

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Information Sessions - Master of Public Policy Administration and Law (MPPAL) Program

Over its 10-year history, the MPPAL has established a strong track-record of advancing public service careers.

Our **part-time program** was designed to provide mid-career professionals in the broader public service with the skills needed for effective public administration and public policy analysis, with an emphasis on the themes of law, social justice, program evaluation, leadership and public sector management.

With the approval of York University's Senate in March 2019, **we are now able to also offer a full-time option** to a limited number of junior professionals who have already *acquired at least some work experience in the public sector* and who wish to study full-time while continuing to work part-time.

**Students can choose to attend classes at York's Keele campus or at York's convenient downtown Toronto location** (the York/Osgoode Professional Development Centre, 1 Dundas St. W). Full-time students will study alongside the MPPAL program's part-time students. Classes are offered exclusively on evenings and weekends.

**Come and join MPPAL Director Prof. Dagmar Soenneken to learn more about the MPPAL program at one of our upcoming information sessions.**

For some of our information sessions, you can also watch and listen via videoconference. Note that you will need to have **Zoom** installed for this option. Link will be send to registered participants shortly before the session start.

**Register for one of our upcoming fall 2019 info sessions (registration link below; links for our November sessions will be available here shortly):**

**Tuesday, October 29, 6 to 7:30 PM**, virtual session only - **RSVP**

**Thursday, November 14, OPS/downtown core** - location/time TBD (in person)

**Tuesday, November 26, 6 to 7:30 PM**, Keele campus (in person & virtual option)

**The MPPAL program application deadline is January 15, 2020.**

### The School of Public Policy and Administration & Public Policy and Administration Student Association Present:

#### HIGH SCHOOL 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.



**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.

**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 on November 21, 2019** at the Keele campus of York University, Toronto, ON. **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.

**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 November 4, 2019.**

Please help spread the word about our high school essay contest on social media: <http://sppa.laps.yorku.ca/students/high-school-essay-contest/> and [@YorkUSPPA](https://twitter.com/YorkUSPPA)

Should you have any questions about the essay contest, please contact us at (416) 736-5384 or [lapssppa@yorku.ca](mailto:lapssppa@yorku.ca).

## SPPA Professor Thomas Klassen comments on election issues on CityNews



**Professor Thomas Klassen**

### #CityVote2019: Paying the bills

Cost of living has become a key election issue, with politicians trying to assuage people who are fearing for their futures. Mark McAllister speaks with **Professor Thomas Klassen**, from the School of Public Policy & Administration about how crucial party promises around affordability are going to be in the upcoming federal election.

To view Professor Klassen's interview, please [click here](#).

## Celebrate your time in MPPAL with MPPAL Merchandise

To MPPAL Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Students:

**The Graduate Student Association of Public Policy, Administration & Law (GSAPPAL) are selling MPPAL pull-over hoodies.**

We are requesting those who are interested in purchasing to please complete this **order form**: <https://www.123formbuilder.com/form-4526474/>

Please note that we will not be able to process your order if we do not meet the minimum purchase requirements for each merchandise item. Please encourage your fellow classmates/staff to purchase MPPAL merchandise.

**Deadline to complete the form is Friday, October 18, 2019.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:

[mppal.exec@gmail.com](mailto:mppal.exec@gmail.com)

Thank you,

Graduate Student Association of Public Policy Administration & Law (GSAPPAL)



## McLaughlin Lunch Talk Series puts focus on student success in October

Four events are on the calendar for the popular McLaughlin Lunch Talk Series this October, turning some of the focus to best practices for student success.

McLaughlin College invites the York University community to come and listen to interesting speakers as they share their knowledge on a variety of topics, and enjoy a free lunch.

*Students who attend six or more Lunch Talks throughout the year will receive a Certificate of Participation, while those who attend 10 or more will receive a Certificate of Honour.*

The talks take place in the Senior Common Room, 140 McLaughlin College, Keele Campus. [Here's what's on the menu for October:](#)



Shaila Khan

### Oct. 8 – Well-being: The Key to Student Success

Presented by Shaila Khan, a health educator and training specialist working in Student Success Strategies at York University, this talk looks at the importance of well-being in a student's life.

**Part lecture and part workshop**, it will provide a high-level overview of and emphasis on the significance of making well-being a high priority and how it relates to physical health, mental health and student success. An overview of campus supports, services, tips and resources are provided with encouragement to take a proactive approach to become familiar with and to access supports needed. Students will understand how wellness plays into their personal success, whether that is securing better grades or accessing new opportunities to build their careers during their time at York.

