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SPPA welcomes Dr. Ian Stedman as new full-time faculty member in the area of Canadian public law and governance

Dr. Stedman's research program is focused on the law of public sector governance and accountability, and on the regulation of innovative and emerging technologies. He is an expert in Canadian parliamentary ethics law, but has also written about the governance of artificial intelligence and the use of new technologies in healthcare. Dr. Stedman's work in healthcare has led to a Fellowship in A.I. Law & Ethics at SickKids and to a post-doctoral position at Dr. Rebecca Pillai Riddell's O.U.C.H. Lab at York.

Dr. Stedman recently received his PhD from Osgoode Hall Law School and has several years of professional experience and appointments outside York University. As an inquiries officer for the Ontario Integrity Commissioner, he advised MPPs and their staff on legal and ethical obligations under ethics and transparency legislation for three years. Since called to the bar in 2009, he has practiced law for three years, more recently as an investigations lawyer with the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario. Since 2019 he has served on the Panel of Experts for the European Union's Rare 2030 Project and is a Member of Data & Registries subgroup.

More information about Professor Stedman and his research can be found at: <https://ianstedman.blog.yorku.ca/>
Follow on Twitter: [@IStedman](https://twitter.com/IStedman)

As of June 30, 2020 Prof. Dagmar Soennecken is stepping down as the academic director of the MPPAL program as planned, after four years at the helm. She is succeeded by Prof. Naomi C. Couto as our new Graduate Program Director at SPPA.

Congratulations and many thanks for their dedicated service to both Professor Soennecken and to Professor Couto!



***Outgoing MPPAL Director Professor
Dagmar Soennecken***



***Incoming MPPAL Director
Professor Naomi C. Couto***

Photo credit: Yasmine Ghania for LERRN

While Prof. Soennecken will continue to teach in the MPPAL program and be available to supervise and mentor graduate students, administrative leadership positions collegially rotate among faculty members every few years so that professors can once again devote more time to their research projects.

Announcements

Prof. Soennecken has three major projects on the go at the moment: First, together with Delphine Nakache (University of Ottawa, Canadian lead) and François Crépeau (McGill), she will be studying the vulnerability of migrants seeking protection in Europe, North America, the Middle East and Africa as part of an international consortium of researchers headed by the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (Germany). To do so, the [@VULNERproject](#) team was recently awarded a [large, three-year research grant as part of the European Union's prestigious Horizon 20/20 funding scheme](#), matched by a [grant](#) from the Social Science Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC).

The [VULNER](#) project is driven by a central idea. Although the concept of “vulnerability” is increasingly used as a tool by policymakers around the Globe to identify migrants in special need of protection, there is no one definition of the concept used, nor are the practical and legal implications of identifying a migrant as vulnerable clear. Given that every migrant is vulnerable to some extent (depending on the context, their resources, and intersecting social identities, such as ethnicity, gender, age, and nationality), policy choices that privilege some vulnerabilities over others risks exacerbating existing vulnerabilities further or even producing new ones. The research aims to provide scientific data and analysis to support evidence-based policymaking in the European Union and beyond.



Participants of the VULNER kick off workshop, Feb 10, 2020, photo credit: MPI Halle

Announcements

Prof. Soennecken's second research project, the Local Engagement Refugee Research Network ([LERRN](#)), is aimed at enhancing the understanding of the [role of civil society in the global refugee regime](#). Civil society actors play a significant role in developing innovative responses to a wide range of refugee situations, yet they are often not recognized as actors with critical insights by policy makers. The @LERRNing project, which commenced in 2018 and runs until 2025 is funded by a [SSHRC partnership grant](#) and is lead by James Milner (Carleton). The Canadian partners, including three other colleagues at York, are carrying out research in collaboration with local academics, refugees and NGOs in Kenya, Tanzania, Lebanon and Jordan. The overall aim of the project is it to identify how civil society can contribute to improved outcomes for refugees through better policy making.

Her third major project involves leading one of the oldest scholarly (bi-lingual, peer-reviewed) journals on forced migration, [Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees](#) (founded in 1981 and published by the [Centre for Refugee Studies](#) at York), through its digital transformation as its editor-in-chief while running the day-to-day operations of the journal. *Refuge* has been fully open access since 2013 and has a global readership ranging from academics to policy makers and practitioners. Its publication is supported by SSHRC. Digital publishing poses a host of new challenges and opportunities, ranging from dealing with technical limitations to ensuring proper archiving, optimizing digital indexing and broadening the distribution of published research. Prof. Soennecken is tackling these challenges together with her managing editor, Kathryn Barber (Sociology, York) and two other editorial team members, Christopher Anderson (Laurier) and Pierre-André Thériault (Osgoode, York).

While Prof. Soennecken was initially scheduled to be on sabbatical at the [Centre for Global Studies](#) (University of Victoria, B.C.) and the [Centre for Comparative Immigration Studies](#) (UC San Diego) in 2020-21, due to COVID-19, she will instead be working on these projects from her home in Toronto for now while remotely teaching two seminars along her lines of interest - one on law, citizenship and migration and the other on politics, law and the courts.

