

# School of Public Policy and Administration

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## SPPA News/Announcement

**Congratulations to Professor Sirvan Karimi on his new book:**

*Beyond the Welfare State: Postwar Social Settlement and Public Pension Policy in Canada and Australia*

**Studies in Comparative Political Economy and Public Policy**

**University of Toronto Press**



Neoliberal calls for welfare state reforms, especially cuts to public pensions, are a contentious issue for employees, employers, and national governments across the western world. But what are the underlying factors that have shaped the response to these pressures in Canada and Australia?

In *Beyond the Welfare State*, Sirvan Karimi utilizes a synthesis of Marxian class analysis and the power resources model to provide an analytical foundation for the divergent pattern of public pension systems in Canada and Australia. Karimi reveals that the postwar social contract in Australia was market-based and more conducive to the privatization of retirement income. In Canada, the social contract emphasized income redistribution that resulted in strengthening the link between the state and the citizen.

By shedding light on the impact of national settings on public pension systems, *Beyond the Welfare State* introduces new conceptual tools to aid our understanding of the welfare state at a time when it is increasingly under threat.

# Announcing 2016 SPPA AWARDS

*The 2016 Student, Alumni and Community Recognition Awards will be formally presented at the SPPA Alumni Dinner on November 17, 2016. Congratulations to the winners!*

## Undergraduate Student Recognition Award Winner: **Melissa Calanza**



### **Education:**

Bachelor of Public Administration Honours  
Minor in International Development Studies  
(Class of 2016)

### **Employment:**

#### *Current*

Equip K.I.D.S. (Kids in Developing Societies)  
International, York University

#### *Previous*

York University, Ontario Ministry of Government  
and Consumer Services (practicum)

## Graduate Student Recognition Award Winner: **Georgette Morris**



### **Education:**

Master of Public Policy, Administration & Law  
(Class of 2016)

### **Employment:**

*Current:* Citizenship and Immigration Canada  
/Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada  
City of Mississauga  
Government Administration

*Previous:* Elections Canada  
Government of Canada  
City of Mississauga

## Alumni Recognition Award Winner: **Kevin Giddings**



### **Education:**

Master of Public Policy, Administration & Law Graduate  
(Class of 2015)

### **Employment:**

#### *Current:*

Project Policy Analyst  
Strategy & Communications  
Emergency Health Services Branch  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

#### *Previous:*

Senior Coordinator, Customer Service  
Ministry of Government Services

Executive Administrative Coordinator  
Children Youth and Social

## **Fifth Annual Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration Conference: May 16-17, 2016 in ÉNAP, Quebec City**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CAPPa Conference was an unforgettable event for us as graduate students. We flew into Quebec City expecting a great deal of networking, educational, and professional development opportunities; we flew out with much more. Each panel featured a wide array of pertinent topics for both public policy academics and professionals. The first “round table” worked to better inform us on the dynamics surrounding public policy professionals within the class room; entirely from York University faculty (a reassuring coincidence!). Following that, we had the opportunity to attend panels featuring new papers on digital era governance, aboriginal rights, innovation and the future of government, Canada’s public service and the constitution, and much more. We also attended a cocktail and banquet/dinner – which was a blast! As graduate students, we were given opportunities to strengthen and build new relationships with professors across Canada. We were better informed on topics that directly related to our MRP’s, and we got to tour around old and new Quebec City. It goes without saying, that attending the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CAPPa Conference was an unforgettable experience, and we thank the [Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law \(MPPAL\)](#) program for that experience. – **Andrew Farah**



Left to right: **Andrew Farah, Ashley Cabral, Georgette Morris (MPPAL students), with Rob Shepherd, the President of CAPPa.**

## **Your Rights to Speak**

Salvatore D'Agostino is studying for his Master's in Public Policy Administration and Law after receiving his BA in Child and Youth Care (CYC). His own [CYC podcast](#) is a discussion forum about Child and Youth Care with, and for, young people, parents and professionals has 75 episodes with over 3000 downloads.

For the past three years Salvatore's role at the Provincial Advocates Office for Children and Youth has been a Youth Lead where he works on a project with the main aim to elevate the voice of children and youth with special needs. This project has been dear to his heart as he himself is a member of the special needs community.

On May 10, 2016 his office launched the [We Have Something to Say](#) report on young people and their families speaking out about special needs and change. We invite you to read the article [Youth with special needs demand a say in decisions affecting their lives](#) by Andrea Gordon, published in the Star on May 10<sup>th</sup>, in which Salvatore is quoted at the end.



Rana Nasrazadani's recollections are among 170 submissions at the heart of a groundbreaking new report that reveals the obstacles youth with disabilities face on a daily basis in schools and communities. (Chris So / Toronto Star)

## Senior Policy Advisor Kinark Child and Family Services

Temporary, Full-Time - 35 hours/week (up to 3 years)

### Job Summary:

Reporting to the Director, Policy and Planning the Senior Policy Advisor will provide strategic advice and support to the agency in the areas of policy development, thought leadership and strategic planning. The SPA will deliver leadership and expertise in the research and development of policies and procedures to support system innovation, quality and productivity related to child and youth mental health, autism and forensic mental health/youth justice. In addition the SPA plays an integral role in establishing intra and inter agency partnerships and collaboration opportunities to advance the sectors we serve.

Please click here for more details: <http://www.ipac.ca/documents/SrPolicyAdvisor-ChildandFamilyServices.pdf>

## Policy Analyst Ontario Ministry of Finance

Are you seeking an exciting opportunity in a high-profile environment where you can provide input and advice on municipal finance in Ontario? Bring your analytical skills and knowledge of policy development to the Property Tax Analysis and Municipal Funding Policy Branch, Ministry of Finance.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/PolicyAnalyst-11225>

## Director, Standards Development Branch Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Are you an experienced senior leader looking for a challenging opportunity to lead the development and implementation of the framework, systems and strategies necessary to produce outcome based environmental guidance standards for the ministry's regulatory role and work to keep Ontario's air, land and water clean? If so, then consider the opportunity to serve as the Director, Standards Development Branch.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) is responsible for promoting clean and safe air, land and water to ensure healthy communities, ecological protection and sustainable development for present and future generations of Ontarians.

For more information, please visit us at our website: Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/Director-11021>



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