

School of Public Policy and Administration

NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to our 2020 Award Winners!!

Undergraduate Student Award

Gurkamal Dhahan

BPA Specialized Honours, Management Stream (Class of 2020)
Ontario Legislature Internship Programme, 2020-21



Graduate Student Award

Joana Jabson

Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (Class of 2020)
Senior Program Advisor, Mental Health and Addictions, Corporate Care & Wellness
Ministry of the Solicitor General, Correctional Services



Alumni Recognition Award

Marco Giancarlo

Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (Class of 2015)
Regional Program Manager – Emergency Management
Department of Indigenous Services Canada



Emerging Leader Award

Asare Kester-Akrofi

Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (Class of 2020)
Program Manager, Business Licensing & Regulatory Services,
Municipal Licensing & Standards Division, City of Toronto



Foster-Greene Award for Excellence in Public Policy, Administration and Law

Judith D'Souza

Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (Class of 2013)
Director, Occupational Disease & Survivor Benefits Program
Workplace Safety & Insurance Board



We would also like to congratulate all of our June 2020 graduates from our BPA, MPPAL and professional certificate programs!!

Announcements

MPPAL Updates**Orelie Di Mavindi**

(MPPAL, Class of
2019)

pens article for

The Star

on

Why I'm grieving Black people I've never met

"It's hard seeing images of people who look like you, your family and friends being dehumanized and brutalized over and over again. There is a psychic cost to witnessing this kind of trauma repeatedly."

"Again, I'm exhausted. Convincing people of your humanity is a full-time job. One I never applied for and cannot seem to quit."

To read the full article: [Click Here](#)

Shawn Amankwah

(MPPAL, Class of 2019)

starts petition for

Funding for body cameras for police officers in Ontario and across Canada

Throughout these troubling weeks, we are beginning to see the value of diversity data collection. Due to the historical presence of systemic racism shown within the police force, requirements for police body cameras are being explored within Toronto and Peel Region. Moreover, the Special Investigations Unit (the police watchdog) is now authorized to start collecting data on the race, ethnicity, religion and Indigenous identity of complainants to crack down on discriminatory treatment by police officers (a notion I touched on within my MRP). However, we must do our part to encourage these endeavours by showing the government we do care about fighting racism. One way you can help is to sign, share and discuss the petition that is geared towards getting body cameras on police officers across the provinces and Canada. Let's stand together to bring change to our country!

Source:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/siu-race-based-data-1.5606505>

[Click here to Sign the Petition](#)

Announcements

Our 2020 High School Essay Contest is now open!
Please help spread the word: [@YorkUSPPA](#) or [here](#)

ESSAY CONTEST

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CANADA?

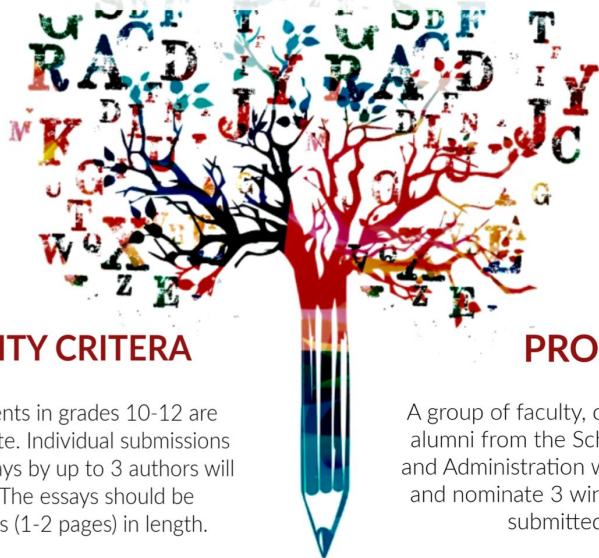
Share your ideas about what the priorities for public policy and administration should be and how you would go about implementing them as future leaders.

Presented by the School of Public Policy and Administration
& Public Policy and Administration Student Association

PRIZES AVAILABLE

The authors of the three highest ranked essays, along with their parent(s) or other designated guest(s), will be invited to the School's annual Student, Alumni and Community Recognition Awards Dinner at York University, Toronto, ON - details to be determined.

The essay winners will also receive a monetary reward:
\$200 for the 1st place, \$150 for the 2nd place and \$100 for the 3rd place.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

High school students in grades 10-12 are invited to participate. Individual submissions or co-authored essays by up to 3 authors will be considered. The essays should be 500-1000 words (1-2 pages) in length.

