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This week we are pleased to present

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My name is Nyarai Chidemo and I am a 3rd-year student in the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Specialized Honors program in Law, Justice, and Public Policy stream.

I previously pursued Accounting and Administrative Studies Diplomas respectively. This helped me to secure employment while raising a young child. However, I was only as fulfilled as the next paycheck lasted, even though I had a good job. I risked it all to return to school as a full-time mature student and enrolled in the BPA program. This has been the best decision I have ever made in my life. I remember my first class in my first year was in AP/PPAS 2110 3.0 Canadian Government with Professor Constantinou. This class gave me an instant sense of belonging as the professor was very accommodating and helpful, making my transition much easier.

Having migrated from Africa, I have always been passionate about mentorship and empowering girls through education. Nelson Mandela once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” For this reason, outside of school, I mentor girls in my community between the ages of 13-18, providing them with educational tools and resources to pursue STEM subjects and entrepreneurship pathways for a sustainable future.

I also decided to join the School of Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA) which has created many opportunities for me to network with like-minded students. I am proud to say that being part of the BPA program has allowed me to utilize the skills learned for my personal development. For example, in AP/PPAS 3135 Public Law I I learned how to explicate and summarize a court case, which in turn helped me most recently in winning the Moot Law Society Competition last semester.

My advice to anyone considering the BPA program is to be engaged and involved. Your experience is much better when you can glean from others’ intelligence and experiences.

Professor Zac Spicer appeared on TVO's The Agenda with Steve Paikin



Ontario Municipalities Under Cyber Threat

What can be done to protect local governments from cyberattacks?

[View April 4, 2022 recording on the TVO website](#)

You can view [Professor Spicer's full profile](#) on the SPPA website.

Writing Prize and Digital Composition Prize now accepting entries!

F/W 2021 LA&PS Writing Prizes

Every Course Director teaching in the Faculty of LA&PS is eligible to submit a text-based paper written in any style (except creative writing) from each course they have taught in LA&PS between May 2021 and April 2022. The competition closing date is **June 13, 2022**. Further details about the contest along with the competition entry form can be found on our website: <https://www.yorku.ca/laps/student-awards/writing-prize/>

F/W 2021 LA&PS Digital Composition Prizes

The LA&PS Digital Composition Prizes are open to digital submissions of all sorts produced by students in first to fourth-year LA&PS courses. Every Course Director in LA&PS is eligible to submit a digital assignment from each course they have taught in LA&PS between May 2021 and April 2022. The competition closing date is **June 17, 2022**. Further details about the contest (including eligibility criteria and the competition entry form) can be found on our website: <https://www.yorku.ca/laps/student-awards/digital-composition-prize/>.

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Canadian Association For Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS)

2022 Student Essay Contest

The Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) seeks to foster an independent community of scholars dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of Canadian refugee and forced migration research. The Association aims to engage students as active members of the Canadian refugee and forced migration research community, and invites students to participate in the ninth annual CARFMS Student Essay Contest. There are two categories: one for graduate and law students; and, one for undergraduate students.

The CARFMS Student Essay Contest will recognize the most outstanding scholarship produced by students in the field of refugee and forced migration studies. A \$500 prize will be awarded to one winner in each category (Graduate or Law and Undergraduate).

Papers submitted to the Student Essay Contest may address any issue relevant to refugee and forced migration studies in Canada or elsewhere.

The selection committee will shortlist three authors in each category: 1) undergraduate students; 2) graduate and law students (note that papers in the graduate/law category must be based on the analysis of empirical data). Subject to peer review, high quality short-listed papers will be considered for publication as working papers on the CARFMS website and/or in *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees*.

Eligibility

- Participants must be Canadian students or international students registered at a Canadian university. Papers from any disciplinary background are welcome.
- The student must be the sole author of the submitted paper.
- Authors of shortlisted papers will be required to join the association, if they are not already members, in order to receive any benefits: to collect their prize and/or to have their papers published on the CARFMS website or in the Working Paper Series.

Application process and editorial guidelines

- Papers must be submitted on-line at <http://carfms.org/student-essay-contest/> by 5:00 PM EST, September 15, 2022.
- Papers may be submitted in either English or French.
- Papers must not exceed 7,500 words. Please use 12-point font and standard margins.
- Submissions must include an abstract of no more than 150 words, setting out the main arguments or findings of the paper.
- Papers should follow appropriate referencing conventions (eg., APA, Chicago).
- The papers will be evaluated through an anonymous review process. **Please do not include any identifying information in the paper.**
- Submissions that do not meet the basic editorial guidelines will not be reviewed by the assessment committee.

