

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## NEWSLETTER

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### Closing the gap in affordable housing for young families in Ontario

#### ***Urban growth is outpacing the supply of affordable housing ... Provide Canadians with adequate, sustainable and affordable housing***

Five outstanding MPPAL students did York University proud, finishing tied-fourth at the 2020 CAPP/ACPA National Public Administration Case Competition. Laval University hosted the ninth annual competition in Québec City, 21-22 February. It attracted a strong field of eleven teams from graduate programs across Canada.

The teams examined the intergovernmental challenges for the Government of Canada in tackling the widening housing affordability gap for young families. The case was entitled *Housing Affordability: A National Problem?* A blue-ribbon panel judged teams from Carleton, Toronto, and Simon Fraser to be the 2020 medalists.

Team York advised federal ministers on workable strategies for Ontario, where 385,000 households need affordable housing, most in the GTHA. It recommended an innovative Nation Building Bylaw, which called for reallocating federal National Housing Strategy funding to leverage and expedite local access to affordable housing.

York framed a collaborative way forward for Canadian citizens, developers, and governments. Beyond obvious policy complexities and regional disparities were a tight 12-to-15-month implementation timeline and a two-month announcement window. Adherence to Canadian quality of life, economic prosperity, and good governance principles were imperative.

The Team added to York's reputation for fun, fair play, networking, and the learning journey. It was praised for its unique strategy, global awareness, and teamwork. Our part-time MPPAL ambassadors dedicated themselves full-time to excellence in public administration.



**TEAM YORK 2020 1<sup>st</sup> row, left to right: Sindiswa Moyo, Melissa Khachik; 2<sup>nd</sup> row, left to right: Shriya Dangwal, Chloë Hill; 3<sup>rd</sup> row, left to right: Stanley Chikombero, John Wilkins (Coach)**

**PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION: A SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS ABOUT YOU & THE WORKPLACE!**  
 We have organized a series of events focused on specific books to help YOU address workplace issues and have those difficult conversations.

**GET TIPS TO DEAL WITH STRESS AT WORK**

**MANAGING UP**  
 HOW TO MOVE UP, WIN AT WORK, AND SUCCEED WITH ANY TYPE OF BOSS  
 MARY ABBAJAY

A book about making the most your professional development under any kind of boss!

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**RSVP here**

*JOIN US ON*  
**Thursday April 2, 6 PM**  
 PARACAS PERUVIAN RESTAURANT  
 992 ST CLAIR AVE WEST  
**RSVP**  
 Register yourself, your friends and coworkers immediately as registration opens today!

We will be raffling a book and a 1 x 1 session with a Sr. Executive

## PPASA General Elections 2020-2021— IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

**Nomination Period:** Wednesday March 11th – Sunday March 15th at 11:59 PM  
**Nominees Announced:** Monday March 16th  
**Campaigning Period:** Tuesday March 17th – Monday March 23rd  
**Election/Voting Period:** Tuesday March 24th – Wednesday March 25th at 11:59 PM  
**New Executive Team Announced:** Saturday March 28th

- POSITIONS:**
- President\*
  - Vice-President\*
  - Treasurer\*
  - Secretary
  - Director of Professional Communications
  - Director of Marketing and Social Media
  - Director of Recruitment
  - Director of Outreach

**Note:**

- Denotes should be BPA major/minor/ PPA certificate student to run for position in accordance with the PPASA Constitution, along with having been on the team for at least one year.
- You CANNOT start campaigning until the end of the nomination period, after all candidates are revealed.
- You CANNOT spend more than \$50 on your own campaign and may not use PPASA resources to campaign under any circumstances.

**TO NOMINATE YOURSELF, [click here](#) by the 15th of March at 11:59 PM.**  
 Nominations received after this time will not be accepted.

**Please include the following information in the email:**

- Your Full Name
- Student Number
- Contact Information (email/ phone number)
- Position You Are Running For
- A short description of yourself and why you are running for the position
- Self-image: Optional, but recommended.



**To see a detailed description of each position, please refer to Article 17 of the [PPASA Constitution](#).** The PPASA conducts its elections in a democratic manner by having the general membership vote for candidates interested in filling the positions. If you have any further questions, please email [ppasa.york@gmail.com](mailto:ppasa.york@gmail.com)

PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

**LEFT**

**MEETS**

**RIGHT**

**DISCUSS AND DEBATE!**

Engage in an evening  
of open political discussion.  
Dinner will be provided.

Everyone welcome. No RSVP required.

March 26th, 2020 | 6-8PM  
Winters JR Common Rm 012

**Experiential Education (EE) Presentations for  
AP PPAS 4200 6.0 A (Fall/Winter 2019-2020)  
Applied Public Policy Analysis**

You are Invited!



