

School of Public Policy and Administration

NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to MPPAL students Kurt and Mirusha !

Their paper [Canadian Immigration: The intersection of public perception and Canada's future](#) has been selected among the top five finalists of the Canada School of Public Service's 11th edition [National Student Paper Competition \(NSPC\)](#).



Kurt Strachan and Mirusha Ramaj

“We are thrilled to have had the honour of representing York University as finalists at the National Student Paper Competition. Our paper on *Canada's Immigration Policy*, assessing the health of immigration, was both current and impactful. The experience was incredible, and we are grateful for the opportunity to showcase our work on such a prestigious platform. It was a privilege to represent York's [MPPAL](#) program and connect with talented peers from across the country.”

#MPPALproud

MPPAL Students Represent at the C.D. Howe Institute Directors Dinner !

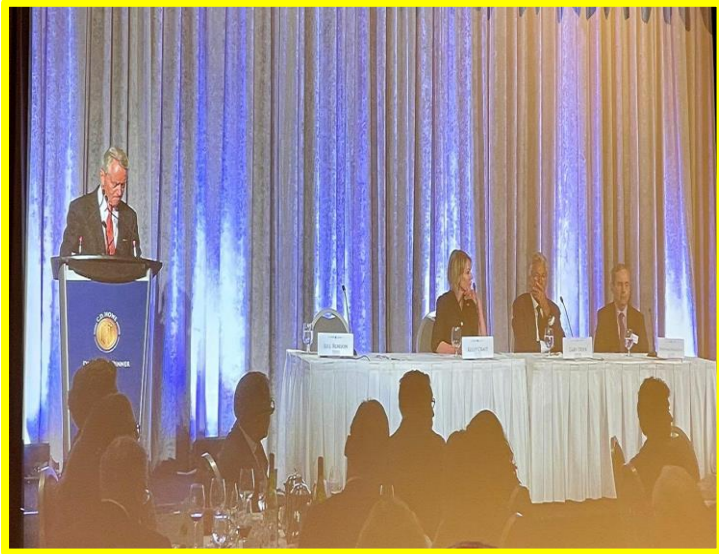
Thanks to the generosity of donors on the Board of Directors at the [C.D. Howe Institute](#), MPPAL students were able to attend the Directors Dinner - one of their annual signature events. This year's dinner focused on Canada and USA relations, with three former ambassadors as keynote guest speakers. Over a hundred people attended, from corporate backgrounds and interests, senior government executives, academics, and think tanks. The three ambassadors spoke "on the record" with provocative statements on Canada's future. Their main challenge circled around Canada's resistance to fulfilling commitments to NATO allies to spend 2% of the GDP on Defence.

David McNaughton, former Canadian ambassador to the USA during the Obama presidency and ambassador Gary Doer, former Premier of Manitoba, chatted with us briefly to answer a few questions and give some career advice. Afterwards, a group of us went out to debrief on the perspectives and challenges presented by the ambassadors regarding the road ahead for Canada; especially with a possible Trump administration in view. The C.D. Howe Institute's CEO, senior development officer, corporate manager, and the director of programs all greeted us warmly and treated us MPPAL students as welcomed participants.

