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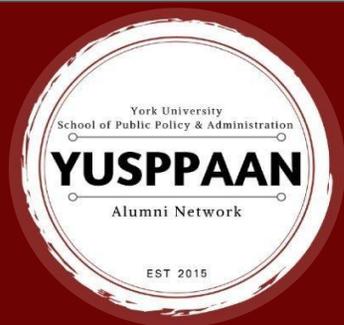
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We have long known that our alumni are the best, but it is official now!

We are pleased to share the great news that the York University Alumni Association has recognized the [York University School of Public Policy and Administration Alumni Network \(YUSPPAAN\)](#) as the inaugural Alumni Network of the Year.

For more information please read the [full announcement in YFile](#).

Heartfelt congratulations to YUSPPAAN and many thanks for all the work that our dedicated alumni do for our students and the broader School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) community every day. We could not do what we do without you – please stay connected and explore ways of being part of this vibrant and dedicated community of public service leaders.



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MENTORSHIP CIRCLES – CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Dear alumni and students,

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new round of mentorship circles at SPPA.

Circles have 3 members (3 of the 4 categories represented in each circle):

Level 1: 1 Upper year BPA/MPPAL student or recent graduate at entry-level position

Level 2: 1 Analyst/ Advisor

Level 3: 1 Manager

Level 4: 1 Sr. Executive E.g.: Director, ADM, DM

Each group will consist of a Level 1, 2 and 3 or a Level 2, 3 and 4.

The minimum commitment is to hold two meetings for each mentorship circle by end of March 2022, and preferably one more by the end of April or May, with the aim to advance the professional development and careers of participating members. **All meetings will be held virtually during this cycle.**

David Au – Director, Labour Relations Policy and Fiscal Coordination Branch at the Ontario Treasury Board Secretariat

Jim Cassimatis – Chief Operating Officer, Bereavement Authority of Ontario and former Assistant Deputy Minister, Enterprise Business Services Division at Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

Wendy Chen – Manager, Corporate Court Services, Services Support Unit, Ontario Ministry of Attorney General

Judith D’Souza – Director, Occupational Disease and Survivor Benefits Program, WSIB

Trevor J. Howard – Justice of the Peace at Ontario Court of Justice

Ana Kapralos – Director, Program Modernization and Appointments, Policy Division, Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General

Asare Kester-Akrofi – Program Manager, Business Licensing and Regulatory Services at City of Toronto

Fausto Natarelli – Consultant and career public servant with positions spanning the Ministry of Transportation, Metrolinx and York Region Rapid Transit Corporation

Rory O’Connor – Former Executive Public Servant in Residence at SPPA and Associate Regional Director General Indigenous Services Canada, Atlantic Region

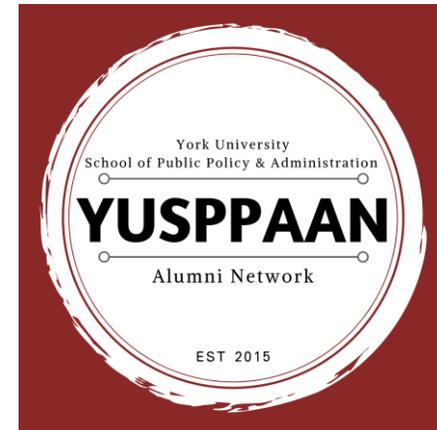
Nancy Sanders – Career public servant and former Assistant Deputy Minister, Solicitor General of Ontario

Victor J. Severino – Assistant Deputy Minister, Pandemic Response Secretariat, Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

If you are interested in participating or have questions about the mentorship circles, please contact Prof. Alena Kimakova, SPPA Director via email at akimakov@yorku.ca no later than **Monday, October 18, 2021**



YUSPPAAN Podcast **Learning from Leaders** *New Episode!*



[Working in Municipal Government with Lisa Gonsalves](#)

Our guest this episode is Lisa Gonsalves - currently General Manager, Paramedic and Seniors Services at York Region. Lisa has a B.A. in Public Policy and Administration from York University and a M.A. in Political Science from University of Toronto. Lisa has extensive experience working in the provincial and municipal governments in Canada. For more than 20 years, she has worked for York Region in multiple positions. She shares with us what lessons she learned throughout her impressive career journey and provides useful advice and tips for professionals seeking to join and succeed in the municipal government.