March 17 – Client Project Presentation  
5:30-6:30 PM, ACE 006 Accolade East  
City of Vaughan Emergency Planning

March 24 – Two Client Project Presentations  
4:00-5:00 PM, ACE 006 Accolade East  
Ontario Legislature Internship Program

and

5:30-6:30 PM, ACE 006 Accolade East  
ServiceOntario Digital Services

March 25 – Client Project Presentation  
4:00-5:00 PM, MC 214 McLaughlin College

United Way of Greater Toronto Social Development Plans

## CfA - Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences 2020 Linking Theory and Empirical Research

**Berlin, July 20 - 30, 2020**

We are delighted to announce the 10th edition of the Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences. The summer school aims at supporting young researchers by strengthening their ability in linking theory and empirical research. The two-week program creates an excellent basis for the development of their current research designs.

In the first week, we address the key methodological challenges of concept-building, causation/explanation, and micro-macro linkage that occur in almost all research efforts. We strive for a clarification of the epistemological foundations underlying methodological paradigms. In the second week, these methodological considerations are applied to central empirical fields of research in political science, sociology, and other related disciplines. In this second part of the program, participants are assigned to four thematic groups according to their own research topic. The thematic areas covered are: "Global Governance & International Relations", "Citizenship, Migration, and Identities", "Social Struggle and Globalization", and "Democracy at the Crossroads".

The program is characterized by a varied format comprised of lectures, workshops, seminars, and a one-to-one consultation. During the summer school, participants will also have the opportunity to present and discuss their own work extensively. Participants will be provided with hands-on advice for their research designs. The school brings together a faculty of renowned international and Berlin-based scholars. Among the confirmed international lecturers are Ann Swidler (UC Berkeley), David Stark (University of Texas at Austin), Donatella della Porta (Scuola Normale Superiore), Felix Berenskoetter (SOAS University of London), Hendrik Wagenaar (University of Sheffield) and Vera Troeger (University of Warwick).

The Berlin Summer School was co-funded by the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and the WZB Berlin Social Science Center. Details on the location and tuition fees can be found on **our webpage** [www.berlinsummerschool.de](http://www.berlinsummerschool.de).

**The international summer school is open to up to 60 PhD candidates, advanced master students, and young postdocs. The call for applications is currently open. Applications can be submitted online via the application form on the summer school webpage until March 22, 2020.** The decisions of the selection committee will be announced to the applicants in April. If you have any further questions, please contact the organizing team at [bgsssumm@hu-berlin.de](mailto:bgsssumm@hu-berlin.de).

## The McLaughlin College Community Choir and the McLaughlin College Music Fund

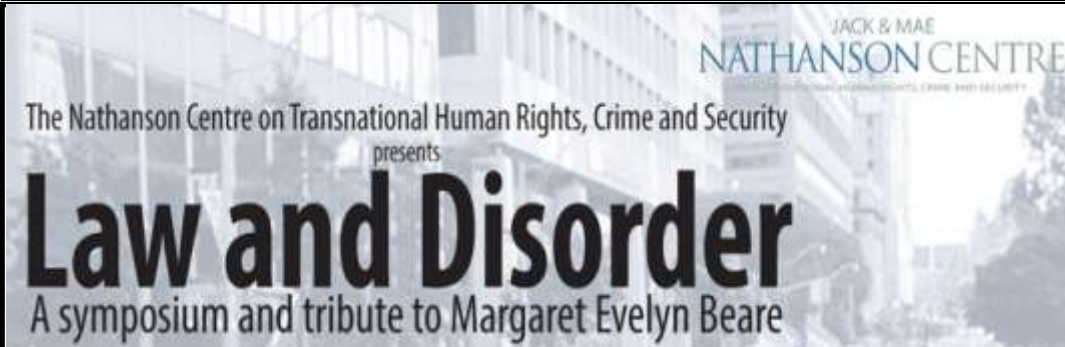
**One of the most exciting developments at our College has been the establishment of the McLaughlin College Community Choir (MCCC), that is open to all members of McLaughlin College and the broader York University community.** This initiative is rooted in our College's great musical heritage and tradition, going back to our very first Head of College, Professor George Tatham, who was a great pianist himself. One of our College's most famous Fellows was none other than Oscar Peterson, the world-renowned great Canadian jazz pianist and legend. The roots of our musical heritage and tradition go back to the very founding of our College.

The MCCC was established in the summer of 2019 when a new Board came together to help found the Community Choir under the leadership of Professor Stephanie Martin, Graduate Programme Director, in the Department of Music at York University. Professor Martin happens to be a leading authority on Community Choirs as well as an award-winning world-renowned composer, conductor, and musician. The very first member of the MCCC was our Choir Director, Sebastian Moreno, a highly talented and accomplished musician and highly experienced Community Choir conductor himself.

