

School of Public Policy and Administration

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Congratulations to MPPAL alumnus Jabari Lindsay on his new role!



Jabari has spent the majority of his career focusing on the delivery and management of social assistance programs and developing relationships with key community service providers and stakeholders. He has proven himself as a strong strategic leader with a commitment to this area. Jabari is passionate and dedicated to providing overall delivery of income and social supports to the community and residents of Peel.

As Jabari loves to quote "Whats gunna work? TEAM WORK!" - Tyrone, Backyardigans

Media Release:

Peel Region has announced the hiring of Jabari Lindsay as the next Director of Income and Social Supports. Jabari will be transitioning to the role on May 9, 2023.

Jabari joins Peel Region from the City of Toronto bringing over 14 years of municipal experience and holding a variety of progressive roles including the Director, Employment and Social Services. In the Manager Equity Diversity and Inclusion role, Jabari worked on the development of the Toronto Youth Equity Strategy (TYES) which was unanimously adopted by the City of Toronto as a five-year strategy to provide more accessible and relevant support to youth who are most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence.

On behalf of Peel Region, I am so pleased to welcome Jabari into this Director role. He comes to us with a wealth of experience in this sector, making him an excellent fit to serve Peel Region's most vulnerable residents.

Peel Region Commissioner of Human Services, Sean Baird

Congratulations to Jabari – MPPAL wishes you every success and looks forward to your continued engagement with the School!

Congratulations to our students Sakeina and Marierose!



Sakeina Syed

In high school, I recall being very interested in journalism. But later on, I believed that my choice to study public administration would send me down a different career path. Pursuing a major in public administration and a minor in creative writing allowed me to synthesize my interests in public policy and writing.

Last year, I wrote an article called “**End of the Line**” for [Maisonneuve magazine](#). This involved extensive research into transit policy, which I feel my undergraduate education prepared me for. I received the [Student Award of Excellence](#) from the Canadian Association of Journalists (CAJ) for this article, and I am also a finalist for a [National Magazine Award](#). I am very grateful that my Hons. BPA major and creative writing minor uniquely equipped me to pursue my interests and access these opportunities.



Marierose Talla

I am excited to be starting a new chapter as Clinic and Programs Advisor at Legal Aid Ontario. The MPPAL program has been instrumental in shaping this journey. Through this program, I was able to nurture my passion for social justice while honing in on new skills to make me a better public servant.

For example, taking Public Accounting in the summer helped me to sharpen my financial literacy and critical thinking skills. I use these skills daily to support decision-making and advising on the issues that clinics face in this new role. Furthermore, the comradery and mentorship fostered in the MPPAL community helped me to explore opportunities that would have normally been outside of my comfort zone. Very special shout-out to Prof. Kapralos for not only teaching me valuable financial skills but for taking the time out to coach me through the interview process. Overall, it is this combination of teaching excellence and a deep sense of community that makes the MPPAL program an incredibly valuable experience.

Congratulations to Sakeina and Marierose – SPPA wishes you every success and looks forward to your continued engagement with the School!

**Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA)
2023-2024 Executive Team**



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Congratulations to the 2023-2024 School of Public Policy & Administration's new student association!

Call for Nominations: LA&PS Writing and Digital Composition Prize

Fall/Winter 2022 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 2022 and April 2023. The competition closing date is **June 12, 2023**.

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/>.

Fall/Winter 2022 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 19, 2023**. 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/>

For any questions regarding either award, please contact jons@yorku.ca.

Student Opportunities:

[Research Intern — Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario \(HEQCO\)](#)

HEQCO is seeking skilled postsecondary students or recent graduates to join its small and dynamic research team. Reporting to one of HEQCO's research directors, the research intern's responsibilities include activities such as conducting literature reviews, developing surveys and performing scans on topics in postsecondary education. The intern will also be involved in writing and preparing proposals, briefings, reports, graphs, tables and presentations for HEQCO staff and conducting quantitative and/or qualitative data analysis.

[Government Relations Intern \(Toronto\) — Counsel Public Affairs](#)

The Government Relations Intern will have the opportunity to work closely with Counsel's teams across the country to help solve problems and deliver results for their clients at the federal, provincial and municipal levels of government. As a member of the Counsel team, the GR intern's work will range from research and news monitoring to client engagement to strategic plan development. Familiarity with current federal, provincial and municipal issues in a wide range of policy areas is essential, with knowledge of the provincial legislative processes an asset.