CALL FOR JUNIOR AMBASSADORS

Apply to become a Junior Ambassador for the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA)!

- Attend networking events
- Build close connections
- Become more involved in community
- Transition to become an executive

Accepting applications until October 18, 2021 at 11:59pm

at <https://tinyurl.com/ppasa-junior-ambassador>

To learn more about the association, please visit the [PPASA website](#).



Jane Finch Research Training Modules

The [Jane Finch Community Research Partnership \(JFCRP\)](#) recently completed several self-guided training modules on conducting respectful and ethical research in Jane Finch.

We have many researchers, interns, and placement students from York University that often conduct research in our community without the community's perspective, historical context, or socioeconomic and material conditions as shaping the framework, theoretical perspective, or methodology. The lack of a community lens, voice, or even buy-in often leads to unethical research practices that tends to have severe and long term implications for the community at large, as well as on the individual, societal, and material level.

With community consultation, and feedback, we spent three years developing the [Principles to Conducting Research in Jane Finch](#) on our website that guides and informs how respectful and ethical research should take place within the community.

Over the past year, we have taken a step further to create a self-guided module on google classroom called "Tool for Conducting Research in Jane Finch Community" that can be found by registering with the link below on our website under [Research Modules](#) and scrolling down to Enrol Now. The link is also here: <https://janefinchresearch.ca/research-modules>

The modules are self guided, and upon registration, a link will be emailed to start the modules in google classroom. The modules and principles are a guide to shaping and informing research that centers and prioritizes the wellbeing of the Jane Finch community as well as residents in ensuring that research on and about contributes to a healthy and positive representation of the community.

We are calling on the York University community to help shift the historically harmful research relationship between York University and the Jane Finch Community, and at large, between institutions and marginalized communities.

For more information or to book a class visit, please contact:
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janefinchresearch@gmail.com

York University's Career Education and Development October 2021 Workshops

Take advantage of what we have to offer this month by attending the Virtual Graduate & Professional Studies Expo, our upcoming employer networking events or by signing up for the T.A.S.T.E. Mentoring Program!

Virtual Graduate & Professional Studies Expo

The [Virtual Graduate & Professional Studies Expo](#) is on **Thursday, Oct 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Connect with recruiters from various institutions during this event to learn about the educational opportunities available to you.

Beginning Oct 4, students and new grads who have registered for the Expo will be able to visit recruiter booths in advance.

Find the registration link on your [Experience York dashboard!](#)

Webinars & Individual Support

Our Career Exploration and Job Search webinars are designed to help you map out your career path and develop job search strategies. Check out this month's highlights:

Interview Preparation

Wednesday, Oct 10 | 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Designing a Meaningful Career

Monday, Oct 18 | 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Job Search & Networking Strategies Webinar

Friday, Oct 22 | 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Register for these webinars and more through [Experience York](#).

[Looking for 1:1 career support?](#) Individual job search advising and career counselling appointments are available **virtually and in-person** during the Fall 2021 academic term.

Career Education & Development Job Portal

If you are looking for internships, part-time, full-time and summer 2022 opportunities, [visit the CED job portal](#).

Have questions? Email us at career@yorku.ca.

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

This position is responsible for providing strategic policy and program support and advice to the Department on the trends or policy implications of policy direction; leads and plans policy and program development initiatives, develops policy options and recommendations. This role undertakes the planning, research and analysis to assess impacts of initiatives and the development of strategies, policies and practices; interprets federal and provincial legislation and regulations; prepares management and Council reports with in-depth quantitative and qualitative analysis and, policy and program recommendations.

[Senior Trade Policy Advisor - C.H. Robinson](#)

The Senior Trade Policy Advisor is responsible for supporting and identifying strategic initiatives that are aligned to the organization's overall strategy to retain and grow our customer base, optimize, and streamline our operations in a way that results in more revenue, and collaborate in the strategic organizational structural developments.