AMCTO Conference Scholarship

AMCTO is proud to offer **Student and New Professional members** the opportunity to apply for **one of eight conference scholarships** to attend our [2022 conference](#) taking place in-person this June 12-15th at the Niagara Fallsview Resort & Casino. The conference is a great opportunity to gain practical skills and knowledge on the latest municipal best practices, trends, research and more. It is also a great opportunity to network with your peers in the sector and to connect with expert speakers and industry suppliers.

What's Covered

- One (1) Silver level conference package that includes:
 - Access to all professional development sessions and conference meals (Monday-Wednesday)
 - Access to Sunday opening night party
 - Access to conference exhibitor tradeshow
 - Access to Tuesday night Awards Gala Dinner
- Three night hotel stay (Sunday - Wednesday) at the Niagara Hilton
- Invitation to private welcome reception

Details, eligibility criteria and application requirements can be found [here](#).

The deadline to apply is Friday, April 15, 2022



[Advisor, Application Policy and Conservation - Ontario Energy Board](#)

In this role, you will be responsible for supporting application policy development, supporting technical projects related to energy conservation, and supporting case management of adjudicative proceedings.

[Senior Manager, Responsible Digital Technologies - CIO Strategy Council](#)

You will lead a broad portfolio of projects creating the conditions for the development of responsible, trustworthy, and sustainable digital technologies in Canada. You will identify and pursue new opportunities for responsible digital technologies standards (relating to people, processes, and/or technology);

[Policy Analyst - UHN OpenLab](#)

As a member of UHN OpenLab, you will be working with team leaders, program partners, and subject matter experts to research and develop policy options to advance NORCs in Toronto/Ontario/Canada

[Analyst, Diagnosis and Clinical Care - Canadian Partnership Against Cancer](#)

Reporting to the Manager, Diagnosis & Clinical Care, the incumbent supports and coordinates the delivery of program/project objectives. As a highly organized professional with strong time management skills, this position delivers on the tasks of the job while contributing to the Partnership's overall vision to reduce the burden of cancer on all Canadians.

[Senior Policy Advisor \(3 positions\) - Ontario Ministry of Transportation](#)

The System Planning Branch at the Ministry of Transportation is seeking Senior Policy Advisors to help develop transportation plans and multi-modal policies that help the ministry achieve its vision of being a worldwide leader in enabling mobility for people and goods.

[Policy and Research Advisor - Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association](#)

The Policy and Research Advisor is responsible for monitoring and responding to emerging policy issues, and to develop ONPHA's advocacy and policy positions and research publications. This position regularly represents ONPHA with sector and government stakeholders and coordinates ONPHA's government relations activity.

[Senior Policy Advisor \(2 positions\) - Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General](#)

In this role you will lead projects to conceptualize, research, develop and recommend strategic policy options, including projects involving development of legislation and regulations. Maintain awareness of policy/fiscal/social developments and innovations that may affect provincial policy directions. Develop analysis and briefing materials, including Cabinet submissions.

[Senior Policy Advisor - Electricity Distributors Association](#)

The role works closely with the Director of Health Policy Research and the broader team to develop white papers and actionable policy recommendations, and to inform the research reports, design of programs, and other initiatives related to the health, financial, and social policy of ageing in Canada.



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[Government Lead, Future of Canada Centre – Deloitte](#)

In this role, you will advise leadership on public policy priorities across the country, and by cultivating and maintaining relationships with internal and external stakeholders. You will analyze and identify emerging issues and their implications, and support engagement by Deloitte practitioners and leaders in policy dialogues. You will track key performance indicators and other metrics, using them to strategize for continuous improvement.

[Health Policy Researcher - National Institute on Ageing, Ryerson](#)

The Health Policy Researcher produces qualitative research, analysis, and written reports and products. The role works closely with the Director of Health Policy Research and the broader team to develop white papers and actionable policy recommendations, and to inform the research reports, design of programs, and other initiatives related to the health, financial, and social policy of ageing in Canada.

[Director, Government Relations - The Learning Partnership](#)

Reporting to the President and CEO the Director, Government Relations (GR) is responsible for designing, aligning and delivering a next level government strategy at The Learning Partnership (TLP). Building on the foundation in place, this role will integrate and elevate key government relationships and funding opportunities at an exciting time of transformation at TLP.

[Volunteer Board Director - Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women](#)

The Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women (EHCW) is looking for a volunteer board director to help achieve its mission of empowering immigrant and newcomer women, seniors and families through advocacy and services focused on community relationships, economic self-sufficiency and promoting healthy families. They are particularly looking for strong knowledge of public policy.