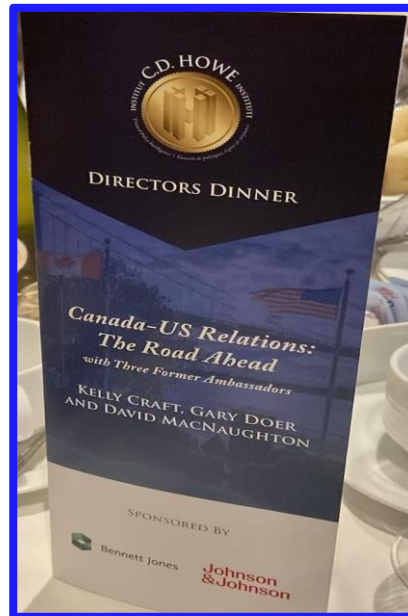
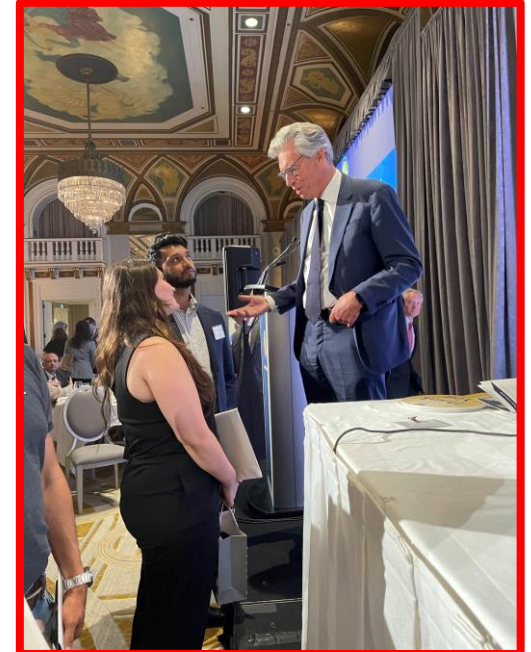
Thank you!



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“We are grateful to the C.D. Howe Institute for affording us the opportunity to engage in thoughtful discussion on a range of issues that matter to Canadians.” - Manjit Singh



Congratulations to BPA and MPPAL Students Matthew and Aamina !



Matthew Ko

I am happy to share that I have started my new position as a Junior Program Officer at Transport Canada (TC), Ontario Region, in the Ports and Airports Real Property Program. I will be responsible for monitoring and administering lease and license agreements for crown land and water lots, ensuring that the terms of the divestiture agreements are met, maintaining TC-owned ports and airports, and processing harbour dues from vessel wharfage and berthage. My work also involves engaging and collaborating with stakeholders such as municipalities, developers, the provincial government, various Indigenous groups, and other federal departments. Reflecting on the past five years of my BPA journey, I recall burning the midnight oil, completing briefing note exercises, conducting academic research on various policy issues, creating a mock cabinet submission, performing policy analysis and program evaluation, and completing my practicum placement at the City of Vaughan. These experiences have strengthened my knowledge and skills, leading to my summer position at the OPS and ultimately to where I am today. Most importantly, I am grateful for the support from SPPA professors, my friends, and SPPA alumni. They continuously inspired me to be the best version of myself, provided career advice, and highlighted various opportunities in government.



Aamina Masood

I originally interviewed for a Junior Program Analyst role with the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services (MCCSS). The hiring manager called me up one day and told me that I excelled in the competition. They thought I was overqualified for the role because of my knowledge and experiences that I have gained about the machinery of government and policy-decision making, by being a student of the MPPAL program, as well as working at Cabinet Office for two years. I was offered, and I accepted, the role of a Caseworker with MCCSS. I will be working on the frontlines to help process and deliver the social assistance program, as well as doing program evaluation work to help streamline and modernize the application process for Ontarians. This truly feels “full circle” because MCCSS was the ministry I was looking to make my next career move with. This would not have been possible without the exposure I got to policy development and implementation as an MPPAL student, and the opportunity to participate in Policython earlier this year.

#SPPAandMPPALproud

SPPA's Professor James C. Simeon presents at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law !



Prof. James C. Simeon

While on sabbatical, [Professor Simeon](#) has been at the University of Cambridge researching and writing on war, terrorism, and asylum.