Events and Conferences:

[Make a difference while earning course credit - Apply to C4!](#)

The Cross-Campus Capstone Classroom-or C4 for short- brings together York students from various disciplines to work on capstone projects pitched by non-profits, start-ups, and businesses who want to make real social impact. Students who participate receive course credit and a stipend at the end of the course! Want to learn more? [Register to attend an info session.](#)

[Classrooms to Careers for Students with Disabilities](#)

In Partnership with Student Accessibility Services

Are you a student with a disability about to graduate? Our Classrooms to Careers webinar series will provide you with practical information to help you succeed during your transition from student to professional.

Join us during this week-long series to learn more about:

- The steps behind making informed career decisions
- Writing effective resumés and cover letters that highlights your accomplishments
- Uncovering and creating career opportunities with job search and networking strategies
- Rebranding disability through achievement with Lime Connect
- Using LinkedIn to enhance your job search
- Disclosing your disability to an employer

Registration is required. Find our full webinar schedule on the [Experience York](#) calendar.

Events and Conferences:

[Just the Facts: Canada's Response to Climate Change - Toronto Science Policy Network](#)

Virtual, May 9, 2023, at 7 PM

As the world faces a mounting climate crisis, Canada must take swift and decisive action through effective policy to safeguard our planet for future generations. With a focus on how we can adapt to the reality of a changing climate, this panel will discuss the evidence that can inform policy on topics such as renewable energy transitions, urban planning, low carbon innovations, and their related socio-economic impacts. We will start the event by asking our expert panelists, "If you had three minutes with a decision maker, what one policy or research finding would you propose?" The panel will also include a moderated discussion and a live Q&A.

Everyone is welcome to attend — regardless of whether you are currently a student, working, or anywhere in between. No previous expertise is required!

Upcoming IPAC events:

[Municipal Innovation Symposium](#)

May 16th, 2023, 2:30-6:00 pm EDT

Despite a host of limitations to their finances, jurisdiction and capacity, municipalities of all shapes and sizes regularly engage in innovative activity. Whether it is designing new internal processes, harnessing technology or introducing new programs or services, many municipalities are regular, albeit sometimes quiet, innovators. This conference will highlight the innovative work of over 20 Canadian municipalities, uncovering how, why and under what conditions municipalities innovate. The symposium is a great opportunity for municipal leaders to gather, learn and discuss how to get the most from their organizations.

[Indigenous Ownership: Inside the Powerful New Partnerships Reshaping Canada's Major Project Landscape](#)

May 24th, 2023, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT

Indigenous communities are increasingly seeking equity ownership of major projects. As co-owners, they can form deeper partnerships with industry and pursue greater decision-making powers and opportunities for long-term, stable revenue generation. The Conference Board of Canada's Indigenous Ownership research series explores the challenges Indigenous communities face acquiring equity in major projects, the best practices that industry, governments, and lenders can use to support this pursuit, and the implications that rising ownership levels could have for Indigenous self-determination.

[Watched at Work? Survey of Remote Work in Canada's Public Sector](#)

June 7th, 2023, 1:00PM EDT – Virtual

How are public servants feeling about the partial return to office? Are they still feeling supported while working from home? How many are being digitally monitored at home? How does the public sector compare to the private and non-profit sectors?

Hear the results and discuss the findings from a new survey of Canadian public sector employees and supervisors conducted by Toronto Metropolitan University, with the support of the Future Skills Centre. This representative survey, the first of its kind in Canada since the pandemic, explores the experiences and attitudes of remote workers, including the performance supports and monitoring that workers experience.

[Director, Homelessness Initiatives & Prevention — City of Toronto](#)

The Director, Homelessness Initiatives and Prevention Services, will drive the mandate for shelters and related services within the context of the Homelessness Solutions Service Plan. An integral part of this role will be to direct all homelessness initiatives including City and community non-profit operated shelter, 24-hour respite, 24-hour and daytime drop-in and street outreach services including case management services, and centralized intake. This section delivers, coordinates, and oversees an integrated system of direct services for individuals and communities impacted by homelessness.