**This event runs from noon to 1 p.m.**

### Oct. 9 – The Opera *Llandoverly Castle*: Research-creation and the Creative Process

Presented by Stephanie Martin, graduate program director for music, this talk explores Martin's 2018 opera *Llandoverly Castle*. Martin teaches composition, historical ensembles and music history in York University's School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design (AMPD), and her opera *Llandoverly Castle* recounts the forgotten story of 14 Canadian nurses who were killed on their hospital ship during the First World War. Creative work continues with librettist Paul Cuifo for an oratorio based on Aesop's fable *The Sun, the Wind, and the Man with the Cloak*, premiering in Toronto on Nov. 2. Recent commissions include works for the Victoria Cathedral (B.C.), the Saskatoon Chamber Choir and the Halifax Camerata. Martin was recently appointed a Fellow of McLaughlin College, York University.

A complete list of Martin's works can be found at [stephaniemartinmusic.com](http://stephaniemartinmusic.com).

**This presentation runs from noon to 1:30 p.m.**



Stephanie Martin

## McLaughlin Lunch Talk Series puts focus on student success in October (continued)...



Greg Levine

### Oct. 10 – Improper Influence of Office: Laws, Codes and Cases

This presentation will look at how improper influence of office is an abuse of power that demeans democracy. It is presented by Greg Levine, who practices administrative, municipal and government ethics law, and has spent part of his career as an integrity commissioner for several Ontario municipalities.

It is reasonable to expect that elected officials and public servants will be influential in terms of promotion of ideas and ideals that will enhance government and administration. It is also reasonable to expect that influence will not be used to advance non-meritorious and illegal decisions and actions. This presentation explores the concept of improper influence and how it is defined and regulated in statutes and codes of ethics as well as some contemporary examples. The view that rules about improper influence should not only reflect concerns respecting conflict of interest, but concerns about inappropriate governance and administration more generally will also be outlined.

Levine is a member of the Law Societies of Upper Canada and British Columbia, with an LLB from the University of Toronto and a PhD in cultural geography from Queen's University. He is also a member of the Canadian Academy of Independent Scholars, based in Vancouver. The author of three books – *The Law of Government Ethics: Federal, Ontario and British Columbia*; *Municipal Ethics Regimes*; and *Ombudsman Legislation in Canada: An Annotation and Appraisal* – and numerous articles, Levine has been involved in government ethics law work in various contexts for many years.

**This presentation takes place from noon to 1:30 p.m.**

### Oct. 23 – Common Read: Skills for Success at University, Work and Life

This talk is presented by **Thomas Klassen, a York University professor and author who teaches about, and writes on, public policy and public administration** and how to ensure students succeed.

Klassen has taught in a variety of programs at York, including the School of Public Policy & Administration, the IMBA at the Schulich School of Business, the Department of Political Science and the Faculty of Health. He has also taught university courses in South Korea and Germany. **More information on Klassen is available online at [thomasklassen.net](http://thomasklassen.net).**

In this session, attendees will learn the four skills needed to succeed at university: communication, problem solving, teamwork and adaptability. Learn how to avoid the mistakes that first-year students make, and discover how to mobilize professors to boost success.

**This talk takes place from noon to 1:30 p.m.**

**To view the full Y-File article, [click here](#).**



Thomas Klassen

## Join York University's senior leadership for a Town Hall, Oct. 10

*The following is a message from York University President and Vice-Chancellor Rhonda L. Lenton:*

**It is my pleasure to invite you to a Town Hall taking place on Thursday, Oct. 10.**

This Town Hall is an opportunity for York students, staff and faculty to come together to discuss our community's priorities and our plans for York's future.

I look forward to sharing our progress on the institutional goals and objectives outlined in the University Academic Plan, and to answering questions about York's latest activities and initiatives alongside VP Academic and Provost Lisa Philipps, VP Finance and Administration Carol McAulay, Interim VP Research and Innovation Rui Wang, and VP Advancement Jeff O'Hagan.

For more information and to RSVP, go to the [Town Hall website](#). And while you are there, please let us know if you have any questions you would like to see addressed. Questions can also be submitted on Twitter using the hashtag [#YUTownhall](#).

If you are unable to attend in person, you will have the opportunity to participate online through a live stream.

**Date:** Thursday, Oct. 10

**Time:** 1 to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Tribute Communities Recital Hall in the Accolade East Building

[RSVP today](#). I look forward to seeing you there.

To view the full Y-File article, [click here](#).

