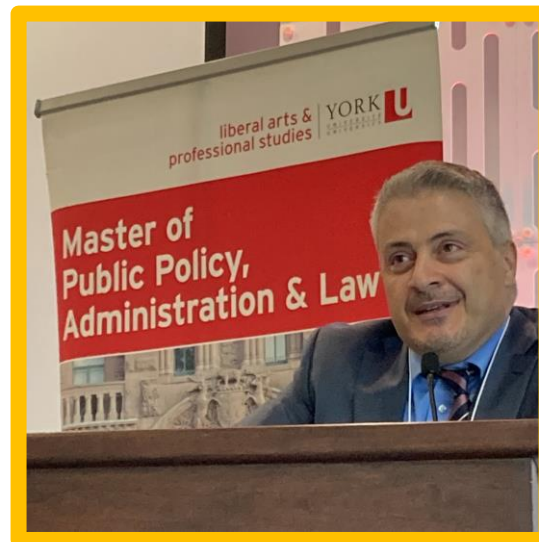


School of Public Policy and Administration NEWSLETTER

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SPPA's 2023 OPS Breakfast a Huge Success! Thank you to our keynote, Joseph Martino, SIU Director

The annual [Ontario Public Service \(OPS\) Breakfast](#) presented by our School on Oct. 3, focused on 'The SIU: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow' with keynote speaker **Joseph Martino, Director of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) at the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General**. SPPA is proud to claim Joseph as one of our alumni - [MPPAL](#) Class of 2016.



We want to thank **Director Martino** for his time and insight, **Associate Dean, Research & Graduate Studies, Ravi de Costa** for introducing our keynote, the one hundred plus guests who RSVP'd for this event, and all those who participated in the lively Q&A session. Next year's speaker will be announced in September – hope to see you there!

Congratulations to the SPPA - MPPAL Class of 2023!

On Thursday, October 12 we celebrated SPPA's amazing graduates. We wish you every happiness and success. Do stay in touch and please consider adding or updating your profile on our "SPPA [Alumni](#) Hall of Fame"!



Welcome to the SPPA Alumni family!

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Register Now - the course is filling up fast!



Professor Dagmar Soennecken

AP/PPAS 3000 3.0 M: Politics Policy and Law of Minority Rights

Winter 2024: Thursdays at 2:30pm

(Catalogue #: W57Q01)

[waitlist link](#)

Course Description:

Provides students with an overview of the legal and political issues and public policy concerns pertaining to minority rights. Legal definitions of "a minority" and "discrimination", as well as how claims are made to counter discrimination in different policy areas, will be critically examined. The minority rights jurisprudence to be covered in this course is comprehensive and policy-relevant.

For more information about the course, please contact Prof. Soennecken at dsoennec@yorku.ca

Dagmar Soennecken is cross-appointed between the [School of Public Policy and Administration \(SPPA\)](#) and the [Law and Society Program \(Department of Social Science\)](#). From 2016 to 2020, she served as the academic director of the Master in Public Policy, Administration and Law (MPPAL) program. In 2019, she became the Editor-in-chief of [Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees](#), one of the oldest academic, peer-reviewed journals on forced migration.

Prof. Soennecken's research focuses on comparative public policy in the EU and North America. She is particularly interested in questions concerning law and the courts as well as citizenship and migration. She has been nominated for 2 teaching awards: The Faculty of Graduate Studies Teaching Award and the Ian Greene Award for Teaching Excellence.

SPPA Career Panel: The Versatility of our School

Thursday, November 2, 2023

6:00PM - 8:30PM

Second Student Centre, Keele Campus

[\(RSVP here\)](#)



Ezra Isaacson

MPPAL 2014

Director, Funding Unit,
Sector Support Performance
and Accountability, Ontario
Health



Fuad Abdi

MPPAL 2014

Assistant Deputy Minister
of Infrastructure at the
Ministry of the Solicitor
General



Stefanie Lamonaca

Caputo

MPPAL 2015

Student Success and Academic
Advisor, LA&PS



Rocco Fasano

PPA 2002

Senior Advisor, Distribution
and Consumer Assistance
Policy Branch, Ministry of
Energy

Explore the diverse career paths of our alumni through their [testimonials](#).

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

Come and join MPPAL Graduate Program Director Prof. Ken Ogata 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.

We are also launching a new MPPAL stream in [Municipal Government](#) at our Markham campus location this Fall 2024. You could be part of our first cohort!

