

School of Public Policy and Administration

NEWSLETTER

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STARTING with SUCCESS!

**A warm welcome to our new and continuing graduate and undergraduate students
Come mix and mingle at our first event of the term – details below**



Thursday, September 21, 2023



From 6 to 8 PM



002 Atkinson, New College

Starting the academic year by connecting with peers and industry professionals is a great way to set yourself up for success! Come and join us at our annual **Starting with Success** event for networking opportunities, great conversations, and amazing activities!

Guest speakers:



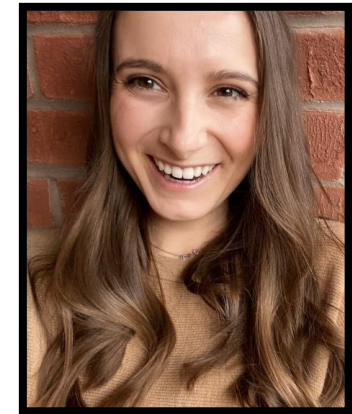
Jennifer Holmes Weier

President & CEO,
JA Central Ontario



Jabari Lindsay

Director of Income and Social
Supports, Peel Region



Jocelyn Short

Director, Internal & External Affairs,
Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Metrolinx

RSVP through this link: tinyurl.com/swsrsvp23

SPPA Professor Zac Spicer awarded the SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant!

This research intends to better understand the impact of remote and hybrid work. **Professor Spicer**, and research assistant **Paula Tablon Modica** ([MPPAL](#) class of 2022) recruited a total of 50 public servants from each order of government (provincial/territorial, local and federal) to complete a beta-testing study on measuring productivity and employee wellness using the [UpBeing](#) app.

Read the full story [here!](#)

Professor Zachary Spicer



Paula Tablon Modica



For links to some of Professor Spicer's research and so much more, visit our [School](#) page and scroll down to the Latest News!

Congratulations to Professor Spicer and MPPAL alumna Paula Tablon Modica

Meet our new Graduate Students' Association of Public Policy, Administration and Law (GSAPPAL) 2023-2024 Executive Team – Congratulations!



Jenning Cheung
President



Manogya Tekriwal
Vice President



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Treasurer



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Director of Communications



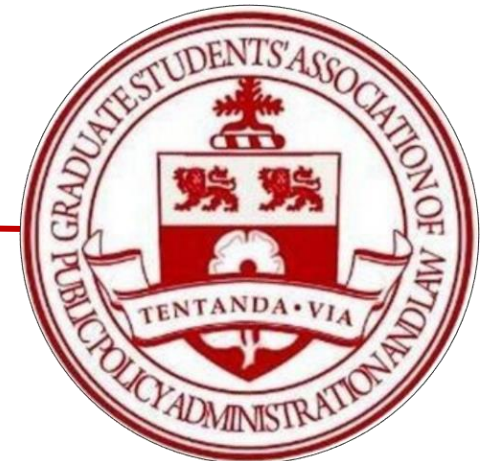
Harroop Ahuja
Director of Outreach



Vitangalee Deonarain
Social Convener



Summer Saadi
Secretary



Meet our new PPASA Undergraduate Student Association. Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Executive Team!



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Director of Professional
Communications



[GRIZZEL CALIDA](#)
Director of Marketing
and Social Media

SPPA's 2023 High School Essay Contest

Please share with any High School students or teachers you know!

TOPIC:

MAINTAINING INTEGRITY: HOW INFLUENCES OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND CHAT-GPT HAVE AND WILL PAVE THE PATH FORWARD IN YOUR SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS

The School of Public Policy & Administration at York University and its undergraduate student association, the [PPASA](#), invite high school students to submit essays for its 2023 competition. We ask that you reflect on this topic statement and how it applies to your generation. Don't forget to follow us on [Twitter!](#)



Eligibility Criteria

High school students in **grades 10-12** are invited to participate. Individual submissions or co-authored essays by up to 3 authors will be considered. The essays should be **500-1000 words** (1-2 pages) in length.

Process

A group of faculty, current students and alumni from the School of Public Policy & Administration will review the essays and nominate 3 winners. Essays can be submitted online **no later than Monday October 16, 2023**.

[Submit Application here](#)

Find out more about past winners and essay topics [here!](#)

Student Opportunities:

Fall 2023 Research Assistantships - 2 positions

Professor Daniel Cohn is seeking to hire two undergraduate students to work as research assistants on his project “**Online News in the 2021 Calgary General Election.**” The research assistants will search online sites for news articles regarding the 2021 Calgary General Election, save the articles and then code them for future use in a quantitative content analysis. They will also assist Prof. Cohn with other tasks related to the research (time permitting) including: verifying the data, integrating the 2021 online news data with existing databases, and conducting initial steps in the content analysis.