**The MCCC meets every Wednesday evening from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm during Term for rehearsal and has a full slate of performances planned for the 2019-2020 academic year. All are welcomed to join the MCCC and/or support our Community Choir.**

For those who are unable to participate in the MCCC but would still like to support its musical activities and events, we would welcome you to make a contribution to our McLaughlin College Music Fund (MCMF). This fund was established specifically to support all things musical at the College, including, of course, the MCCC, the only Community Choir at York University.

The MCCC, and its supporting fund, are instruments of community building and student engagement as well as musical appreciation and enjoyment for all those who are affiliated with our College, Faculty, and York University. We invite you to support our cause in furthering the quality of College life for all our students and those who support their efforts in achieving their higher education goals and career aspirations. **To view the full Y-File article, [click here](#). For more information, please email Sebastian Moreno: [sebastianmoreno@gmail.com](mailto:sebastianmoreno@gmail.com).**



**March 14, 2020**  
**Osgoode Hall Law School Downtown Toronto**  
**Osgoode Professional Development Bldg.**  
**26th Floor, Room 2602**  
**1 Dundas Street West (Yonge and Dundas)**  
**Toronto, ON**

On January 15, 2020, the RCMP announce it was shutting down its financial crimes section, as no longer a stand-alone priority.

The demands on policing in Canada have never been greater: gender and race issues; the globalization of money and money laundering, corruption and cybercrime - these all demand attention.

They beg questions about democratic governance, accountability and control of police.

Margaret Beare dedicated her life to answering these questions.

Our Symposium will honour her. We will discuss the challenges of policing and governance in a globalizing world - all with the view of informing policy-maker and the public in Canada.

**If you have any questions, please email our Conference Coordinator, [Lielle Gonsalves](mailto:Lielle.Gonsalves). For further information and to register, [click here](#).**

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF FILING A TAX RETURN presented by SPPA Professor Joanne Magee**

**THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2020**

**2:45PM – 4:30PM**

**109 ATKINSON BUILDING, HARRY CROWE ROOM**

**[Everyone welcome](#)**

There are a number of tax rules that can help offset the cost of university as well as a number of social benefit programs delivered through the tax system. But you can only access these funds if you file a tax return.

**Professor Joanne Magee will talk about the importance of filing a tax return every year even if you don't owe tax.**

**Joanne Magee** has been a York University faculty member since 1991 and has supervised student volunteers in York University Tax Clinics since 1995. She is a Fellow of the Financial Planning Standards Council and CPA Ontario and a former Governor of the Canadian Tax Foundation. She currently serves on the Income Tax Education Committee of CPA Canada.

**If you would also like assistance in preparing your 2019 income tax return, 10 spots are available for a one-hour tax clinic after the presentation.**

**For the tax clinic, you must pre-register and arrive at 2:45pm to confirm your spot. (first come, first served)**

**You must also bring all of the following as applicable for the tax clinic:**

A pencil and an eraser; a calculator; **all tax slips** sent by your employers (T4s), the government, banks (T3s, T5s) etc.; T4A and T2202A tax slips. **You must download these slips from York University's website: <http://sfs.yorku.ca/fees/taxforms/>**; your prior year's Notice of Assessment (sent by the Canada Revenue Agency after filing last year's tax return); a copy of last year's tax return (if you have it); amount of rent paid in 2019 and the name of your landlord; and other tax information such as childcare expenses, etc.

**To register and secure your seat, visit:**

**<http://www.yorku.ca/newcol/forms/view.php?id=116>**

For more information, [click here](#). For any questions, contact the Office of the College Head, New College at [newcol@yorku.ca](mailto:newcol@yorku.ca) or 416-736-5233.

## [Young Women in Public Safety, Student Employment Opportunity Summer 2020 - Federal Student Work Experience Program \(FSWEP\), Government of Canada](#)

### **What you will gain:**

- An understanding of the career opportunities available to you in the fields of public safety and security;
- The possibility of being rehired for future students jobs via FSWEP within the Government of Canada.

**Note:** If the applicable provincial or territorial minimum wage amount is higher than the current maximum offered for the corresponding academic level of the student, the provincial or territorial minimum wage rate is to be applied.

