

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## NEWSLETTER

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### Check out SPPA Professors and their DARE Projects!



The Dean's Award for Research Excellence (DARE) is open to **full-time undergraduate students** enrolled in programs within the Faculty of LA&PS. DARE Awardees receive \$5,000 and work with a LA&PS Faculty member on a summer research project.

DARE gives our undergraduates the unique opportunity to fully participate in research projects with faculty members. Over the summer term, students get hands-on experience and one-on-one mentoring in all aspects of the research process.

With this award, undergraduates benefit from the progressive, diverse and global scope of the research being done by our internationally-recognized faculty. These thought leaders are making a lasting impact in their fields and communities near and far, and they guide our students to examine and discover, critique and create.



**SPPA Professors Zac Spicer and Ian Stedman** have four separate research projects posted for the [Dean's Award for Research Excellence](#) program. Students are encouraged to review all the posted projects and the qualification criteria and to apply to those projects that they are interested in. DARE Awards are provided in order to gain valuable research experience this summer.

#### [Apply Today!](#)

DARE Research Project postings: <https://www.yorku.ca/laps/dare/student-information/project-postings/>

#### **Professor Spicer's Projects:**

1. [Smart Towns and Villages? Technology Use in Rural and Remote Municipal Governance in Canada](#)
2. [Accountability, Integrity and Sexual Misconduct Allegations Among Local Public Office Holders](#)

#### **Professor Stedman's Projects:**

1. [Interrogating Ontario's unique use of "Ontario parliamentary convention" as a standard against which the ethical conduct of politicians can be held.](#)
2. [Turning Horses into Zebras: Examining the role of law and policy in the push towards personalized healthcare](#)

## Congratulations to MPPAL alumna Nyrie Kouyomdjian!

### Vice President of Risk Management, Project Controls for Capital Projects at Infrastructure Ontario



I am the new **Vice President of Risk Management, Project Controls for Capital Projects at Infrastructure Ontario**. I graduated from York's Master in Public Policy, Administration, and Law (MPPAL) program in 2014, and really do owe much of my success and introduction to working in government to the MPPAL program. The professors and staff were instrumental in helping me land one of my first contract opportunities in the Ontario Public Service (OPS). I began to focus on my government career with the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) policy division and later transitioned through to Metrolinx, where I was able to immerse myself into the business of delivering infrastructure projects as part of the program management team. I found myself increasingly interested in the world of risk management, as it is intrinsically linked, is affected by, and can affect corporate and governance policies and agreements with our partners. I took the leap and started to work on project risk management as a formal practice and a few years later found myself at Infrastructure Ontario. We have been able to make so much headway in the space of Risk Management in the context of Project Controls; communicating and collaborating with the rest of Government and our delivery partners on the importance of the quantification and articulation of risk for major capital projects that enables risk-informed decision making.

**SPPA wishes you every success and we look forward to following your career!**

If you would like to know more about our students and programs, check out these testimonials. Hear their stories and be inspired for your own journey.

Meet some of our [MPPAL](#) graduates.  
Meet some of [SPPA](#) undergraduates.

**[Alumni Profile Submission Form](#)**

# Professional Development Workshop II: Getting Ready for Interviews

Thursday, January 26, 2023 | 6:00 - 8:00pm | 157A&B McLaughlin College, Keele campus

Last day to [RSVP!](#)

## WHY ATTEND PDW II?

A continuation of PDW I, PDW II teaches tips and tricks that will allow you to excel in job interviews. You will also have the chance to implement key practices through mock interviews. [RSVP now!](#)



### LOCATION:

157 MCLAUGHLIN COLLEGE, KEELE  
CAMPUS

### DATE AND TIME:

JANUARY 26, 2023 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**FREE PROFESSIONAL  
HEADSHOTS AVAILABLE AT THIS  
EVENT**

**MUST RSVP TO SECURE A SPOT!**

RSVP link: [tinyurl.com/PDWrsvp2](https://tinyurl.com/PDWrsvp2)



MORE ON THE PPASA:

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## Bridging the Gap between the Public and Private Industries

Thursday February 9, 2023: 'save the date' and [RSVP here!](#)

Register to learn about cross-overs between the sectors, different career paths, internship programs, leadership and learning strategies and how to pivot your career to the private or non-profit sectors.