Time Commitment and Duration of the Assignment:

Ten hours per week for ten weeks starting Monday October 2nd.

Compensation:

\$16.55 per hour plus statutory benefits.

Preferred Qualifications:

Student currently enrolled in one of the BPA or Certificate programs offered by The School of Public Policy & Administration.

Qualifications:

- Must be eligible to legally work in Canada at York University
- Must currently be enrolled as an undergraduate student at York University
- Must have completed PPAS/POLS 3300 – SOCI 3030 6.0 (Statistics for Social Sciences) with a grade of at least B and be comfortable working with SPSS.

Deadline:

Applications will be received until 5pm, Friday September 15th.

To apply, please send an **email with your name, student number and a brief (one paragraph maximum) statement of interest** to dcohn@yorku.ca. For more information, please Email Prof. Cohn at dcohn@yorku.ca or call him at (416)736-2100 x77276.

Discover valuable student resources on Experience York

1:1 Career Counselling Appointments and Job Search Advising Appointments

Wondering where your career might take you? Meet with a Career Counsellor to explore your career options and build your career confidence. Additionally, career Educators offer individual job search advising appointments for support with your job search strategy, resumé and cover letter feedback, interview practice and any other questions you might have about finding a job. Book appointments via [Experience York](#).

Get Networking - Discover Employer Events on Experience York

This school year, get to know employers in your field of interest through the Employer Events calendar on Experience York.

Gain the confidence you need to make great strides in your career by connecting with top employers through upcoming events, including:

- Employer Recruitment Sessions
- Networking Events, Career and Job Fairs
- Skills Competitions
- Diversity and Inclusion Events

Access the Employer Events calendar from the dashboard of your Experience York account, [login today!](#)

Student Opportunities:

[Save the Date: Fall Career Fair 2023](#)

Thursday, September 21, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Building

From summer internships to full-time jobs, there's something for everyone at the **Fall Career Fair!** Kick off your job search this year by meeting face-to-face with employers who are looking to hire York U students. Find a full list of employers that will be attending the fair [here](#).

[Webinar Series: Preparing for Career Fair Success!](#)

From **Sept 5 to Sept 19**, learn how you can stand out to employers during our "Preparing for Career Fair Success" webinar series. Topics include resumé and cover letter writing, interview preparation, enhancing your LinkedIn profile and more. Find the full webinar schedule on our [Events Calendar](#).

Events and Conferences:

[AccelerateGov: The Public Sector Digital Transformation Conference](#)

Tuesday, October 3, Shaw Centre, Ottawa, Canada

Organized by Global Government Forum, AccelerateGOV serves all those public service leaders and managers with an interest in digital – exploring in panel discussions and audience Q&As how staff from different professions can best promote and deliver transformed public services.

AccelerateGOV is free to attend for public servants from all over the world who are responsible for, or are interested in, transforming, digitizing and accelerating their organizations and services.

[IWPP4 Guadalajara 2024 - Call for workshops coming!](#)

The **call for workshops** for the **fourth edition of the International Workshops in Public Policy (IWPP4)** will soon be opening: **September 4 - October 16, 2023**. IWPP4 is scheduled to take place in the vibrant city of Guadalajara, Mexico, from June 26 to 28, 2024. The event is organized in collaboration with the Institute for Research in Public Policies and Government, the University Centre of Economic and Managerial Sciences, and the University of Guadalajara. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to: icpublicpolicy@gmail.com.

[Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships 2023 P3 Conference Student Program](#)

Apply by Friday, September 15, 2023

Each year, The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP) awards up to 12 talented post-secondary students from across Canada the opportunity to attend its Annual Conference in Toronto, taking place November 12-15, 2023. Student delegates participate in a special pre-conference orientation session and attend keynote speeches and provocative panel discussions on challenges and opportunities in the P3 sector from notable leaders. Successful students will receive one complimentary ticket (worth \$3,100), including many more benefits (listed in the linked document).

[MYPAC Annual Social \(in-person\)](#)

Thursday, September 28, 6:30 pm, Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, 106 Trinity Street

MES York Planning Alumni Committee's most anticipated event of the year will be held at Enoch Turner Schoolhouse near the Distillery District on Thursday, September 28. Mark your calendars and [register today!](#) Sponsorship packages are available including tickets for the event, featuring company logos at the event, and social media feature on MYPAC's channel. If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please get in touch.

