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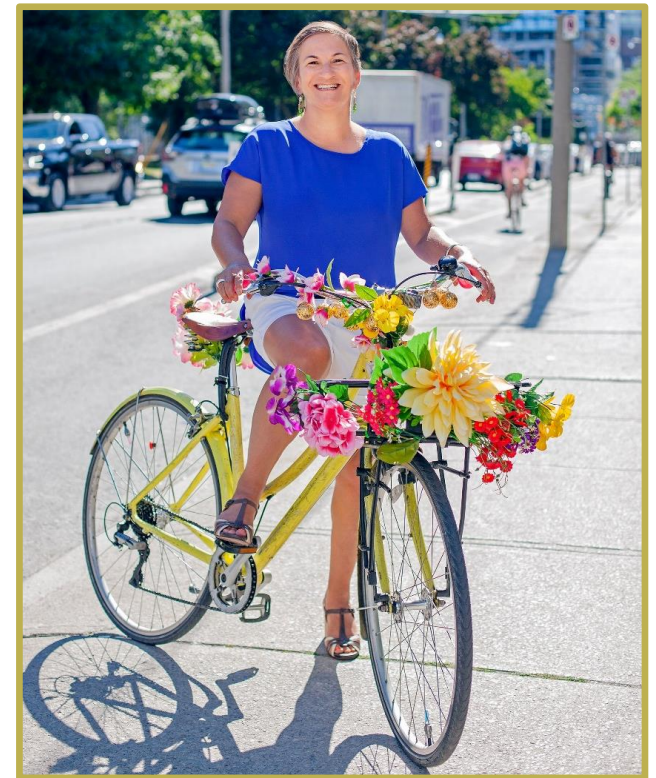
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MPPAL Alumna, Alison Stewart, publishes article in Toronto Star on the benefits of safe cycling infrastructure

Alison Stewart, MPPAL 2021, wrote her major research paper on Toronto's stubborn addiction to cars.

She recently [published an Op-ed in the Toronto Star](#) laying out the case for how the humble bicycle is an important vehicle that can ease traffic gridlock, improve public health, make city streets safer, and ultimately reduce pollution from motor vehicles. The biggest deterrent to people biking is a lack of safe infrastructure, and the biggest challenge to building safe cycling infrastructure is our cultural and political deference to car ownership.

Alison, bilingual (EN/FR), is the Acting Co-Executive Director, Advocacy and Public Policy for [Cycle Toronto](#), where she brings her energy and expertise to help make cycling a viable option for Torontonians of all ages and abilities by advocating to improve road safety and investing in safe cycling infrastructure.



[Listen to her speak to Ismaila Alfa on CBC's Metro Morning](#) about the need for improved safety around construction work zones and provide context around the significance of the current reconstruction of the Adelaide St. bike lane.

Award for research paper on how external shocks affect online voting



A paper by a research group including **SPPA Professor Zachary Spicer** that examines the impact of exogenous shocks on online voting has earned the award for Best Paper at the [International E-Vote Conference](#) in Austria.

More than 200 municipalities across Ontario are using online voting in the 2022 municipal election cycle, making the province a world leader in online voting adoption. The team of researchers used a comprehensive data set (funded by a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant) they compiled on attitudes towards online voting from the public and politicians. The co-authored paper "[The Effect of Exogenous Shocks on the Administration of Online Voting: Evidence from Ontario, Canada](#)" is available as an open source publication by SpringerLink.

Read more in [YFile](#).

MPPAL and BPA students attend IPAC Toronto Conference

SPPA and MPPAL were happy to sponsor ten of our students to attend the IPAC Toronto Region's 3rd annual New Professionals Conference, for early-to-mid career professionals. The conference was held on **October 28, 2022**, downtown Toronto, and was centered around the theme "**Growing in Tomorrow's Public Service**".

First year MPPAL student Vitangalee Deonarain stated:

I had the privilege to be one of the sponsored students to attend most recent IPAC conference. It was a thrill! I met a variety of people from different organizations that shared the common interest in public administration. I was able to connect with managers and gain insights into bettering myself that can be translated into bettering my career path, in hopes to have influence to better the lives of others.



