

School of Public Policy and Administration

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This week we are pleased to present **Milena Basciano,** **Public Policy and Administration Student Association President for 2022-23**



Hi! My name is Milena Basciano. I am in my third year of the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) program, specializing in policy analysis and pursuing a certificate in French studies. It feels as if I first stepped foot on campus yesterday - the past three years have been valuable and unforgettable, and I love sharing the highlights:

This year I took one of my favourite courses, AP/PPAS 4190 3.0 Ethics and the Public Service. In this class, we explored the importance of an ethical government through discussions, mini simulations, and incredible guest speakers. I learned rules about ethical conduct, how they are enforced and how they could be improved within public service. It was a very interesting course that I'll never forget and will absolutely be invaluable to my future work and experience.

Another thing I love to boast about is the [Public Policy and Administration Student Association \(PPASA\)](#). I've made long-lasting friendships and remarkable memories which have made being

involved in the club since my first year such an incredible and rewarding experience. I instantly connected with and befriended a supportive network of unique like-minded students, and we make a fantastic team. Being a part of the club has also introduced me to all of the wonderful individuals within our community at the School of Public Policy and Administration through collaboration and our events. I have loved serving as Vice President of PPASA and cannot wait for what's in store this upcoming year as PPASA President. I recently took on the role of deck supervisor at my local community centre pool, managing teams of exceptional swim instructors and lifeguards. My goal is to foster a safe, positive environment and teach them to be the absolute best they can be. I am confident enough to take on this responsibility because I've been developing the necessary skills - leadership, communication, teamwork - and becoming the best I can be for the past three years. My experience with the PPASA vastly contributes to the work I do now. Whenever I am asked what the biggest takeaway from my university life is and what my greatest piece of advice is, I never hesitate to encourage getting involved. Engaging in the community and joining organizations provides countless opportunities and an amazing network of friends that frame an exceptional, unforgettable university experience.

We are Recruiting!

The Public Policy and Administration Student Association wants you on our team!

Positions open for the 2022-23 academic year:

Director of Internal Affairs

- Handle internal communications, provide administrative support, and support planning initiatives.

Director of Academic Affairs

- Direct students to useful on-campus resources and School of Public Policy and Administration academic programming information.
- Act as a liaison between York students and the School of Public Policy and Administration.

Apply until Wednesday, June 22 through this link:

tinyurl.com/ppasaexec

We will be hosting interviews to fill these roles during the week of Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 8.



Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA) 2022-23 Executive Team



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Many thanks to the outgoing PPASA 2021-22 Executive team members [Robert DiGiovanni](#), [Matthew Ko](#), [Diana Chukarska](#), [Rushell Dissanayake](#), [Reva Mulani](#) and [Jamilah Reeves](#) for their service.

Click on the names to learn more!

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Many thanks to the outgoing GSAPPAL 2021-22 Executive team members Paula Tablon-Modica, Tafadzwa McConnell, Eva Fok, Pravina Rajadurai, Dilumi Rupasinghe, Ranziba Nehrin and Liban Hassan for their service.

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 2022-Winter 2023 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.

“We were impressed with how the students engaged and listened to us in order to ideate and make recommendations for TACoE. We were equally impressed with the resiliency of the team, when they were faced with real life organizational experiences, such as changing deadlines, modifications of proposals by the clients, or restrictions to data they wanted due to security or privacy concerns. With each new challenge the team pivoted to provide us with an appropriate response. Ultimately the student team developed three different recommendations for TACoE, all of which were informative and useful. This was an experiential learning opportunity for TACoE, which challenged my team to think creatively and laterally about the work we do.”

- Ruth Bankey, Principal Policy Analyst for the Research and Innovation Lab Directorate and the Head of the Text Analysis-Analytics Center of Expertise (TACoE), Canada Revenue Agency

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 15, 2022**. 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 Professor Alena Kimakova at akimakov@yorku.ca

York University's Learning Skills Services

Our June schedule of [Learning Skills Services](#) programming includes more great workshops and a new drop-in option:

- **ONLINE WORKSHOPS:** Our [June Workshop Calendar](#) includes a wide variety of topics to help students reach their academic goals – managing your time, academic reading, study strategies, and more! For details and registration information please visit our [workshops page](#).
- **IN-PERSON DROP-IN:** Starting in June, you are invited to drop by the Scott Library to visit with our friendly Learning Skills Peers on Wednesday afternoons between 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Please see our [event calendar for](#) specific dates and further details.
- **ONLINE RESOURCES:** We have [asynchronous materials](#) (tips, videos, worksheets, etc.) available to students on all of workshop topics.