[Director - First Nations, Inuit, Metis, and Indigenous Performance and Data - Ontario Health West](#)

The Director of First Nations, Inuit, Metis, Urban Indigenous (FNIMul) Performance and Data drives the development and maintenance of the Indigenous health system performance dashboard identifying and recommending system-level Indigenous health equity and programmatic indicators. The Director is accountable for maintaining connections with data sovereignty leaders including Provincial Territorial Organizations, the London District Chiefs Council, the First Nations Secretariate, and academic bodies. The role also engages with Indigenous data champions and health equity data efforts provincially, including Aboriginal Health Access Centres, IHEC, Ontario Health Teams, and municipal community planning groups

[Site Engagement Associate, Community Engagement \(Ignace\) - The Nuclear Waste Management Organization](#)

NWMO is in search of a talented professional with a strong interest and extensive experience in municipal and public engagement to join a team of social and technical scientists to support this process. The successful candidate would be called up to conduct engagement and community outreach programs with municipal organizations and communities, represent the NWMO in public dialogue and events and be accountable for supporting on-going relationships within the assigned region.

[Executive Director - Nunavut Impact Review Board](#)

The Executive Director (ED) is a highly visible role, directing operations of the NIRB and providing regulatory guidance to process participants and the public, while leading a growing complement of staff and objectively advising the Board Members regarding the mandated duties of the organization. The ED ensures that the NIRB's assessments, policies and programs are developed in accordance with the provisions of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act and other relevant legislation. They will oversee preparation of required submissions, briefs, and reports to Governments, Designated Inuit Organizations and the general public. The ED also represents the Board through public hearings, meetings and technical working groups, maintaining the NIRB's public image through fair, respectful, lawful and good faith treatment of staff and its partners.

[Seniors Advocate - Ministry of Health](#)

The ideal candidate for this role will be an experienced executive leader with exemplary interpersonal communications skills and a positive, collaborative approach. Along with their knowledge of health care, seniors' issues, or demographics, the ideal candidate will bring a depth of experience in presenting complex and potentially contentious ideas to senior government officials. Demonstrating strong personal credibility and integrity, this individual will be known not only for their analytical and innovative approach but also for their ability to clearly communicate their ideas to a diverse audience.

[Director, Public Policy — Canadian Mental Health Association \(CMHA\)](#)

As a member of CMHA's management team, the Director, Public Policy is responsible for providing leadership in public policy, knowledge transfer and activities that support the work of CMHA branches in Ontario. Working with the management team and in cooperation with their Chief Officers, the Director will ensure that public policy activities of the organization are strategically aligned to regional and system priorities and promote a working environment that is conducive for staff to effectively carry out the organization's strategic plan. The Director will also liaise with the provincial government for the purpose of information gathering, agenda setting, advocacy, and policy advice.

[Manager, Government Relations and Advocacy — Ontario Dental Association](#)

The Ontario Dental Association (ODA) is looking for a Manager, Government Relations and Advocacy to advance its government relations objectives in support of the dental profession and the delivery of oral health care. The Manager will communicate and engage with government stakeholders, coordinate monitoring, research, and analysis of public policy, and draft communications, including briefing notes, position statements, and talking points. This role also manages the ODA's province-wide Advocacy Network and participation in grassroots advocacy campaigns.

[Senior Policy Analyst — Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada \(multiple positions\)](#)

Pauktuutit works to improve the quality of life for all Inuit women. Utilizing a gender-based lens, Senior Policy Analysts focus on the development and review of public policy to further Pauktuutit's mandates and initiatives that support Inuit women. Selected candidates will be responsible for conducting analysis and preparing written documents and recommendations for policy development and implementation. These roles will increase Pauktuutit's capacity to prepare for robust engagement, co-development, and representation of Inuit women's distinct rights, and priorities with key partners.

[Policy Program Coordinator & Policy Program Manager — Canadian Roots Exchange \(2 positions\)](#)

The [Policy Programs Manager](#) is responsible for planning, organizing, leading, and controlling policy and advocacy programs. The role includes managing the design and delivery of policy education programs, monitoring and responding to public policy opportunities, and recommending program changes in response to evaluation data. The [Policy Programs Coordinator](#) is responsible for supporting the production of policy and advocacy programming. The role includes coordinating and facilitating policy programs and engagements, supporting program participants, and identifying opportunities for collaboration with government and community partners.

[Assistant Deputy Minister and Executive Financial Officer - Crown Agencies and Corporate Services, Crown Agencies Secretariat](#)

The Assistant Deputy Minister and Executive Financial Officer (ADM/EFO), Crown Agencies and Corporate Services translates government's and the organizations' vision and priorities for Crown oversight, advisory services and sector supports into action. The position oversees the design and implementation of legislative, regulatory, policy, program, budget, communications and/or stakeholder initiatives to facilitate and lead change within Crowns and/or responsible ministries.