You can follow her on Twitter at [@Dsoennecken](#) or e-mail her at dsoennec@yorku.ca.

Professor Soennecken during the VULNER project workshop at the Max -Planck Institute



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CAREER CENTRE
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Career Centre's Monthly Newsletter

All Career Centre operations, programs and services continue to be conducted remotely until further notice.
Learn more at careers.yorku.ca

Need Help With Your Job Search? Attend a Webinar Below!

- July 6: Resumé & Cover Letter Writing
- July 7: Interview Preparation
- July 14: Job Search & Networking Strategies
- July 15: How to Effectively Use LinkedIn
- July 21: Resumé & Cover Letter Writing
- July 29: Ways to Make Money While Studying
- July 30: On the Job Success

Explore Your Career Options with One of These Webinars!

- July 8: My Career Plan and COVID-19
- July 14: What Can I Do With My Degree?
- July 22: Personality and Career Choice
- July 28: My Career Plan and COVID-19

Get updates about events and activities!



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Career Corner: Ask the Pros

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 1:00PM - 2:30PM/
Wed: 11:00AM - 12:30PM

Join the zoom meeting with our career professionals providing expert advice on specialized topics each day at <https://careers.yorku.ca/careercorner>

Mon: Career Chats with York International Students
Tues: Professional Etiquette & Networking
Wed: Thinking about Further Education?
Thurs: What are my career options?
Fri: My Career Plan & COVID-19

Virtual Career Lounge

Mon, Tue, Thu: 9:00AM - 12:00PM
Wed: 9:00AM - 11:00AM
Fri: 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Our Career peers can help with Resumé & Cover Letters, Job Searching, Interview Skills & Preparation, LinkedIn or navigating the Career Centre website and resources. Meet a peer at: careers.yorku.ca/dropby

Register for upcoming virtual events, group activities and workshops at:

careers.yorku.ca/calendar

Funding opportunities

Employment and Social Development Canada's (ESDC) funding for projects to improve Black-led organizations' workplaces and community spaces:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/supporting-black-communities.html>

Applications now open

The Promoting Health Equity: Mental Health of Black Canadians Fund:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/funding-opportunities/grant-contribution-funding-opportunities/promoting-health-equity-mental-health-black-canadians-fund.html>

Note: Although the funding period has closed, there may be some movement in the near future.

Black Business and Professional Association (BBPA):

<https://bbpa.org/>

Scholarship and grant opportunities

Job Opportunities

[Manager, Intergovernmental Relations - TTC](#)

This position is responsible for effective management of the TTC's agency relationship to the City of Toronto and with intergovernmental partners at the municipal, provincial, regional and federal level. Manage strategic and effective relations with other governments, public agencies and partners as required in order to support the Chief Executive Officer as the TTC's organizational executive lead on intergovernmental and City-agency matters.

[Senior Analyst - Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions](#)

The Senior Analyst, Life Insurance Capital leads the research, development, interpretation and promotion of insurance regulatory capital policies and guidance for application in Canada. Examples of specific work include researching, developing and drafting guidance for capital and related requirements for insurers; providing interpretations of capital related guidance; and identifying new developments and emerging issues/risks and potential implications for capital adequacy.

[Senior Lead, Policy and Systems Initiatives - Ontario HIV Treatment Network](#)

This full-time position provides an exciting opportunity for a professional who is keen to influence change in the HIV sector. The Senior Lead, Policy and Systems Initiative works collaboratively with policy and system leaders, clinical settings and community organizations to: identify, implement and evaluate evidence-based policy and system initiatives and interventions; collaborate with other provincial HIV organizations to develop an effective responsive system of services; support a collective impact approach to addressing the complex health and social problems associated with HIV; and provide advice internally and to three types of partners on evidence-based policy and system interventions and effective ways to move evidence into practice.

[Policy and Issues Analyst \(bilingual\) - Ombudsman Ontario](#)

The Policy and Issues Analyst takes a lead role in the collection of information and analysis of issues of importance to the French Language Services Unit and the Commissioner. The Analyst is accountable for keeping abreast of legislative bills and other governmental initiatives, maintaining a network with policy experts, and remaining current through other sources of information, within Ontario and across Canada.

This opportunity will appeal to people who are committed to contributing to the advancement of language rights and obligations to provide services in French. Successful candidates will have knowledge of the Ontario government's French language services commitments and the issues affecting francophones in Ontario in accessing services in French. The incumbent will have a demonstrated record of accomplishments with informing policy development and strategic planning through initiating independent or collaborative research studies. The incumbent must keep abreast of legislative bills and other governmental initiatives that may have an impact on the provision of services, particularly French language services, and on the development of the Franco-Ontarian community.