For further information, please visit yorku.ca/scld/learning-skills and/or email us at lsp@yorku.ca

Wishing you all the best for the month ahead!

Call for Participation
Special Issue of *Frontiers in Human Dynamics*
and *Frontiers in Political Science* on "War and Asylum"

Topic Editors: SPPA Professor [James Simeon](#) and Professor [Sorpong Peou](#)

There are various causes of forced migration, with war and protracted armed conflict predominating. A mere five countries, not including the war presently in Ukraine, account for 68 percent of the world's forcibly displaced: Syria, Venezuela, Afghanistan, South Sudan, and Myanmar. The prime characteristics of all these countries - save Venezuela which is a special case - is that they have been embroiled in protracted armed conflict for decades.

The top ten refugee producing countries in the world today have been marred in war and protracted armed conflict for years. Indeed, one of the consequences of war is, of course, the mass production of refugees. Something that everyone has been witnessing with Russia's illegal invasion of the Ukraine is the millions of forced migrants that have been produced. It is patently obvious that forced migration or displacement is a byproduct of war and protracted armed conflict.

This Research Topic in *Frontiers in Human Dynamics* is dedicated to the topic of "War and Asylum."

Article submissions are welcome on any aspect of this subject, including, the four following subthemes:

- 'War Refugees' and International Protection
- Foreign Occupation and Forced Displacement
- 'Atrocity Crimes' and the Prohibition of International Protection
- Transitional Justice and Refugees and Other Forced Migrants

The submission deadlines for Abstracts and Manuscripts are August 26, 2022 and October 24, 2022 respectively.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/40647/war-and-asylum>

[Team Member, Digital Service Squad- Town of Grimsby](#)

The Town of Grimsby is seeking an outgoing, enthusiastic, and qualified candidate for the position of Digital Service Squad – Team Member. As a member of the Digital Service Squad, you will be a key contributor to the success of the platform and the growth of the program. The DSS member will be required to independently travel to and visit/service local businesses in Grimsby.

[Site Engagement Associate, Indigenous Engagement \(Northwestern ON\) – External](#)

You will apply extensive experience in community work along with your knowledge of Indigenous studies, social sciences and community development and be “hands on” in the daily implementation of our work. The Associate would be called up to conduct engagement programs with Indigenous organizations and communities, represent the NWMO in public dialogue and events and be accountable for supporting on-going relationships within the assigned region. Click here for the [Southern Ontario](#) listing.

[Project Manager – External](#)

Working within the Project Management Office (PMO) and accountable to Project Sponsors, manages projects required by the NWMO to ensure that key deliverables of the broader Adaptive Phased Management Project are completed in alignment with the overall Project schedule, cost, scope, and quality requirements of the organization.

[Senior Communications Officer \(External\)](#)

The Senior Communications Officer will develop, coordinate, implement and evaluate corporate communications plans, messages and tactics in line with the communication strategies and manage the production of communication material, from content development to design, production, printing, distribution, mailing and placement.

[Senior Strategy Manager, Government and Regulatory Affairs - TELUS Communications](#)

You will contribute to policy changes across departments and levels of government, including in critical areas such as 5G deployment, Indigenous connectivity, virtual healthcare, and climate change by leading the development of board submissions, executive briefings, and internal reports and ensuring alignment between GRA advocacy and corporate strategy, foster cross-business-unit awareness of key government and regulatory files.

[Government and Stakeholder Relations Manager - 407ETR](#)

407 ETR is looking for a seasoned government and stakeholder relations professional to join its Communications and Government Relations team to lead the execution of public affairs strategies, working with various internal and external stakeholders to protect and advance 407 ETR’s interests, brand and reputation. The successful candidate must have expertise navigating municipal and provincial affairs with demonstrated results managing issues to achieve desirable outcomes.

[ESG Regulatory and Policy Manager, Commercialization Team – Sustainalytics](#)

The position will involve having a comprehensive understanding of current regulations and new draft acts, interpreting them into investor reporting requirements, and ensuring compliance with regulatory purposes. It will also require being at the forefront of new emerging regulations and sustainability labels, understanding which of these are key for institutional investors and using your knowledge to inform Sustainalytics’ product development roadmap.