## StudentMoveTO study to assess transportation insights and create actions to student commuters

**A collective of 10 post-secondary institutions from across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) has launched StudentMoveTO – Canada's largest study on student transportation.** From October through mid-November, some 600,000 GTHA students will have an opportunity to participate in the study. Data from the StudentMoveTO study will generate insights, debates and actions to improve transportation experiences for post-secondary students in the GTHA. The research project is supported by a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant. Along with York University, the other academic partners on this expanded study are Centennial College, Durham College, OCAD University, McMaster University, Mohawk College, Ryerson University, Sheridan College, Ontario Tech University and the University of Toronto. The professional and community partners are Metrolinx, the City of Toronto, the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation and Maximum City. **The project's goal is to achieve a better understanding of how students travel to and from school and other destinations.**

College and university students in the GTHA account for more than 600,000 daily commuters on an already crowded transportation system. At this scale, time spent on both transit and the road limits students' ability to engage in activities inside and outside of the classroom. The study will help identify the changes that need to be put forward in order to increase the quality of life for students, and the overall vitality of the GTHA and its transportation infrastructure. **On Oct. 1, York University launched invitations to more than 58,000 students to participate in the StudentMoveTO study.** Because transportation habits can differ by day, the survey will be administered every day for 39 days, with 1/39th of the population surveyed each day. Emails will be sent between Oct. 1 and Nov.15, though not during fall reading week (Oct. 12 – 18). Students will also receive a follow-up reminder.

**The results of the study will:** provide first-of-its-kind publicly available data based on the largest-ever survey on student transportation, and insights on topics identified through the largest group of collaborators to date; generate conversation between students, researchers, transportation planners and concerned citizens, to inform public policy and bring change; create resources that will be available to the public in order to enable teaching and inform policy making across Canada; work toward province-wide and national collaboration, and; allow for student transportation needs to be incorporated into campus planning and urban policy.

To view the full Y-File article, [click here](#).

## National Mock LSAT Day and York Law Symposium with Free LSAT Course!

Are you applying to Law School? Come out and write a **FREE Practice LSAT** on Saturday, October 5th, from 10am -2pm – hosted by your very own Criminology Society! This free event will be at York University, room TBD. This is a great opportunity to get a feel for the LSAT and learn what you're up against. After the test, you will get access to a detailed, interactive score report with explanations for every question!

We're also having a **FREE LSAT Class** at 9am on October 5th, right before the test in the same room! We'll be going over the structure and scoring of the LSAT, as we'll go through some fun sample problems too! This is a great way to learn about some study tips and tricks before you write the LSAT and hear more about the digital changes!

**Register now for these FREE events online at:**  
[www.tinyurl.com/TPRMockLSAT](http://www.tinyurl.com/TPRMockLSAT) or by calling 1-800-273-8439 ext.1207.

**York Law School Symposium** - Now that you're a master of the LSAT, it's time to learn all about the application and admissions process! Come out to our Law Symposium on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>!

### This exciting event includes:

- Overview of the application process to law school
- Strategy Session for the LSAT
- Q&A panel of law students and law school graduates
- Pizza will be provided and **The Princeton Review will raffle off a FREE LSAT prep course!**

Our expert speakers will ensure you feel ready to take the next steps on the road to law school!

### York Law School Symposium Details:

Tuesday, October 8th, 6:00pm-8:30pm  
York University - Room TBD

To register, please visit: [www.tinyurl.com/TPRLawSymposiums](http://www.tinyurl.com/TPRLawSymposiums)  
Stay updated with our [Facebook event](#) or call 1-800-273-8439 ext. 5533

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

## UP 2019 United Way CN Tower Climb



Ever wondered what it might be like to climb up the CN Tower? Well here's your chance to take part in this unique challenge, cross it off your bucket list AND help communities in need.

Sign UP today and step UP to help communities rise from poverty to possibility.

**Last year over 9,000 climbers chose to take positive action and participate in UP 2018 and show their local love. Together we raised over \$2 million!**

Your fundraising efforts will inspire meaningful change, fuelling United Way's work to help communities reach their full potential.

Top fundraisers could win a 7-night cruise for two including airfare (valued at over \$12,000), a 2-night stay for two at any Waldorf Astoria Hotel, as well as tons of other great prizes.

So what are you waiting for? Challenge yourself. Step up for your community and [register today!](#)

**#UP4Community**

For more details, go to [uwgta.org/UP2019](http://uwgta.org/UP2019).