Some things that will stick with me as I move forward in the field of public administration are:

"Drive excellence not mediocrity"

"Shape your future, shape your solution... sometimes shaping can take some time"

"Proceed with Purpose"

"Passion, having more than content but having heart"

"Self-care with selflessness"

It was a great experience and I look forward to engaging in future opportunities provided by the program and SPPA.

Information Sessions: Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (MPPAL)

Come and join MPPAL Graduate Director Prof. Naomi Couto to learn more about the MPPAL program at one of our upcoming information sessions. The MPPAL program is primarily a part-time program designed to provide entry level to mid-career professionals in the broader public service with the skills needed for effective public administration and public policy analysis, with an emphasis on law, social justice, program evaluation, leadership and public sector management.

Register for one of our upcoming Fall 2022 information sessions below:

Saturday, November 12, at 1:00pm – In person, YorkU Keele Campus

Monday, November 21, at 6:00pm – In person, Downtown Toronto

To register, please visit:

<https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/ppal/future-students/>



To learn more about MPPAL, please visit:

<https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/ppal/>

**The MPPAL program application deadline is
January 15, 2023.**

Senior Manager, Pension Policy - Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario

As part of the management team, the Senior Manager supports FSRA lead in formulating strategy and provides leadership in executing programs or services to deliver on strategy and tactics. They also oversee the planning, design, development and delivery of the FSRA policy agenda and principles-based, risk-focused, regulatory framework and the delivery of policy research and analysis projects/initiatives to support policy development related to the regulation of the pensions sector in Ontario.

Executive Director - Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance

Under the supervision of OUSA's Steering Committee (Board of Directors), the Executive Director will provide policy and government relations advice while facilitating and supervising the organization's research, policy, communications, and events activities. The Executive Director will also represent the organization to government and sector stakeholders.

Policy Analyst, Health and Policy Analyst, Housing - Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centers

The Policy Analyst will be responsible to undertake policy research, analysis and advocacy on issues related to Friendship Centers' Health related files to advance towards the achievement of improved outcomes for urban Indigenous people. All policy processes undertaken must be aligned with OFIFC's long-range strategic plan.

Policy Analyst (2 positions) - Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure

The selected candidate will be expected to conduct research and analysis to support the development of provincial infrastructure policy and programs, assist in the development of policy documents, briefing notes and presentations for senior management, provide liaison services with internal and external stakeholders and provide support to the branch on a range of policy issues, options, studies and special projects among other responsibilities.

Housing Policy Analyst - SHS Consulting

Ideal candidates for this position will possess proven analytical abilities and be skilled in evaluating, interpreting, and presenting quantitative and qualitative data and policy options to the public and policymakers. Working with an interdisciplinary team, candidates must be self-motivated with a high degree of accountability and significant organizational and prioritization skills. Specific tasks will be dependent on the type of projects they have under contract during the employment term.

Coordinator, Engagement and Special Projects - City of Toronto

The Coordinator Stakeholder Engagement & Special Projects will be responsible for developing and implementing divisional consultation strategies, communication plans and community engagement activities in support of divisional initiatives, as well as providing other consultation support on other major planning studies as assigned.

Strategic Analyst - Ontario Treasury Board Secretariat

The Strategic Analyst will be responsible to research, analyze and coordinate information and advise on complex economic, fiscal and related policy issues, advice on the business planning, estimates and budget process, prepare, coordinate, and present on a wide range of complex policy and fiscal issues through verbal presentations and briefing notes and work across divisions and ministries in a highly collaborative team environment to provide integrated advice to support government decision-making.

Senior Advisor, Strategic Policy - Ontario Energy Board

The Senior Advisor will lead project staff teams to develop policy proposals to address complex energy sector issues, identify and investigate energy sector and regulatory issues and identify implications and options for the OEB to consider, counsel OEB Executive on key policy issues and provide expert advice, evaluate recommended approaches to policy issues and policies in place to ensure objectives are met, Identify local, regional, and global trends and events that could have significant policy implications for Ontario's energy sector and present policy proposals for review and approval.