[Senior Policy & Strategic Issues Advisor, Indigenous Health — City of Toronto](#)

Reporting to a member of the Toronto Public Health (TPH) senior management team, the Senior Policy & Strategic Issues Advisor, Indigenous Health, provides strategic advice and leadership on policy and strategic issues as they relate to the Toronto Indigenous Health Strategy and the City's commitment to the Reconciliation Action Plan. The position will involve developing an understanding of Public Health programming, policy development, and services for Indigenous communities.

[Public Policy Manager, Canada \(Federal & Quebec\) — TikTok](#)

Reporting to the Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs for Canada, the Public Policy Manager, Canada (Federal & Quebec) will support the work of the Global Public Policy & Government Affairs team. Some of their responsibilities include promoting a political, legislative, and regulatory environment in Canada conducive to the success of TikTok, content creators, and our Canadian user community building and maintaining policymaker and external stakeholder relationships.

[Director, Climate & Socio-Economic Policy Research — Scotiabank](#)

The primary function of this position is to prepare and market economic policy analysis with a focus on climate and transition economics, socio-economic trends, and other structural forces underpinning the medium-term economic outlook in Canada, the US, and the global economy, as well as Scotiabank's footprint. The position is also informed by near-term economic and policy developments as they shape the longer-term outlook and is closely integrated into other core departmental work within Economics.

[Manager, Government and Regulatory Affairs – Questrade](#)

Working with the Head of Government & Regulatory Affairs in the Strategy and Capital markets team, this role you will support the development and implementation of the organization's provincial and federal government and regulatory affairs strategies related to key business priorities across QFG's lines of business including Questrade, Questrade Wealth Management, Zolo, ThinkInsure, and Community Trust Company. This role will also promote executive and corporate thought leadership through digital content and media channels, while supporting business development and government engagement efforts.

[Director, Engagement Research, Policy, and Analysis — University Pension Plan Ontario](#)

The Director, Engagement Research, Policy, and Analysis will have existing relationships in the Ontario university and labour sectors, drawing on past experience to contribute to UPP's business growth by attracting universities and unions to the Plan. With a strong foundation in financial metrics, research, and analysis, the Director, Engagement Research, Policy, and Analysis will prepare reports, analyses, and plan comparisons to support UPP's engagement and outreach with the Ontario university sector. The Director will also conduct research and policy analysis, and prepare reports to support UPP's government relations priorities.

Corporate & Policy Lead — Intellectual Property Ontario (IPON)

The Corporate & Policy Lead will manage IPON's corporate affairs under the direction and supervision of the agency's Senior Director, Corporate Affairs, including leading key operational and administrative activities on behalf of the agency. The position will require knowledge of Ontario government policies and directives. The Corporate & Policy Lead will contribute to the delivery of results in a fast-changing work environment, and to an engaged, diverse, accessible, inclusive, and respectful work environment.

Deputy Chief of Staff (Intergovernmental Affairs) — City of Toronto

The City of Toronto is hiring a Deputy Chief of Staff for their Intergovernmental Affairs portfolio, to provide expert advice and guidance, through political acuity and experience, on intergovernmental affairs. This includes understanding City Council mandates, the City of Toronto budgets, business operations, and future strategies. Reporting to the Chief of Staff, the Deputy Chief of Staff must provide strategic leadership and direction related to intergovernmental affairs and be able to build highly effective relationships and networks with other levels of government, municipalities, and community partners. Additionally, this role will develop a priority-driven strategy for partnerships with all levels of government.

Policy Analyst (Temporary) — Skilled Trades Ontario

The temporary contract position of Policy Analyst will provide support on policy projects and the research and analysis of a range of policy issues affecting the sustainability and competitiveness of the trades in support of the strategies for Skilled Trades Ontario (STO). Some additional responsibilities include providing support in the conceptualization, development and evaluation of policies and strategies which address a range of proposed regulatory and legislative provisions and issues impacting the goals of STO

Regulatory Affairs Consultant (Government Relations) — Toronto Hydro

The Regulatory Affairs Consultant (Government Relations) will be responsible for leading detailed energy policy research, engaging with internal and external stakeholders, providing advice to senior leaders and helping to advance the organization's regulatory policy and government relations interests. This position is part of the team of public policy and government relations professionals responsible for managing relationships at the provincial and federal level.