Brought to you by the York University School of Public Policy and Administration Alumni Network ([YUSPPAAN](#))

Thursday, February 9, 2023

6:00-8:00pm

Location: Virtually via Zoom



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[tinyurl.com/bridgingthegap2023](https://tinyurl.com/bridgingthegap2023)

**2021 Alumni Network of the year**

York University School of Public Policy & Administration Alumni Network (YUSPPAAN)



## Tax season is coming soon!

### Helpful financial resources:

#### [Students: Put more money in your pocket with benefits and credits!](#)

As a student, you may have many questions about taxes. It might even be your first time filing an income tax and benefit return, and that's okay! We're here to make tax-filing easier and to make sure you receive the benefits and credits you may be entitled to.

#### [How the First Home Savings Account \(FHSA\) works](#)

The First Home Savings Account is a type of registered savings plan for Canadians saving to buy their first home. Canadian residents aged 18 years or older can open an FHSA to save towards the purchase of a home in Canada.

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## Conference Opportunities

#### [International Conference of Public Policy – 2023](#)

The 6th International Conference on Public Policy is coming to Toronto! Organized by IPPA, ICPP6 is hosted by the Toronto Metropolitan University's Faculty of Arts and Public Policy graduate studies programs and will take place at the University's premises in downtown Toronto from **June 27 to 29**. **Call for papers open now until January 31, 2023**

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## Job Opportunities

#### [Political Mobilizer - Green Party of Ontario](#)

As a Mobilizer, you will be responsible for building and growing political power of local volunteer associations, preparing for opportunities to grow the party and providing ongoing support to local volunteer associations through activities such as developing, maintaining and delivering training materials, templates and resources, including workshops and webinars, to volunteers on topics that relate to political organizing, including volunteer management, canvassing, data management, and recruitment strategies.

#### [Advisor, Transmission Policy and Compliance - Ontario Energy Board](#)

In this role, the candidate will be responsible for undertaking research and analysis to develop policy recommendations relating to license applications and energy matters. This will include acting as a subject matter expert for internal and external stakeholders.

## **Director, Treaties and Policy Programs - The Gordon Foundation**

The Gordon Foundation is seeking a collaborative, strategic, and engaging leader to expand the reach and impact of their work. You will work directly with the President and CEO to deliver the Foundation's long-term growth and development strategy while managing a motivated team. This role includes expanding the Understanding Our Treaties initiative, which brings together emerging Indigenous leaders to learn from experts about modern treaties and implementing Northern and Arctic Policy Hackathons, where emerging Arctic leaders discuss policy issues and create tangible, actionable solutions.

## **Policy Analyst - College of Early Childhood Educators**

Policy Analyst will be proactive and detail-oriented, accountable for leading the review and development of policy work on strategic, regulatory policy issues, with a particular focus on those related to registration and entry-to-practice requirements for the profession. Reporting to the Deputy Registrar and Director, Registration, they will lead and project manage work on regulatory policy issues throughout the policy lifecycle and Identify and define the scope of the policy issue along with other similar responsibilities.

## **Senior Manager, Research and Policy, Neighbourhood Assessment - United Way Greater Toronto**

Senior Manager, Research and Policy will be responsible for leading the development of the Toronto Strong Neighborhoods Strategy Neighborhood Assessment Framework (TSNS-NAF), in consultation with the City of Toronto (City) and informed by a broad array of interested stakeholders (e.g., partners, researchers, residents), which will guide equity-informed, place-based investments connected to Toronto's Strong Neighborhoods Strategy.

## **Policy Analyst - Tactix Government Relations**

The Policy Analyst will be responsible for conducting market research on client issues, communicating findings in a fast-paced environment. The candidate will analyze, uncover, and communicate trends in your research and understand how to escalate product issues to obtain resolution while proactively engaging other employees on complex subjects to find strategies for improvement. The Research Analyst will work alongside and be mentored by TACTIX' senior leaders, retired generals, and industry experts while also having extraordinary levels of autonomy.

## **Policy Research Associate, Clean Heat - Efficiency Canada**

The Clean Heat Policy Research Associate will lay out the policy pathway for switching to decarbonized and energy efficient space and water heating and creating the tools advocates need to call for change. They will be responsible for compiling existing technical and policy-based knowledge on heating systems in Canada; analyzing municipal, provincial, and international policy systems and their interaction with federal policy; and creating a resource kit for efficient and clean heat activists. The Associate will also monitor Canada's appliance and equipment standards and regulations.

## **Senior Internal Trade Officer - Internal Trade Secretariat**

The officer will be responsible for organizing and providing administrative and logistical support to the Committee on Internal Trade (CIT) and other working groups and committees under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA). The person also plays a key role to support the Managing Director in various tasks including supervisory tasks of staff when needed.