**What:** UP 2019 (the CN Tower Climb for United Way)

**When:** Saturday, November 2 & Sunday, November 3, 2019

**Time:** 6 a.m. – 10 a.m.

**Together, let's step up.**

## [2020 Youth Fellows Program - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#)

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing 444 municipalities across Ontario. AMO is currently accepting applications for the 2020 Youth Fellows Program. The program will begin in January and run until the end of August 2020. **We are accepting three young adults between the ages of 18 to 30 to be the first cohort of fellows with our organization.** Through this Fellowship, participants will learn more about municipal politics, policy, and governance while gaining exposure to real-time issues facing Ontario's municipalities. The eight-month Fellowship is intended to complement full-time studies or work. It offers an opportunity for networking, mentoring and access to municipal-provincial issues. It is a commendable addition to a student's resume and should be of interest to students who are looking for post-graduation career opportunities.

### **As part of the experience, AMO Fellows will (with travel and registration costs covered):**

- Participate in AMO Board Meetings in Toronto and Parry Sound (4 meetings)
- Contribute to the work of an AMO Task Force alongside municipal officials (2-3 meetings)
- Receive mentorship from an elected official on the AMO Board
- Attend municipal conferences and events
- Receive access to AMO's online educational offerings (Asset Management, Land Use Planning, Municipal Finance, Energy Planning, etc.)
- Create a deliverable of the Fellows' choosing (including to meet course requirements) in time for the AMO Conference
- Network with municipal and provincially elected officials and senior staff from across Ontario
- Recruitment launched September 16th. Application deadline: Friday, November 1st.

**First cohort: January 2020 – August 2020 (AMO Conference in Ottawa).** To apply for the AMO Youth Fellows Program, please submit a cover letter (maximum two pages) and resume to [youthengagement@amo.on.ca](mailto:youthengagement@amo.on.ca) by Friday, November 1st.

Twitter/Instagram Handles: [@amopolicy](#)

## [Federal Public Service Job Opportunities for Students](#)

### **Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP):**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-service-commission/jobs/services/recruitment/students/federal-student-work-program.html>

### **Post-Secondary Co-op/Internship Program:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-service-commission/jobs/services/recruitment/students/coop-internship.html>

### **Post-Secondary Recruitment Campaign:**

Post-Secondary Recruitment offers you different ways to join the federal public service:

- apply to inventories
- apply to specific job opportunities

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-service-commission/jobs/services/recruitment/graduates/post-secondary-recruitment.html>

**OPENS SOON!!! (Usually October and runs for 1 month)**

Please visit: [Top ten reasons to join Canada's public service](#)

## [Project Support Intern - The United Nations Development Programme \(UNDP\) in Georgia](#)

We will be accepting interns throughout 2020, starting from January and will be happy to accommodate particularly, students and newly graduates from the field of Public Administration (MPA), public policy, international relations, Economics, who are keen to put their learning to work and support our teams in enhancing public administration reform, public sector reforms and local governance in Georgia.

**Duties and Responsibilities:** The intern will assist the GRF, PAR and DGG teams in continued implementation of ongoing initiatives and interventions.

### Specifically, the intern will:

- Provide background research on relevant issues falling under project(s) (GRF/PAR/DGG) thematic areas, on demand;
- Provide technical support in organizing trainings, events, conferences and any other project related activities/initiatives;
- Draft, edit, and format news, press release, blogs;
- Support the team's knowledge management efforts, including the external website and the intranet;
- Provide support in monitoring and evaluation process and reporting;
- Flag relevant new research and publications;
- Provide oral and written translations from English into Georgian and vice versa;
- Other tasks as required by the project team.

Please note that our internship programme is unpaid and **deadline of application is 13<sup>th</sup> of October.**

Interested candidates can obtain more information and submit their applications by visiting: [https://jobs.undp.org/cj\\_view\\_job.cfm?cur\\_job\\_id=87353](https://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=87353)

## [Senior Advisor, Rapid Transit Program Sponsor - Metrolinx](#)

Reporting to the Rapid Transit Program Sponsor, the Senior Advisor is part of a multi-disciplinary project team providing assurance that investment decisions through planning, design, delivery and operation are in line with corporate strategy and committed outcomes are delivered. The Sponsor is a unique role that works collaboratively across the organization to ensure that project benefits are defined, appropriate approvals are secured, a capable delivery team is assigned to the work, and the project is well governed with appropriate budget, schedule and risk oversight. Sponsors are the 'guiding minds' of a project, providing assurance to the organization across the full project lifecycle that the delivered project can realize the targeted benefits. The Sponsor Office makes sure the Client gets the benefits and requirements that they funded.