Professor Simeon is a Visiting Scholar with the renowned **Lauterpacht Centre for International Law that is attached to the Faculty of Law at the University of Cambridge**. On Thursday, May 30th, he presented his work-in-progress on the topic of his research and his book project at the Centre. His presentation concentrated on the illegality of war, the prohibition on the use of force unless sanctioned by the United Nations Security Council, the lack of universally accepted definition of terrorism within a comprehensive convention on terrorism, the legal definitions of refugee found at the international, regional, and state levels, and the interrelationships between and among war, terrorism, and asylum. As expected, his presentation stimulated a number of interesting questions and discussion, especially, on the subjects of terrorism and war or protracted armed conflict. Professor Simeon said, *"I have had a most intellectually stimulating and interesting Sabbatical Leave at the foremost research centre in the world on international law."*

Check out this [page](#) to learn more about Sir Hersch Lauterpacht!

SPPA's 2024 High School Essay Contest

Please share with any High School students and teachers you know!

TOPIC:

Reimagining Education and Policy for the 21st Century

The School of Public Policy & Administration at York University and its undergraduate student association, the [PPASA](#), invite high school students to submit essays for its 2024 competition. See link [here](#) for the Essay Question and more details. Don't forget to follow us on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!



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 & Administration will review the essays and nominate 3 winners. Essays can be submitted online **no later than Monday October 14, 2024**.

[Submit Application here](#)

Find out more about past winners and essay topics [here](#)!

SPPA CALL FOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION PROPOSALS

Help our students learn from you!

You are invited to nominate and host experiential education projects for take-up by our undergraduate students at the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) during the Fall 2024 - Winter 2025 academic terms.

SPPA delivers [Experiential Education Courses](#) in policy analysis and program evaluation, among others, that have a track record of working with public sector organizations and achieving results.

Core experiential learning assignments are featured in **PPAS 4200 Applied Public Policy Analysis** and **PPAS 4310/20 Program Evaluation I & II in particular**. In these courses groups of fourth-year students advise on client projects, culminating in presentations and/or reports by April 2023. Host organizations are consulted on project requirements and interim milestones once their project is selected. Any project costs for these pro bono engagements are nominal.

This initiative offers practical benefits for government, non-profit organizations and SPPA. Students look to learn from the real challenges of project choice, complexity, and management. At the same time, the projects enable host organizations to tackle pressing issues in times of uncertainty and change.

*"I am quite impressed [with the final report on **Developing municipal community engagement strategies in Ontario**]. As with the presentation, the team has really demonstrated a thorough grasp of the topic. The research and recommendations here are both relevant and innovative, demonstrating your insight into the issues and opportunities facing the municipal sector. Thank you very much for the time that you have put into this project. I really appreciate that it is evident that you prioritized making a final project that meets the needs of our organization."*

- Charlotte Caza, Policy Advisor, AMCTO

Please complete a form for each project proposal by clicking on [MachForm: Experiential Education Project Proposal](#) and submit your forms online to SPPA by **Monday, August 5, 2024**. SPPA will collect and sort proposals with an eye to project fit, quality, and timeliness.

If you have questions and/or would like to discuss your project ideas on Policy Analysis or Program Evaluation, please contact SPPA's Director, Professor Naomi Couto at naomi@yorku.ca

Student Opportunities:



We are recruiting!

The [PPASA](#) is currently looking for a *Director of Internal Affairs* and a *Director of Academic Affairs* to join the Executive team!

The Director of Internal Affairs is responsible for monitoring executive performance, assisting with work management, and supporting planning initiatives for community outreach events.

The Director of Academic Affairs is responsible for serving as a liaison between students, the SPPA and the PPASA. Tasks include holding office hours, sharing useful on-campus resources, conducting program evaluations and providing students with information regarding the academic programs.

Applications are due by [June 29, 2024](#) before 11:59pm. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted to participate in an interview with members of our executive team. If you are interested in joining the PPASA team, please fill out [the application form](#).

Board Member - The Community Legal Clinic of York Region

Are you an advocate for social justice and seeking a meaningful way to contribute to **York Region**?

The Community Legal Clinic of York Region is a non-profit legal clinic committed to providing free legal services to individuals without representation. The Community Legal Clinic of York Region is seeking dedicated individuals to serve on its board of directors.

