We are pleased to present our next SPPA student profile:

Yasmine Behiry, Professional Certificate in Public Policy Analysis



Hi my name is Yasmine Behiry and I am currently enrolled in the Professional Certificate in Public Policy Analysis at SPPA.

Last year I graduated from Glendon with a BA in Sociology. I had truly enjoyed the classes and felt passionate about the subject matter however, I found myself asking- how can the theoretical and abstract ideas from sociology be used in the 'real world'? At this point in my life I knew that I wanted to work in government but had not developed the confidence to apply for a job nor did I have the framework to translate my sociological knowledge into a policy setting.

I began to look for a professional program that would teach me the tangible skills needed to pursue my dream of making a genuine and impactful social change. This certificate provided me with everything I was looking for, and exceeded all my expectations.

The school organizes numerous noteworthy panel discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities for students to enhance their experience in the program. The student group is also very active, offering educational trips etc. The SPPA also offers courses with experiential learning opportunities. I was fortunate to

work on two amazing projects this year: one with Service Ontario in Professor Constantinou's AP/PPAS 4320 Program Evaluation course. The other in AP/PPAS 4112 The International Refugee Protection Regime II: Research Seminar with Professor Simeon which featured the following community partners: the UNHCR, OCASI, the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, FCJ Refugee Centre, and Sojourn House. I should also mention that the very inspirational Olivia Chow took the time to Skype our class about her project! I was one of the fortunate students who got to work with her team at the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI), and Project Organize on a policy paper titled "Making the Case for Comprehensive Immigration Reform." These experiences allow students to put their knowledge into practice, make valuable connections, and enhance their resumes.

However, what really make this program unique are the outstanding faculty and administrative staff who work very hard to make it a success.

I am so grateful to have discovered a program that combines my passions of public speaking, critical thinking, and finding inventive solutions to everyday problems. I plan to continue with the program and apply for the Master's in Public Policy, Administration, and Law (MPPAL) here at York. – **Yasmine Behiry**



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2015-2016 McLaughlin Academic's Choice Award



We are pleased to announce that [Melissa Calanza](#), our 4th year BPA Honours major/International Development Studies minor student is the recipient of this year's McLaughlin Academic's Choice Award.

The award is presented to two students who have demonstrated great devotion and countless time to McLaughlin College Student Clubs and the McLaughlin College community through their dedication to the club experience and club promotion. The students are recognized for their continued contribution to the student body and exemplify qualities such as integrity and leadership. Melissa also spearheaded the launch of our [SPPA Student Profiles](#) and served as a peer mentor. Congratulations to Melissa on a job well done!



Senior Manager, Business Consulting Services East Land and Resources I&IT Cluster Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Are you a successful, innovative and customer-focused IT leader with proven experience managing client relationships?

If so, the Land and Resources I&IT Cluster (LRC), Business Consulting Services, is seeking your experience and leadership to manage key business relationships and, in partnership, to provide I&IT planning and delivery to business stakeholders and clients in the **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**.

Please click here for more details: <http://www.ipac.ca/SeniorManager-11005>

Director, Strategic Policy Branch, and Director, Capacity Planning and Priorities Branch Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is looking for energetic leaders to develop, implement and evaluate strategies that align with the Ministry's vision on operational policy implementation and transformative frameworks.

As the Director of Strategic Policy Branch, you will direct the development of legislative, regulatory, and policy frameworks in alignment with the strategic direction for the health system in Ontario. You will lead concurrent project teams, ensuring consultation processes and partnerships are communicated and maintained across all levels of government and with key external stakeholders.

As the Director of Capacity Planning and Priorities Branch, you will lead the management of transformative provincial planning and strategy development. You will direct the development of tools and strategy control processes that measure transformation and maximize value, health outcomes, patient experience, and the quality of health care in Ontario.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/Director-11006>

Hands on summer program for students interested in innovation, design and social justice

At the end of this summer, the [Winkler Institute for Dispute Resolution](#) will be running a week long design project for post-secondary students at Osgoode Hall Law School. The project focus will be on justice system innovation, and students who attend will learn cutting edge innovation tools and methodologies - social impact design, empathy design, and design thinking - and apply them over the course of the week to a specific access to justice challenge.

This year, the [Justice Design Project \(JDP\)](#) will run from August 29 to September 2, 2016 at the law school. The "early bird" fee for the week is \$599.00 and \$699.00 thereafter. Subsidies are available for students who demonstrate financial need. Please contact Nicole Salama directly (NSalama@osgoode.yorku.ca). For more information about the JDP you may also want to check out [this video](#) taken by Canadian Lawyer 4Students Magazine.

The LA&PS Writing Prizes



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 2016 deadline for submissions is June 1 (awards announced in Fall 2016).

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

2016 LA&PS Writing Prize

The LA&PS Writing Prizes are open to all kinds of writing from students enrolled in LA&PS courses, including case studies, administrative/executive reports, reviews of all kinds, non-fiction prose and formal essays (creative writing excepted). There are five categories: first through fourth year and also Major Research Project (MRP)/Undergraduate Thesis.

Any Course Director in LA&PS may **nominate a paper** (one per course) in the appropriate category. Submissions should be in **Word or PDF format**, and include both a **clean copy of the paper** and a copy of the **submission's associated assignment sheet**.

Please nominate your student's paper using the year level of your course (not of your student). For example, a 4th year student writing in WRIT 2004 would be nominated in the 2nd year category. Eligible papers will come from courses offered between **May 2015 and April 2016**.

The 2016 deadline for submissions is June 1. One winner and one runner-up will be chosen in each category. Winners will be contacted by the Faculty, and recognized publicly in Fall 2016.

This contest is adjudicated by full-time faculty in the Writing Department. If you have any questions about this form or about the process for adjudicating these awards, please contact Jon Sufrin at jons@yorku.ca or x77473.

You may save your nomination and continue at a later time if required.

Please click [here](#) to access LA&PS Writing Prize Nomination Form.

Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Spring Open House 2016

Date: **May 7, 2016**

Time: **10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Location: **Vari Hall Rotunda (#30 on the York Map)**

Join us to learn more about your program of study, chat with current students and professors and tour our amazing campus.

Mature Student Clubs

York University Mature Students' Organization (YUMSO)

Location: Vanier College Room 113B

Email: yumso@yorku.ca

Website: YUMSO

Facebook.com/Groups/YUMSO

Twitter: [@YUMSO](https://twitter.com/YUMSO)

The Student Parent Association - S.P.A. (formerly known as Student Association for Single Parents - S.A.S.P) is now a part of YUMSO.

S.P.A is an organization that provides support to student parents and caregivers attending York University. Its aim is to assure student parents that there is a community of people dealing with similar experiences and provide a nurturing space for student parents and caregivers to excel in academia.

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