Senior Consultant, Government Affairs – Siemens

The Senior Consultant will undertake responsibilities such as building relationships with key officials and political leadership at the federal, provincial and municipal levels, who can impact Siemens business interests; supporting the VP, Government Affairs in identifying, developing and handling these relationships; establishing and maintain a Relationships Management System to support management of these relationships and recommend, coordinate; and supporting meetings and communications between appropriate company executive(s) and key government official.

Research and Policy Manager - WomanACT

The Research and Policy Manager is responsible for providing oversight and direction to WomanACT's research, policy, and advocacy work. Working closely with staff, people with lived experience and community partners, the Research and Policy Manager will lead the design and execution of community-based research projects. The role will be responsible for identifying opportunities for knowledge mobilization and supporting with the development of evidence-based resources, programs, and policies.

Team Lead, Finance and Audit – Ministry of Education

As a team lead and subject-matter expert, you will lead and support an innovative approach to current audit best practices, lead financial policy analysis, issues management and compliance risk framework with the goal of increasing the financial accountability for the education sector, provide strategic advice to senior management for new or amended policy and legislation, oversee the development of complex and comprehensive reports, position papers, submissions, and briefing material to inform decision-making at the highest levels of the ministry.

Senior Advisor, Communications and Marketing – Institute for Public Administration Canada (IPAC) National

The position of Senior Advisor, Communications and Marketing, develops and implements IPAC's extensive communications, learning, and marketing efforts to reach audiences across Canada and will be responsible for creation, implementation, and execution of a content calendar; leadership of external writing and developing content for IPAC documents and programs; developing marketing and event strategies and supporting growth of regions; and larger content projects, such as IPAC Annual Report.

Senior Policy Advisor, Indigenous Arts and Cultures - Canada Council for the Arts

Under the direction of the Director, Strategic Policy and Planning, the Senior Policy Advisor leads strategic analysis and provides recommendations to inform senior-level decision-making and priority-setting on matters related to Indigenous arts and cultures; provides leadership and expert advice across the organization on the implementation of the Council's strategic plan commitments; and represents the Council at a senior level on major policy questions related in particular to Indigenous arts/cultures, and decolonization alongside other related duties.

Interviewer, Statistical Survey Operations - Statistics Canada

Conducts survey collection activities with the public, this includes using a variety of methods to obtain statistical information as required by the Statistics Act. They will organize and complete work assignments as per instructions and perform quality control on their own work. An interviewer will have to use a variety of equipment and materials associated with the gathering of survey information. They will be responsible for developing and maintaining productive and harmonious relationships with respondents (households and individuals) of assigned surveys.

Research Assistant (undergraduate) - Assessing Municipal Capacity in Smart City Design, Procurement and Governance

As a Research Assistant you will be responsible for synthesizing background literature into annotated bibliographies and literature reviews; working with supervisors to prepare and conduct surveys of key municipal actors; collecting and analyzing data from surveys; building the CSCI; and working on manuscripts, as time permits.

Senior Property Officer (4 positions) – Metrolinx

The suitable candidate will be responsible for duties such as supporting project delivery teams in the identification of property throughout the design process; coordinating with environmental and project delivery teams to secure early access for due diligence and pre-acquisition requirements; overseeing internal staff and external negotiators to secure necessary agreements; and supporting the delivery of preliminary opinions and/or estimates of value of various property interests, as requested, on a case by case or project basis.

Virtual Hiring Event: Work at Vaughan's Community Centers

Meet with the Recreation Services team during our virtual hiring event on **Saturday, November 19 from 9am to 5pm.**

Interviews will be held for part-time 'Program Instructors' to teach a diverse range of recreation programs during the winter session, starting **January 14, 2023.**

20-minute interviews will be conducted online. **To be considered, register for our 'Recreation Program Virtual Hiring Event' at vaughan.perfectmind.com by Friday, November 11 at 11:59pm.**

Qualified candidates will be contacted to book an interview time.

Please visit vaughan.ca/RecJobs for more information about the job opportunities available.



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