[Manager, Research and Insights \(Automotive and Mobility - Ontario Centre of Innovation\)](#)

The Manager will devise strategies and lead a team of specialists to deliver key research activities, including primary and secondary research, data analysis, trend evaluations, scans and other data and information gathering activities to support the development of meaningful insights and evidence-based research summaries that will serve as inputs for key portfolio activities.

[Chief of Staff - Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario](#)

The Chief of Staff will support the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario in three key areas of responsibility: constitutional, institutional, and as private secretary. In her constitutional role, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario represents The Queen, appoints the Government (Premier and Cabinet Ministers), swears in the Executive Council, outlines the Government's plans in the Speech from the Throne, provides the Royal Assent needed for bills to become law, approves orders-in-council and appointments recommended by Cabinet, and summons, defers, or dissolves each session of Parliament.

[Corporate Affairs Director - Microsoft Canada](#)

Reporting to the National Director, Corporate Affairs, the role's primary purpose is to engage with government policy makers and influencers, public customers, key influencers, and civil society in Canada to promote Microsoft's public policy goals. The successful candidate will be expected to provide strategic leadership and business insight, to master proactive planning and aligning various internal stakeholders, and to drive external relationship building with government, industry, key public customers, academia and NGOs.

[Manager, Government and Stakeholder Relations - Vector Institute](#)

A new role, the Manager, Government and Stakeholder Relations will be responsible for implementing government and stakeholder relations initiatives in support of Vector's vision and in alignment with Vector's broader marketing, communications, and thought leadership agenda.

[Director of Communications - Ryerson Leadership Lab](#)

The position develops strategy for and helps oversee the First Policy Response publishing platform in collaboration with the Office of the President and the Visiting Professor (Office of the President and Office of the Vice President, Research and Innovation). The position also leads and sources funding and media partners for the communications on other national multi-year projects and activities, including Cybersecure Policy Exchange and a new national climate leadership development project.

[Senior Coordinator, Research and Development - Visions of Science](#)

As a Senior Coordinator, you will be responsible for evaluating organizational impact and processes, informing program and activity development in an evidence-informed manner and designing and implementing community-based research tools and activities. Your work will inform the development and evaluation of the organization's new programs and initiatives in line with our refreshed strategic plan.

[Manager, Public Policy – Wealthsimple](#)

The key responsibility of this role is to translate opportunities for operational improvements into policy recommendations and advocacy priorities to benefit Wealthsimple's business and clients. This role will report to the Head of Government and Regulatory Relations and work closely with the Wealthsimple Legal and Compliance team.

[Legal and Policy Advisor - Ontario Hospital Association](#)

Reporting to the Chief, Legal and Policy Issues, you provide legal and policy advice, legal research and project management and committee leadership to various OHA initiatives, working with multidisciplinary stakeholder groups related to legal and professional issues. You have an understanding of legislative and regulatory processes; knowledge of current issues affecting the health care sector, including but not limited to privacy, risk management and labour; well-developed research and analytical abilities; excellent interpersonal, facilitation and written and verbal communication skills; and superior organizational and project management skills.

[Research Associate – IRPP](#)

Working under the supervision of the Centre's executive director, the candidate will be working to help mobilize knowledge around some of the key issues inside the federation – including Indigenous self-government, the country's fiscal arrangements, and strains on intergovernmental relations. The research associate will work with some of the top experts in the country and have a hand in shaping new initiatives. The role can be remote, but after the pandemic you would be expected to travel to Montreal periodically for meetings.

[Interim Executive Director – Open Media](#)

The Interim Executive Director's primary responsibility will be to lead this dynamic and fast-paced organization through the first year of operationalizing its new five-year strategic plan. They should be eager to take on the work of stewarding a powerful public advocacy organization and ensure the organization's sustainability and relevance for years to come.

[Community Project Grants Officer – City of Toronto](#)

This position reports to the Supervisor of Toronto Public Health's Toronto Urban Health Fund. Coordinates needs assessments on select public health issues; reviews the literature for models and evaluations of these approaches and sets project objectives and criteria based upon this information. Delivers presentations to groups regarding proposal development, funding issues and City policies.



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