[Nursing & Health Policy Analyst \(Determinants of Health\) — Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario](#)

The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) is seeking a Nursing and Health Policy Analyst (Determinants of Health). The primary function of role is the development of evidence-based public policy that advances RNAO's mission to represent registered nurses, advocate for healthy public policy, promote excellence in nursing practice, and empower nurses to actively influence and shape decisions that affect the profession and the public they serve.

[Government Affairs Associate — Toronto Regional Real Estate Board \(TRREB\)](#)

Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) is hiring a Government Affairs Associate. The Associate will be responsible for enhancing relationships between both the TRREB and the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) and relevant MPPs, municipal politicians and other decision-makers, such as local city planners, who play a role in housing policy outcomes. Additionally, the successful candidate will nurture relationships with TRREB brokerage ambassadors, to enhance member communications related to relevant government policies impacting real estate.

[Policy Advisor and Senior Policy Advisor — Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General \(2 positions\)](#)

The Indigenous Justice Division is seeking a Policy Advisor and Senior Policy Advisor to deliver its cultural competency training program, Bimickaway, to justice-sector workers both within and outside of the Ontario Public Service. Bimickaway aims to promote intercultural understanding by teaching participants about the history of assimilative government laws and policies that have targeted Indigenous Peoples. In addition to facilitating program delivery, these roles involve developing and reviewing strategies and policy options related to Indigenous justice, conducting quantitative and qualitative research in support of policy and program recommendations, and preparing reports, briefing documents, and communications materials on emerging policy topics.

[Coordinator — MASS LBP](#)

MASS is looking to add a new Coordinator to their team. MASS LBP is a full-service firm that works with public sector, not-for-profit, and business clients to better involve the public, stakeholders, or members in decisions, planning, or policy-making processes. MASS Coordinators conduct research, analyze data, produce early drafts, keep watch over timelines and budgets, coordinate schedules, and facilitate and interact with project participants. Coordinators are often early career professionals who are working to sharpen their service, analytic, written, and presentation skills.

[Director, Policy and External Relations - Universities Canada](#)

The Director, Policy and External Relations, will develop and implement a multi-year government relations plan to guide the association's research, policy development, and advocacy on priority issues to address the needs of Canada's universities. This includes strategic planning, overseeing, coordinating, and implementing a broad range of activities aimed at effectively driving Universities Canada's advocacy including both national and international issues.

[Director, Public Affairs — Toronto Innovation Acceleration Partners](#)

Toronto Innovation Acceleration Partners (TIAP) is a not-for-profit organization that brings health science discoveries to market. The Director, Public Affairs will develop and implement a strategy to effectively engage with TIAP's stakeholders including government, academic members, ecosystem partners, industry and investors in life sciences. In addition, the role will lead the development and implementation of a communication and stakeholder engagement strategy. The overall objectives of the role will be to enhance the profile of TIAP with all its stakeholders and identify opportunities for growth. The individual will be an ambassador for TIAP and represent the organization with stakeholder groups.

[Senior Advisor \(Energy Transition Department, Strategic Policy Division\) — Ontario Energy Board](#)

The Ontario Energy Board is currently seeking a Senior Advisor to lead work related to sector evolution. The Senior Advisor will be responsible for developing and supporting the implementation of policy options to enhance the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB's) overall regulatory framework in order to keep pace with a changing energy sector. They will conduct policy research including evaluating policy options and their implications on the natural gas and electricity sectors and prepare reports and briefing materials for senior management. The Senior Advisor will also facilitate stakeholder engagement in the policy development process and build relationships with energy stakeholders, other commissions, and industry associations to exchange information and to identify emerging issues.

[Senior Policy Analyst — Ontario Ministry of Education](#)

The Ministry of Education is hiring a Senior Policy Analyst to work in the Business Operations Strategic Support Branch. The successful candidate will drive the future of education infrastructure and support the government's commitment to helping build schools that support the needs of growing communities. The Senior Policy Analyst will lead consultation processes with representatives from sector stakeholders, provide strategic advice to senior management and act as key contact with central agencies, and lead the research, development and evaluation of legislation and regulations for School Board Capital Grant programs.

[Director, Public Affairs — Ipsos](#)

Ipsos is seeking a Director, Public Affairs to play a leading role in the delivery of research and advisory services to clients on social and opinion research. The successful candidate will work with clients to understand their business issues and needs in order to develop and design appropriate solutions while building and maintaining strong client relationships. The ideal candidate is experienced in quantitative research design, with experience leading projects from start to finish. Responsibilities of the role include designing research projects, acting as a primary project lead to clients, and training junior team members.



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