## [Policy Analyst \(Intern\) - Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer \(ONCAT\)](#)

ONCAT is a not-for profit that enhances academic pathways and reduces barriers for students looking to transfer among Ontario's publicly funded colleges, universities and Indigenous institutes. This posting is intended for current students or recent graduates. Reporting to the Senior Policy Analyst, the successful candidate will be assigned a policy project that aligns with and advances ONCAT's mandate and provide general policy analysis support. The successful candidate will be responsible for conducting policy analysis culminating in briefing notes and a project final report examining transfer credit/student mobility policy across other jurisdictions (including internationally). Working environment: office environment. **Application deadline is Friday October 4, 2019.**



## [Senior Advisor, Policy Development - Office of the Superintendent Financial Institutions](#)

The Senior Advisor is responsible for leading research, analysis and providing expert advice to OSFI Senior Management on a wide range of policy issues affecting federally regulated financial institutions (FRFI). The candidate may also oversee the work of one or more individuals.

## [Senior Policy Advisor - Office of the Ontario Minister of Finance](#)

**Reporting to the Executive Director of Policy & Budget, the role is responsible for:**

- Ensuring that policy development is consistent with the broad policy goals of the government, as laid out in key documents.
- Contributing to the development of the government's Budget and Fall Economic Statement and identifying policy areas that the Minister can advance on behalf of the government.
- Working closely with the Ministry and the policy team to ensure that policies and policy development are consistent with the Minister's objectives and mandate, and the government's mandate.
- Liaising with key stakeholders in-order-to inform or consult on important policy initiatives within the Minister's purview.
- Identifying regulations and red tape that could potentially be eliminated.
- Reviewing and editing correspondence for the Minister's review.
- Working closely with the Executive Director of Communications and Sr. Manager of Leg & Issues to ensure public messaging is consistent with government policy.
- Working closely with the Premier's Office and other Ministers' offices in-order-to co-ordinate the development of policies and programs within the government.
- Additional responsibilities as assigned by the Chief of Staff and the Minister.

**Interested candidates should send applications by [email](#).**

## [Research Analyst - Global Public Affairs](#)

Canada's largest privately-held public affairs firm is recruiting a new Research Analyst for its Toronto team. Background and/or interest in issues management, stakeholder engagement, political affairs and government relations is required. The ideal candidate will be well-organized, proactive, possess strong verbal and written communication skills, and have a minimum 1-3 years' working experience in a government, government relations, research/policy or communications.

## [CEO - Ontario Energy Board](#)

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (Ministry) is seeking candidates to fill the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the OEB. The OEB is the independent regulator of Ontario's energy sector. Its mandate is set out in the Ontario Energy Board Act 1998, the Electricity Act 1998 and other legislation. The OEB performs its mandate through effective, fair and transparent regulation, including adjudicative proceedings. The OEB's purpose is to regulate the energy sector in the public interest and to protect the interests of consumers with respect to the value they receive as it relates to electricity and natural gas services.

## [Research and Policy Coordinator - Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council](#)

Under the direction of the Executive Director; the Research and Policy Coordinator will work with TASSC member agencies and urban Indigenous communities to support collective efforts that address social determinants of health to improve and enhance the socio-economic prospects and cultural well-being of Indigenous peoples living in the City of Toronto. The Research and Policy Coordinator supports all TASSC research and policy initiatives.

## [Manager of Government Relations - Canadian Chiropractic Association](#)

Reporting to the Director of Public Affairs, the Manager of Government Relations will develop and support a government and stakeholder relations program that advances the Canadian Chiropractic Association's (CCA) strategic objectives and reputation/awareness with government and other stakeholders. The Manager of Government Relations will play a key role in CCA efforts at the national level to build a stronger understanding of chiropractors as MSK experts, and improve health system performance related to pain management, advance inter-professional collaboration, and support a broad advocacy agenda.

## [Program Director - Evergreen](#)

Evergreen are currently looking to expand their leadership team by adding a dynamic and collaborative innovator to their group of Program Directors. Program Directors work collaboratively with Evergreen's Executive team to set strategic direction and priorities; they work with internal and external stakeholders to develop and implement innovative community and social enterprise programming that contributes to Evergreen's vision for flourishing cities. Program Directors oversee multiple projects across a vast array of programming and teams. Evergreen's programs are constantly evolving and they are looking for an adaptable, multifaceted leader who can keep up! They are particularly interested in candidates who have experience in labs and public policy.



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