### **What you will do**

- Discover the different career opportunities available in public safety and security
- Meet women who are subject-matter experts in their field
- Tour federal public safety organizations and experience their day-to-day operations:
  - Canada Border Services Agency
  - Canadian Security Intelligence Service
  - Correctional Service Canada
  - Public Safety Canada
  - Royal Canadian Mounted Police
  - Transport Canada
  - Department of National Defence
  - And many more

**CLOSING DATE: April 6, 2020.**

For more information, [click here](#), visit [canada.ca/gcjobs](http://canada.ca/gcjobs) or contact [ps.YWPS-JFSP.sp@canada.ca](mailto:ps.YWPS-JFSP.sp@canada.ca)

### [Research Assistant - Global Strategy Lab](#)

The Global Strategy Lab (GSL) is offering a graduate-level summer research assistantship to support a range of studies examining public health institutions and policymaking. This position represents a paid opportunity to pursue an interest in public health policymaking, develop skills needed for rigorous social science research on health law/policy issues, interact with global decision-makers, and make tangible contributions to ongoing policy processes on pressing health issues. The position is based out of York University's Keele Campus in Toronto.

**The ideal candidate will be a current Masters or PhD student in political science, law, public administration, or public policy.**

## [Policy Analyst - CAAT Pension Plan](#)

In this important role you will support CAAT Pension Plan's legislative, regulatory and plan text work while supporting the Plan's onboarding of new employers through pension asset transfers. You will have the opportunity to work closely with CAAT's Pension Solutions team and support content development for member, employer and public communications.

## [Senior Advisor, Transportation Policy - Metrolinx](#)

The Senior Advisor leads major multi-disciplinary policy and planning initiatives to further the implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

## [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 legislation 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.

## [Policy Analyst - SSCL](#)

Space Strategies Consulting Ltd. (SSCL) is looking for a policy analyst. Candidates should have significant experience in planning, organizing and performing unique and complex studies; analyzing multiple sources of information and findings; assessing the program and policy impacts; and identifying and formulating options and recommendations.

## [Team Leader, Agency Oversight and Relationship Management Branch - Ontario Ministry of Transportation](#)

The Agency Oversight and Relationship Management Branch requires a Team Leader to lead a multi-disciplinary team to oversee the implementation of agency's mandate, provide strategic advice and recommendations to the ministry's senior management, and to develop policies and practices related to agency oversight.

## [Special Advisor and Technical Expert - Financial Services Regulatory Authority](#)

As a member of the Auto/Insurance Products Team, you will provide strategic and sectoral technical expertise, advice and recommendations in the development and review of the overall policy direction and regulatory framework and related legislation, policies, strategies and issues solutions for the effective regulation of the automobile industry in Ontario.

## [Senior Policy Advisor, Energy Economics - Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines](#)

As a Senior Advisor, Energy Economics in the Electricity Policy, Economics and System Planning Branch, you will monitor and advise on economic issues affecting Ontario's electricity pricing, supply and demand; support the development of policies, strategies and the implementation of energy supply initiatives; provide support to the Minister's Office on energy supply issues; and participate in the preparation of policy recommendations based on research and analysis of complex energy-related issues and lead research and policy projects.

## [Manager, Strategic Planning and Policy Analyst - Seneca College](#)

Reporting to the Associate Vice President-Strategic Planning and Enrolment Management, this position is an integral member of the Strategic planning team providing leadership in and project management of all activities related to academic and strategic planning, enrolment management, and supporting the coordination of the College's business plan, including the relationship with MTCU policy.

## [Director of Policy and Government Relations \(and 2 other positions\) - Wellesley Institute](#)

The Wellesley Institute are looking for a new Director of Policy and Government Relations. As Wellesley's newest Director you would be instrumental in pushing forward their agenda at a defining time for the GTA both socially and politically. They are looking for an energetic team player who can help to lead the organization both internally and externally. The successful candidate will have worked with governments as well as non-governmental stakeholders and have a proven track record in influencing policy. Wellesley is also hiring for two other positions, including a project lead.

## [Policy Director, Transportation - Toronto Region Board of Trade](#)

Reporting to the VP, Policy, the Toronto Region Board of Trade is seeking a forward-looking Policy Director to join the Board's vibrant Policy team. This position will focus on policies affecting the region's Transportation and will play a major role in developing policy positions, ideas, and initiatives that will galvanize regional economic development, impact business competitiveness, and support quality job growth in the region.

## [VP, Policy - Business Council of Canada](#)

The Business Council of Canada are looking to hire a Vice President Policy to undertake research, analysis and develop policy advice to further economic growth. The candidate will join the Council's policy team in implementing its competitiveness/economic growth priorities. The ideal candidate will have a university degree at the masters' level or above, 5-10 years' experience in research, policy development and/or advocacy related to issues such as regulation, infrastructure, skills and immigration. The individual will be an innovative and creative thinker, have demonstrated analytical skills with a proven ability to produce well informed advice and strategies reflective of the priorities and needs of the Council's diverse membership. An understanding of the major challenges facing Canada and Canadian business, and an ability to work collaboratively as part of a small team in a fast-paced environment are essential.



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