[Senior Economic and Policy Advisor - Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

Are you a data driven professional looking to contribute your specialized skills towards the advancement of Ontario's housing and homelessness priorities? Do you want to be part of a dynamic and high performing team dedicated to the monitoring and evaluation of a broad range of province-wide housing and homelessness policies and programs and supporting a culture of evidence-informed practice and decision-making? If so, consider this exciting opportunity to showcase your leadership and technical skills in the Business Intelligence & Data Analytics Unit in the Housing Division. They are seeking an experienced, innovative, and collaborative professional to lead data-driven research and evaluation projects.

Job Opportunities

[Advisor, Community Access Service System Planning \(2 positions\) - Peel Region](#)

Peel's Human Services department is looking for Advisors, to lead the response and implement transformational change and system expansion to a more integrated and broader Ontario Works and Employment Service System. Support the ability to make evidence-informed policy and funding decisions that are aligned with evolving OW and Employment Services system priorities and lead the development of a submission for qualifications for ongoing employment service delivery. Collaborate with internal/external partners to develop and implement the Ontario Works Employment Services Transformation; including common assessment, referral, case management processes, life stabilization services, transition to new technology, funding and budget requirements, performance and accountability framework, business processes/procedures, liaison with the Service System Manager, internal/external stakeholder partnerships.

[Senior Manager, Research - Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation](#)

In this role, you will manage a team of researchers in the planning, execution and communication of a wide range of socio-economic and technical building sciences research to help Canadians meet their housing needs. As part of CMHC's Results-Only Work Environment, this position can be located anywhere in Canada.

[Senior Advisor, Health Policy and Promotion - Ontario Medical Association](#)

The Sr. Advisor is responsible for policy analysis, research, environmental scanning and issues management, and policy development within a variety of health system policy issues. They provide advice and subject matter expertise on health policy issues, reviewing legislation and regulations affecting health policies, liaising with government representatives to track shifts and new developments, identifying key issues and opportunities to shape policy/guidelines, determining impacts to OMA business activities and membership, preparing briefing notes and position papers, presenting/explaining recommendations and providing supporting analyses and data as required.

[Manager, Conservation Programs and Partnerships - Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development, and Mines](#)

MENDM are seeking a strategic and creative thinker to lead a team of professionals to develop strategies, policies and program initiatives focused on energy conservation and energy education. The Conservation Programs and Partnerships Branch is part of the Conservation and Renewable Energy Division of the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines. The division supports the government's priorities to provide a clean, reliable and resilient energy supply for Ontario and support innovation. They work closely with electricity sector agencies and key stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of conservation programs and initiatives.

[Program and Policy Advisor \[1\] and Policy Advisor \[1\] - Ministry of Transportation](#)

The Ministry of Transportation is seeking dynamic individuals to undertake policy analysis and research related to the development and implementation of policies, and delivery of programs to support high-profile transportation initiatives, including emerging transportation technologies and user safety. The Transportation Policy Branch is an active, fast-moving branch involved in a number of high-priority files, such as leading the ministry-wide policy work to prepare Ontario's transportation system for emerging technologies (such as automated vehicles and low carbon vehicles), as well as leading a new user safety policy agenda to address key ministry priorities on safety across all modes, as well as exploring how to make the transportation system more user-focused.

Job Opportunities

[Interim Executive Director - Progress Toronto](#)

Progress Toronto is seeking a senior non-profit leader to fill the role of Interim Executive Director for a 12-month parental leave contract. They are seeking someone with a strong passion for local democracy, who is experienced in campaigning, communications, fundraising, and management. This person should be eager to take on the work of stewarding an emerging organization to help build local power and ensure the organization's sustainability in future years.

[Public Affairs Officer - Canadian Armed Forces](#)

Looking for something a little different? Public Affairs Officers provide sound communications advice at the tactical, operational and strategic levels, and act as key advisors to military commanders during domestic and international operations.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

[\(Volunteer\) Board Directors - North York Community House](#)

NYCH is seeking strategic and systems thinkers with governance experience to join their Board of Directors.

[Call for Board Members \(Volunteer\) - Planned Parenthood Toronto](#)

Planned Parenthood Toronto (PPT) is a fully accredited community health centre that provides primary health care services to youth 13 to 29 years as well as health promotion programming, education, training, and research to improve the health and wellbeing of Toronto's diverse communities. They are currently seeking dynamic, committed, bright, community-oriented individuals to join the Board of Directors. The time commitment involved is approximately 8-10 hours per month, with in-person meetings typically held in the evening on the third Thursday of the month.

[Volunteer Advisory Board for New Organization Supporting Youth Leaving Care](#)

A new initiative aiming to support youth leaving care with a focus on technology/digital opportunities is looking for advisory board members for their initial phase. The organization will be exploring work on policy to drive systemic change as part of their mandate.

[Volunteer to support Canada's response to COVID-19 and receive the Canada Student Service Grant](#)

All Canadian students and recent graduates who meet the eligibility criteria can receive the Grant for volunteering between June 25th and October 31st, 2020. The Canada Student Service Grant ranges from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Make sure you're eligible before you apply to become a volunteer, as all the opportunities advertised on I Want to Help were created to support the Canada Student Service Grant. If you receive or have received the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), you are **not** eligible for the Grant.



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