As a board member, you will contribute your expertise, knowledge, and passion to help guide the organization in achieving its mission of providing free legal services and advocating for access to justice for low-income individuals and marginalized communities in York Region.

If you have any questions about the recruitment process or would like to access to further informational materials about the board, please contact: Josie Lui at josielui19@gmail.com or Gari Ravishankar at gari.ravishankar@gmail.com

To apply, please submit your resume to boardchair@clcyr.on.ca. **Applications close on June 21st, 2024.**

Senior Policy Advisor - Ministry of Long - Term Care

Consider the unique opportunity with the Ministry of Long-Term Care's System Planning and Partnerships Division where you will play a role in designing and implementing integrated, person-centred policies and initiatives in the context of system-level planning. The Ministry is working to ensure every long-term care resident experiences the best possible quality of life, supported by safe, high-quality care.

Expert On Standards For Environmental Claims In Marketing - Expert Deployment Mechanism For Trade And Development (EDM)

Funded by Global Affairs Canada, the Expert Deployment Mechanism for Trade and Development (EDM) provides technical assistance to Official Development Assistance (ODA)-eligible countries to maximize the development impacts of trade and investment. Over seven years (2018-2025), EDM will invest CAD 16.5 million to support Canada's developing country trading partners to negotiate, implement, benefit from, and adapt to trade and investment agreements with Canada.

Policy Analyst, NAP Global Network - The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

The policy analyst will support the research and activities of the NAP Global Network Secretariat, which is hosted by the IISD Resilience program. Among other tasks, the policy analyst will conduct research and analysis related to NAP documents and processes to advance the NAP Global Network Secretariat's objective on generating, synthesizing, and sharing knowledge.

Global Market Access & Health Policy Co-op - Johnson & Johnson

Janssen Global Services, L.L.C. (JGS), Oncology Therapeutic Area, is recruiting for a Global Market Access & Health Policy Co-op Associate, based in Canada. This role is focused on a multiple myeloma therapy in late-stage development. You will have the opportunity to support launch and pipeline indications for this therapy.

[Expert In Consumer Protection Regulations - Expert Deployment Mechanism for Trade and Development \(EDM\)](#)

The technical expert(s) will design and deliver training on Canadian health and safety regulations for imported consumer products and how they are monitored and enforced. The training materials should be designed for subsequent use by officials as an operating manual and training tool to orient new staff. The training will be delivered to officials of INDECOPI and other Peruvian government agencies responsible for the formulation and implementation of consumer product health and safety regulations.

[Senior Policy Analyst - Ministry of Transportation](#)

Are you a heritage professional with an interest in environmentally sustainable transportation? Do you want to shape the future of transportation environmental assessment and cultural heritage protection policy? Then consider this exciting opportunity where you will lead and coordinate cultural heritage initiatives related to provincial transportation.

[Senior Business Improvement Advisor - Ministry of Education](#)

Are you a well-organized creative thinker with excellent interpersonal and problem-solving skills who enjoys working collaboratively to deliver results? If so, then consider this opportunity in the Corporate Coordination Branch where you will use your organizational, policy and project management expertise to lead major ministry and OPS-wide strategy, planning and implementation initiatives.

[Government Relations Lead, Canada – TikTok](#)

This role is part of TikTok's Global Public Policy (GPP) team. The GPP team's work spans a broad and diverse range of functions and work-streams, including government affairs and government relations; policy, product, and issue area expertise; risk and crisis management and mitigation; outreach, coalitions, and partnerships; and philanthropy.

[Research Analyst 1 - City of Toronto](#)

Reporting to the Housing Consultant, the Research Analyst 1 supports the Housing Stability Services team in oversight of programs, meeting stewardship obligations to funders, monitoring and assessing service provider compliance with funding agreements and legislative requirements, and strategic planning by conducting comprehensive research, analysis and reporting for housing and community supports programs.