PROCESS

A group of faculty, current students and alumni from the School of Public Policy and Administration will review the essays and nominate 3 winners. Essays can be submitted online at

<http://bit.do/SPPAessay>

no later than **Monday October 26, 2020**

Should you have any questions, please contact us via email at lapssppa@yorku.ca or visit our website at <http://sppa.laps.yorku.ca/>

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Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies



**PUBLIC POLICY &
ADMINISTRATION
STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

York University Virtual Town Hall

President Rhonda Lenton will be joined by Vice-President Academic & Provost Lisa Philipps, Vice-President Research & Innovation Amir Asif, Vice-President Equity, People & Culture Sheila Cote-Meek, Vice-President Finance & Administration Carol McAulay, Vice-President Advancement Jeff O'Hagan, and Vice Provost Students Lucy Fromowitz.

Join the Conversation:

<https://conversations.info.yorku.ca/>

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Time: 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm

Livestream: <https://conversations.info.yorku.ca/first-page/webcast/>

Global Labour Research Centre (GLRC)

Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

We are excited to announce the Global Labour Research Centre (GLRC) has collaborated with the Canadian Association for Work and Labour Studies (CAWLS) for the [New Voices in Work & Labour Studies Workshop Series](#), a weekly online workshop series that will take place on selected days from October 19 to November 13, 2020.

Building on the New Voices in Work and Labour Studies stream of the annual CAWLS conference, this online series is designed to promote the scholarship of new scholars (graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty/researchers in the first five years of their appointment). Our goal is to create a series reflective of the wide range of themes and methodological and theoretical approaches pertaining to the study of work and labour.

The deadline for proposals is August 21, 2020. Please see the attached Call for Proposals for more details.

Job Opportunities

[Policy, Research and Initiatives Advisor – York Region](#)

Reporting to the Manager, Collections, Initiatives, and Performance Management, is responsible for providing policy support and guidance in developing policy, and providing advice and analytical support to Court Services, including Court Operations and Prosecutions; leading policy initiatives, applying relevant legislations and regulations (i.e. Provincial Offences Act), monitoring and assessing impact on Regional policies and practices, planning initiatives and communicating to staff; maintaining awareness of new policy developments and trends which may impact policy direction; developing policy options and recommends and supporting the development of innovative and strategic program policies and plans; researching and analyzing projects; leading outcome-based program development and project teams; developing cross-functional linkages to ensure that Court Services policies and programs align with Regional direction; developing innovative and strategic responses to address Court Services business needs;; and providing guidance, training, and mentoring to staff as requested.

[Chief Communications and Engagement Officer - Ontario Health](#)

Reporting to the President and Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Communications and Engagement Officer will build our strategy for impactful, effective communications and engagement. You will provide strategic direction, priority setting and leadership for the planning, development and management of key foundational communications, public relations and stakeholder engagement frameworks, programs and policies and for the provision of expert advisory services across Ontario Health.

[Director, Government Affairs for Canada - TikTok](#)

We are seeking experienced professionals for our public policy and advocacy team in Canada. Being creative, having meaningful experience working on tech/internet policy issues, and the government policy process will be key to success in this role. Engaging with elected officials and other stakeholders in Canada politics and government, you will be responsible for understanding TikTok's policies and business priorities, and for being able to communicate those to policymakers and stakeholders. Additionally, you will collaborate with colleagues across the business and engage with third-party groups. Candidates must have a passion for tech/internet policy, established relationships, and experience working with the Canadian government.

[Director, Inclusion & Diversity – MLSE](#)

In this newly crafted position, reporting to the SVP of Human Resources, Director, you will join our team during an exciting time of transformation. As a key leader with reach across the organization, you will collaborate and provide recommendations to a wide variety of partners both internally and externally, and create impactful and long-lasting strategies and programs.

[Director, Healthy Living - York Region](#)

Reporting to the Associate Medical Officer of Health (AMOH), this role directs the regional delivery of healthy living programs and services including chronic disease prevention, injury prevention, substance use prevention and harm reduction, healthy aging, sexual health promotion and clinical service, control and prevention of sexual and blood borne illnesses, epidemiology and research, health emergency planning and health equity in accordance with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines, Health Protection & Promotion Act, and other relevant legislation. By evaluating the changing health status of the population and researching best practices and alternative models, the Director plans, identifies opportunities for the development of healthy public policy and implements and initiates means of delivery of new services or changes to existing services to improve program delivery and/or to reduce costs.

Job Opportunities

[Program Manager, Social Policy – York Region](#)

Reporting to the Manager, Social Policy and Accessibility, is responsible for leading the research, consultation and analysis to inform and support the Department's strategic planning objectives; providing analysis of program and social data, legislative requirements and provincial policy initiatives; leading the development of Council reports, publications and presentations, etc., as needed; supporting social planning and policy development activities as they relate to Departmental and Regional policies and initiatives; coordinating the Department's responses to Regional, Provincial and Federal initiatives; identifying and facilitating the integration of initiatives to support program planning; leading the Branch business planning process and overseeing Branch budgets.

[Senior Advisor, Transportation and Sustainability - Metrolinx](#)

The successful candidate will lead major multi-disciplinary policy and planning initiatives including the advancement of the 2041 Regional Transportation Plan (2041 RTP) and the Metrolinx Sustainability Strategy. This is a 14-month contract.