Measurement Specialist – BC Public Service Agency

The Measurement & Research Insights team is realigning to focus on embedding a culture of measurement in the Public Service Agency. The team leads the Public Service Agency in developing a strong, consistent, and effective measurement approach to support programs, policies and initiatives. The Measurement Specialist will guide clients through the development of meaningful measures and will work closely with members of the Data & Insights Office to develop reporting tools that meet the client's needs.

IMIT Strategy Consultant – Government of PEI

This strategy position will work with multiple areas or departments and will establish an indirect reporting relationship with senior members of their assigned focus areas (Deputies, Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive-levels) to ensure cross departmental connections and corporate approach to IMIT strategic initiatives. Responsibilities will focus on areas of planning and strategy, business and service engagement, coordination and facilitation.

Associate Vice President, Policy & Research — Toronto Region Board of Trade

Reporting to the Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Economic Blueprint Institute, the Associate Vice President, Policy & Research will provide leadership and work collaboratively internally and externally to guide the development of practical policy solutions and the implementation of place-based initiatives that address key business pain points holding back investment, growth, and jobs. A comprehensive understanding of the energy sector and climate economy is preferred; with the capability to seamlessly transition from policy development to project based delivery as appropriate.

Toronto Urban Fellow Research Associates — City of Toronto

Research Associates in the program provide research, analysis and project support related to social, economic or public policy, urban affairs and government services. Some major responsibilities include providing research support and conducting project research in several areas including corporate policy development, intergovernmental relations, government practices and procedures, civic engagement, and performance monitoring systems and assisting senior staff in analyzing corporate policy issues, formulating research objectives and designing and developing research projects.

National Policy Manager — Climate Action Network

The National Policy Manager will work with the Executive Director and management team to develop CAN-Rac's strategy on national climate policy and politics and will be responsible for building up CAN-Rac's national policy team and overseeing its work. The National Policy Manager will work with the rest of the team to build strong, service-oriented relationships with its members and allies to support CAN-Rac's national policy program and strategic convening of its membership in support of national policy development and supporting campaigns designed to bring Canada to its fair share of the global effort to confront climate change.

Government and External Relations Associate — Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO)

Reporting to the Director, Government and External Relations, the Government and External Relations Associate, will be responsible for supporting government and external relations team, stakeholder research, analysis, outreach, and engagement activities. They will plan and coordinate policy-related initiatives and prepare public presentations, and events, and manage internal coordination including strategy and communication needs. The Government and External Relations Associate will also coordinate meeting requests, participate and community policy issues, and capture key issues raised during government meetings.

Policy Advisor, Transmission Policy & Compliance — Ontario Energy Board (OEB)

The Policy Advisor, Transmission Policy & Compliance will be responsible for planning and conducting research, studies, and in-depth analysis on energy related issues, including new developments, industry trends, initiatives, policies, and practices. They will also prepare presentations, reports, policy papers, and other documentation to support policy recommendations and provide advice to the Board and senior management. The Policy Advisor will act as a subject matter expert and working with internal and external stakeholders.

[Government Affairs & Strategic Projects Advisor – City of Pickering](#)

The incumbent is responsible for the provision of key public affairs and stakeholder relation activities for the Office of the CAO. The employee works closely with Mayor & Council, the Chief Administrative Officer and Senior Management, as a hands-on advisor when navigating issues related to government affairs, building and supporting stakeholder relationships. Operating out of the Office of the CAO, the incumbent will lead and support various strategic initiatives and projects including the coordination of internal efforts for the formulation and implementation of the City's strategic plan.

[Senior Consultant, Public Affairs — Hill+Knowlton Strategies](#)

The Senior Consultant will be responsible for tracking emerging policy and political issues, creating original messaging and outreach materials, researching and writing on policy matters, suggesting proactive ideas and programs to help meet achieve our clients' business and advocacy goals. This position will support the creation and implementation of integrated public affairs plans that change public opinion and prompt government action. They will also undertake specific policy research activities in support of broader strategies and plans.



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