[Policy Development Officer, Solid Waste Management - City of Toronto](#)

The Policy Development Officer leads strategic policy development, policy analysis, research, evaluation and program development processes by identifying, formulating and recommending new policy and policy amendments, preparing and supporting the delivery of detailed implementation plans; conducts research into assigned area; develops/generates options for new/amended policies and programs, assessing the implications and feasibility of these options, recommending innovative solutions and implementation approaches and provides interpretive advice/support to staff, management, etc.

[Government Relations Consultant \(6 month contract\) - Toronto Hydro](#)

The incumbent leads and executes policy and issues management activities in support of strategic corporate objectives with a range of municipal stakeholders. Working closely with senior management, s/he generates analysis and advice in response to emerging issues, identifies and resolves risks in a coordinated fashion with other business units, and pursues advocacy on sensitive matters.

[Senior Advisor, Policy and Regulatory Affairs - Canadian Nuclear Association](#)

The individual in this role proposes and conducts policy research, works with consultants on the formulation of policy advice, presents options and recommendations, and anticipates emerging issues, trends, and problems that may affect the policies/programs of the CNA.

[Senior Analyst, Market Conduct Policy and Regulation - Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association](#)

The Senior Analyst Market Conduct Policy and Regulation, serves the life and health insurance industry's interests to optimize the policy, legislative and regulatory environment affecting the industry related to distribution and marketplace regulation issues.

[Research and Policy Analyst - College Student Alliance](#)

The Research & Policy Analyst is responsible for primary and secondary research related to new and existing positions and concerns from a college student's perspective and on Ontario post-secondary education in general. This function includes qualitative analysis, intelligence gathering, data collection, interpretation of data (internal and external), and information dissemination.

[Assistant Deputy Minister, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities - Ontario Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility](#)

The Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), AOD, will provide leadership and stewardship of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), while leading the work to remove barriers that prevent people with disabilities from fully participating in their communities.

[Policy and Advocacy Officer - Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights](#)

The Policy & Advocacy Officer plays a leading role developing tools and resources, conducting analysis, driving coalition work, and engaging with and building the capacities of decision-makers towards increasing investment in and political support for sexual and reproductive health and rights in Canada's foreign policy and development assistance.

[Manager, Indigenous Engagement and Policy - Lung Health Foundation](#)

Reporting to the Director, Public Affairs, the Manager, Indigenous Engagement and Policy plays a key role in the development and execution of the Lung Health Foundation's approach to Indigenous health and its policy and public affairs efforts.

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

Reporting to the Director of Public Affairs, the Manager of Government Relations supports the CCA in achieving its advocacy and public affairs strategic objectives through participation in the development of position statements, advocacy strategies, government presentations and submissions, quantitative/qualitative policy research and evaluation, member and stakeholder relations and support, and in monitoring national trends and events.

[Manager, Research - Canada Infrastructure Bank](#)

The Manager will partner closely with the CIB's Investments, Strategy and Communications teams to develop and prioritize a forward-looking research agenda that supports their investment strategy and positions the CIB as a thought leader in the infrastructure community. This role requires a strong understanding of research topics and trends related to infrastructure, the CIB's priority sectors, and infrastructure finance and policy.

[Policy Analyst, Health - Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres](#)

Working as part of a team in a fast-paced environment where the main responsibilities are advancing supportive public policy, advocating and building support for urban Indigenous issues. This includes advocating on behalf of and providing support to Friendship Centers.

[Interim Executive Director - Evidence for Democracy](#)

The incumbent will bring an ability to advance the transparent use of scientific evidence in government decision-making through E4D's existing projects, and experience in non-profit fundraising and engage with scientists, electoral officials, public servants, foundation and grant partners, and donors.

[Senior Advisor, Policy - Ontario Securities Commission](#)

In this role you will support the effective operation of advisory committees that help the OSC advance its investor protection mandate, including the OSC's Investor Advisory Panel, working in close liaison with committee members and OSC and CSA staff.

[Policy and Planning Analyst – TTC](#)

The incumbent will assist in the execution of specific projects through the maintenance of various databases, preparation of briefing notes and presentations, agenda management support and monitoring legislative changes and emerging issues.

[Policy Analyst - Heart & Stroke Foundation](#)

Through research synthesis, policy analysis and environmental scanning, you will develop public policy statements, advocacy position statements, briefing notes/memos, and provide policy advice to the Senior Manager Policy and the Director of Policy & Advocacy.



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