[Senior Strategic Policy Advisor - Ontario College of Pharmacists](#)

The Senior Strategic Policy Advisor is responsible for leading policy reviews and conducting policy analyses in support of the College's mandate. Reporting to the Manager, Strategic Policy, the Senior Strategic Policy Advisor manages complex policy portfolios, and provides advice and guidance to other members of the department, Management and Leadership teams on policy issues related to the practice of pharmacy in Ontario.

[Investigators: Ombudsman Act, Access and Privacy, Public Interest Disclosure Act - Manitoba Ombudsman](#)

The Manitoba Ombudsman is an Independent Officer of the Legislative Assembly with oversight responsibilities under The Ombudsman Act, The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), The Personal Health Information Act (PHIA), and The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act (PIDA). The Ombudsman resolves or investigates complaints about administrative decisions of provincial departments, agencies, boards, and commissions, municipalities, trustees and other public bodies about matters of fairness, access to information, protection of privacy, and wrongdoing.

[Research Agreement Specialist - University Health Network](#)

The Clinical Trial Agreements (CTA) Office is a large and expanding department situated within Research Legal and falls under the provision of both Corporate Legal and Research at UHN. The Research Agreement Specialist is an essential part of preparing and negotiating legal agreements for UHN research studies.

[Policy Planner II, Environmental - City of Brampton](#)

Reporting to the Manager, Environment Planning, this role is responsible to provide project management expertise related to major policy planning studies to support the City's environmental protection, resources management and sustainability policies, programs and actions for both natural and built systems. Also, provide assistance in the work direction of coop students and volunteers.

[Manager, Governance and Compliance - BMO Financial Group](#)

Develops and maintains an effective internal control framework that defines the ways and methods governance is implemented, managed, and monitored in the designated business/group portfolio. The governance framework includes policies, guidelines and provides programs, practices and measures to promote transparency, accuracy, consistency across groups.

[Technical Lead, Licensing Compliance - Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario \(FSRA\)](#)

Accountable for the provision of technical expertise in the interpretation and application of regulatory requirements for licensed entities under FSRA's jurisdictions and for recommending strategies and approaches to dealing with complex licensing issues in Market Conduct. At FSRA, our vision is to ensure financial safety, fairness, and choice for Ontarians. As a financial services regulator, we're passionate about protecting consumers.

[Senior Policy and Program Coordinator - Ministry of Education](#)

Are you a seasoned policy professional looking to take your career to the next level? We are looking for a Senior Policy and Program Coordinator (Team Lead) to lead the development of policies and programs to support equity and inclusion within Ontario's education sector. In this role, you will lead transformational initiatives to develop and implement policies and programs that support underserved and marginalized populations, community and parent engagement, and equity of opportunity for students' success and well-being.

[Policy Advisor - Ministry of Transportation](#)

Join the Indigenous Relations and Environmental Policy Branch to help with the development of ministry policy related to Indigenous consultation and engagement, manage inter-ministerial policy and program proposals (as they relate to Indigenous issues), and assist with critical projects and facilitate resolution of issues to support the ministry initiatives and priorities.

[Senior Policy Advisor - iGaming Ontario \(iGO\)](#)

iGaming Ontario (iGO) is seeking an experienced Senior Policy Advisor to provide project leadership and expertise in the development and implementation of policies and programs, which support iGO's commercial mandate and commitments and the government's policy agenda related to iGaming Ontario. This position will take a leading role in all aspects of the policy lifecycle through research on emerging issues and trends, the development of briefing materials, policy papers, and presentations to the Board, senior executives and stakeholders.

[Senior Advisor - Ministry of the Solicitor General](#)

The Research and Analysis Unit (RAU) provides the province's decision makers with security intelligence and advice on threats to Ontario's prosperity. The RAU provides advice based on open-source research assessments, engagement with federal, provincial and territorial counterparts, and information sharing with key internal and external partners.