## Senior Specialist, Policy Analysis - CMHC

In the role of Senior Specialist, you will provide strategic and expert advice to address social policy matters and support the application of human rights principles in the housing context. You will articulate policy positions and recommendations, provide subject matter expertise, work closely with multidisciplinary professionals from across the organization and develop substantive briefing and communications material.

## Specialist, Policy Analysis - CMHC

In the role of Specialist, you will provide strategic and expert advice to address social policy matters and support the application of human rights principles in the housing context. You will conduct research and conceptualize complex ideas to inform analysis and recommendations, provide expert and comprehensive advice, collaborate with partners from across the organization, and develop substantive briefing and communication material.

## Corporate Law Clerk – Nuclear Waste Management Organization

Reporting to the Director, Legal Services, the Corporate Law Clerk supports the Legal, Real Estate and Board Secretariat Department. Support will be provided to the Legal team in relation to preparing and reviewing contracts, assembling, and organizing information for legal documents; conducting legal research; assembling materials for legal, regulatory, litigation and administrative tasks.

## Executive Director - Future Majority

The Executive Director will be an experienced leader capable of developing programs to elevate our organization's messages in the national and regional media, and representing our organization in the media, with partners and funders. Reporting to the President, and working closely with the Managing Director, the Executive Director will lead Future Majority's communications (traditional media, social media, digital presence) and fundraising efforts (grassroots / event, and major donor fundraising efforts).

## Manager, Advocacy and Strategic Affairs - Canadian Society of Landscape Architects

The Manager, Advocacy and Strategic Affairs will be a thought leader, championing and shaping agendas surrounding the profession of landscape architecture and the issues which it touches, such as climate adaptation, human health-being, Reconciliation, cultural landscapes, and equity and diversity. The Manager, Advocacy and Strategic Affairs will lead the CSLA's advocacy strategy to increase the prioritization of landscape architecture in Canada.

## Manager, Environment Program – Nuclear Waste Management Organization

Reporting to the Director, Impact Assessment, the Manager, Environment Program will be responsible for the development and implementation of the Environment Program through activities such as developing an Environment Program that will effectively implement the NWMO Environment Statement including the processes by which the environmental aspects and opportunities will be identified and managed and identifying emerging environmental challenges and develop, communicate and implement plans to avoid or mitigate potential negative outcomes.

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In this role, the candidate will be responsible for undertaking research and analysis to develop policy recommendations relating to license applications and energy matters. This will include acting as a subject matter expert for internal and external stakeholders.

## [Research Associate - Centre for International Governance Innovation](#)

Reporting to the President, the Research Associate contributes to the planning and execution of CIGI's research projects by providing research, analysis and general support. This position is based at CIGI's Waterloo office where employees have a hybrid work environment. The multi-faceted role includes policy research and analysis and project coordination and support, and includes both long-term projects and quick turnaround requests.

## [Policy Analyst \(2 positions\) - College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario](#)

They Policy Analyst will be strategically minded critical thinker and policy professional who can manage or support complex, high-profile, and highly scrutinized policy projects. As a member of their team, you will act as subject matter expert on policy files and be responsible for executing all elements of the policy development and review process. You will help support the continued implementation of Right-Touch-Regulation through the development and revision of CPSO policies, informed by meaningful engagement and collaboration with patients, physicians, and stakeholder organizations.

## [Senior Strategic Communications Advisor - Ontario Ministry of Transportation](#)

As a Senior Strategic Communications Advisor, you will lead the planning, development and implementation of a broad range of strategic communications projects and initiatives, and the development and maintenance of client relationships in support of government and ministry programs, services, goals and priorities; identify, analyze, and provide advice on communications requirements and issues related to ministry policies, programs, legislation, regulations and services; and lead branch teams to develop and implement communications strategies for cross-divisional and cross-government initiatives.

## [Director, Government Relations \(Ontario\) - Council of Canadian Innovators](#)

Reporting to the Vice President, Strategy and Advocacy, CCI's Ontario Director will work closely with the Ontario government to advance CCI's priorities and will work to ensure the government's policies, regulations, and legislation reflect the needs of our members. CCI's Ontario Director will be responsible for increasing the visibility of CCI in Ontario, identifying opportunities for collaboration and dialogue between CCI's members and the Government of Ontario, cultivating and managing relationships with government officials, media, and stakeholder groups, and working to achieve CCI's provincial advocacy priorities.



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