[National Manager, Public Affairs - March of Dimes Canada](#)

Reporting to the Director, Communications & Public Affairs, the National Manager, Public Affairs will play a central role in developing and managing March of Dimes Canada's public affairs program, at a time of significant developments in disability-related legislation and policy, and health system transformation. The scope of the role extends to all levels of government and across all provinces/territories, with a primary focus on federal and Ontario government relations. The incumbent will be an expert relationship builder, who can navigate political and policy decision-making channels to advance March of Dimes Canada's strategic objectives alongside the needs and rights of Canadians living with disabilities. The incumbent will also lead the development and mobilization of a consumer advocacy program, with the dual aim of engaging and resourcing persons with disabilities to become strong, effective self-advocates, and ensuring March of Dimes Canada's broader efforts are appropriately informed by the voices and lived experiences of consumers.

[Director, Advocacy and Member Engagement - College Student Alliance](#)

The Director of Advocacy & Member Engagement is responsible for designing and leading strategies that will leverage CSA's advocacy efforts to the CSA membership, stakeholder organizations, political parties and the sitting government. In coordination with CSA staff, membership and Board of Directors, the Director of Advocacy & Member Engagement will lead the development of advocacy goals, member communication/updates and the implementation of provincial and federal strategies to ensure CSA's position is top-of-mind for stakeholders. The Director of Advocacy & Member Engagement will report directly to the Board of Directors.

[Sr. Program Manager, Real Estate Entitlements - Amazon](#)

This is a senior role for someone with GR experience to support Amazon Logistics, which is rapidly expanding its footprint of Delivery Stations across Canada. The role requires liaising with and representing these projects before local jurisdictions, to ensure that all construction, building, zoning requirements are met on time. This is a unique role working at the intersection of GR, business, and real estate development. The ideal candidate will have extensive experience working with municipalities and/or provincial governments.

Job Opportunities

[Executive Director - Tribunals Ontario](#)

The Executive Director takes day-to-day direction from the Executive Chair of Tribunals Ontario and has an accountability relationship to the Assistant Deputy Attorney General of the Policy Division. The Executive Director oversees over 500 hundred OPS staff who work for a number of public-facing adjudicative tribunals that form part of Tribunals Ontario. Your leadership and decisions you make will help support the resolution of disputes in areas such as human rights, landlord and tenant relations, land use planning, social assistance and automobile accident benefits. Your ability to provide the necessary strategic guidance and administrative support will assist OIC-appointed Executive and Associate Chairs and adjudicators resolve cases in a timely and cost-effective fashion.

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[Director, Strategy and Operations - Schwartz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society](#)

Reporting to the Director and Schwartz Reisman Chair for Technology and Society (Director and Chair), as the senior executive of the Institute, the incumbent has a pivotal leadership role. As a senior advisor, the Director provides advice to the Director and Chair, and collaborates with faculty, senior staff in the academic divisions and in relevant vice-presidential portfolios. The incumbent establishes and presents a clear set of short (1 year) and longer term (3-5 years) objectives for the Institute performance, and a work plan to stay focused on the achievement of those objectives. The objectives include external funding opportunities; development of mechanisms to identify, support and prioritize potential funding and initiatives, and monitor and assess progress; liaising with senior colleagues in the academic divisions and central portfolios.

Senior Policy Advisor - Electricity Distributors Association

Working closely with all colleagues in the Policy, Government & Corporate Affairs Unit and reporting to the VP of Policy, Government & Corporate Affairs, the Senior Policy Advisor will be a source of industry analysis and advocacy for Ontario's LDC's and will develop effective policy positions and strategies that articulate and address member issues. The Senior Policy Advisor will effectively represent the collective interests of LDC's through ongoing development of understanding and knowledge of members needs, quick response in developing position papers and successfully influencing and changing public policy in a direction that will benefit LDCs, shareholders and their customers.

President and CEO - Council of Ontario Universities

David Lindsay is stepping down and COU is looking for its next President and CEO. COU has a full-time staff of 40 and represents the university sector in the province.

Senior Advisor - Mantle314

Mantle is a boutique consulting firm dedicated to shining the light on how climate change impacts large organizations now and in the future. From government to industry, their work educates and equips clients with the tools to identify climate risks and strategize climate resiliency so they can make smart business decisions and seize climate-related opportunities. Your tasks will include working with senior-level decision makers across private industry and all levels of government; advising on major policy development, executive and board training, and climate-related financial disclosure; and directing climate related policy research and implementation, strategy development.

Program and Service Delivery Intern (must be Indigenous person) – Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Affairs

Work with our research and assessment, negotiation, and implementation teams to analyze Ontario's land claims process and identify opportunities for ongoing improvements, consistent with government priorities

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.



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