[Policy & Research Consultant - City of Toronto](#)

The City of Toronto is seeking a Policy, Planning & Research Specialist for the Toronto Building Division, with a focus on sign regulation and policy development. This permanent, full-time role involves planning, conducting, and evaluating data, processes, and policy studies. Key responsibilities include researching issues, developing policy options, examining sign permit applications for compliance, and leading sector trend analyses.

[Policy Analyst – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to provide support and coordination for our strategic policy and program initiatives. In this role, you will assist with project management, policy analysis, research, policy evaluation, and business planning. Join our team and help drive innovative solutions to advance our mission.

[Manager, Health Equity Policy - Ministry of Health](#)

The Health Equity Policy unit is seeking a leader who can thrive in a high-profile environment, develop a high-performing team environment, collaborate with internal and external partners, and demonstrates expertise in the area of equity. Join the Ministry of Health in our Health Equity Policy Unit where you will manage strategic and operational policy initiatives and provide leadership to a team of professionals dedicated to improving health system outcomes across the diversity of Ontario's population.

[Research Associate - University of Toronto](#)

The Research Associate (Limited Term) will perform research on recent developments in the field of Canadian animal law and policy (as well as relevant items in environmental law and food law) in order to further the development of the field of animal law and policy at the University of Toronto. The Associate will also work in cooperation with staff at the Bora Laskin Law Library to keep the Animal Law Research Guide up to date and assist with other animal-law and policy related projects.

[Policy Analyst, Substance Use and Addiction - The Canadian Mental Health Association \(CMHA\)](#)

We are seeking an experienced individual to join our team as a Policy Analyst to steer our substance use and addiction portfolio. Reporting to the Director of Public Policy, this Analyst will investigate trends and opportunities, coordinate projects, manage a community of practice, review legislation and public policy, direct advocacy, and recommend policy options for CMHA Ontario as it relates to substance use and addiction.

[Policy Analyst, Health System Transformation – The Canadian Mental Health Association \(CMHA\)](#)

We are seeking an experienced individual to join our team as a Policy Analyst to steer our health system transformation portfolio. Reporting to the Director, Public Policy at CMHA Ontario, this Analyst will investigate trends and opportunities, coordinate projects, review legislation and public policy, direct advocacy, and recommend policy options for CMHA Ontario to contribute to the advancement of health systems development and mental health promotion in Ontario.

[Director Housing Secretariat — City of Toronto](#)

This role will provide strategic leadership, oversight and direction to the Housing Policy & Strategy unit in the Housing Secretariat Division. This position is responsible to provide leadership and oversight to ensure operational effectiveness through the creation, implementation and delivery of housing policies & programs. The Director will lead development, design and implementation of housing policies, data, research and programs to influence and improve the housing system to help meet resident's housing needs. They will also contribute to the continuous improvement of divisional performance through analysis and the development and implementation of sound management practices and procedures.

[Vice President Policy and Innovation — Colleges Ontario](#)

Reporting to the President and CEO, and serving as a member of a highly integrated senior management team, the Vice President Policy and Innovation will lead the development of evidence-informed strategic policy advice to support the mission of Colleges Ontario. Providing leadership to the policy team and working in collaboration across the organization, the public college sector, and with government officials and key stakeholders, the Vice President will oversee the development of credible research and analysis of policy issues to inform the development of association policy positions.

[Advocacy and Engagement Specialist - Feed Ontario](#)

Under the direction of the Senior Manager, Research & Government Relations, the Advocacy & Engagement Specialist plays a key role in the work of Feed Ontario and the provincial food bank network to advocate for public policies to reduce poverty and food insecurity in Ontario.

[Program Support Analyst - City of Toronto](#)

The Community Safety & Wellbeing Unit within the Social Development, Finance, and Administration division at the City of Toronto is seeking dedicated individuals to support SafeTO. The role focuses on intervention, prevention, capacity building, and system innovation to enhance safety and wellbeing in Toronto's neighborhoods.



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