**Register for one of our upcoming Fall 2023
information sessions below:**

**Monday [November 6](#) , at 6:00pm – In person, Downtown
Toronto**

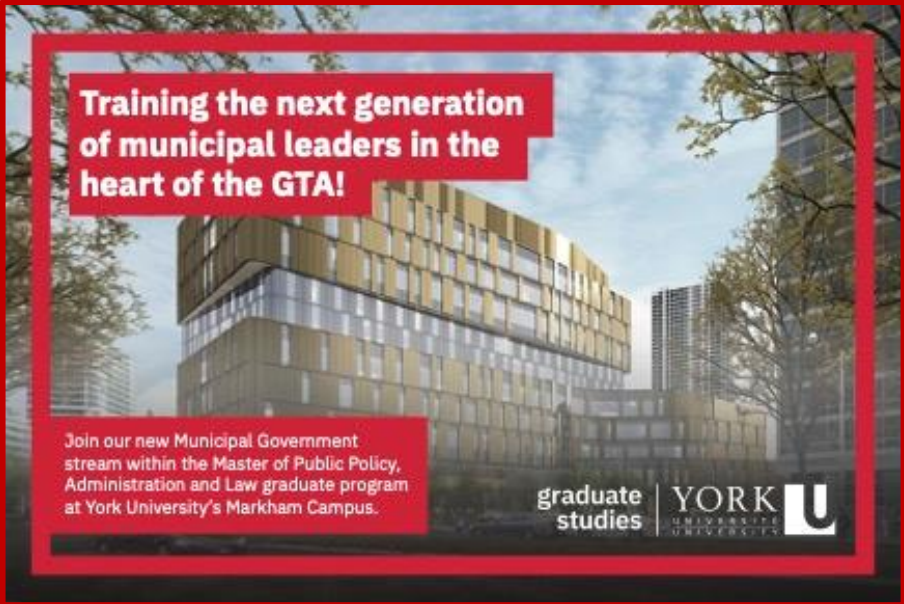
**Saturday, [November 18](#), at 1:00pm – In person, York-U, Keele
Campus**

To register, please use links on dates above.

To learn more about MPPAL, please visit:

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

The MPPAL program application deadline is January 15, 2024



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Student Opportunities:

[Academic Advising Services Office in the Faculty of the Liberal Arts & Professional Studies \(LA&PS\)](#)

Looking for ways to connect with an academic advisor? Visit the [LA&PS academic advising webpage](#), scroll down to "Select your department" and click on your School or Department. Where drop-in hours are indicated, we recommend that students use drop-in advising, rather than email, for a faster response to inquiries.

Please see below for important dates and helpful resources related to health, well-being, and academics.

IMPORTANT DATES

View the [Important Dates webpage](#) and [refund tables](#)

Consult with Student [Financial Services](#) if you have any financial questions or concerns.

For information on undergraduate awards and scholarships, students need to complete the student financial profile <https://sfs.yorku.ca/aid/sfp>

HEALTH & WELL-BEING RESOURCES

Community-based health and wellness resources for students, faculty, and staff are available on York U's [Well-being website](#).

If you're experiencing a mental health crisis or emergency, 24/7 resources are available: <https://www.yorku.ca/well-being/finding-help/>

Learn more about [Security Services](#) on campus.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES:

Newly admitted students to LA&PS: visit our [New Student Advising Webpage](#)

[Contact information](#) for permission to add a course.

Submit a LA&PS [petition](#)

Calculate your [GPA](#)

Learn about [Academic Decisions](#)

Submit a [change to your program](#)

View deadlines to apply to [graduate](#) and information about [convocation](#); Review your deadline to apply for graduation BEFORE your last term of classes, so you don't miss the deadline.

Resources to help navigate [career options](#)

Resources for [study strategies](#)

Student Opportunities:

[Writing Centre Zoom Workshop - Best in class: ChatGPT & Generative AI Writing Tools](#)

October 19th – 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

This is York's Academic Integrity month, and we have a workshop this week specifically promoting that topic. **All students are welcome!**

Writing tools have come a long way from the quill! In this workshop, learn how ChatGPT and other generative AI writing tools can help and hinder your development as an effective writer at university and beyond. We also explore the various risks to your data privacy and the security of your intellectual property that these tools pose as well as the university policies that are in place to guide your use of these tools within course settings.

No RSVPs necessary. Just click to join!

<https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97010097995?pwd=TUdZcWd3V1BRZTVFN1NlcVcyNXN1QT09>

[Policy Officer Recruitment Program \(PORP\) – National Defence](#)

Application period: October 13 - 30, 2023

The Policy Group at the Department of National Defence (DND) is currently conducting its 2023-2024 recruitment campaign for the [Policy Officer Recruitment Programme \(PORP\)](#).

The PORP is a three-year professional development programme designed to recruit and develop talented individuals to meet the unique demands of the defence policy environment, and become well-rounded Public Servants in the Government of Canada. Candidates selected for a PORP position are offered a permanent position with DND, including competitive compensation and benefits.

The PORP may be of particular interest if you:

- Are a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Have a Master's degree (or are expected to complete one by 31 July 2024) in social sciences, arts or humanities
- Have experience and are interested in researching, analyzing, and writing on subjects related to international affairs, defence and security, and/or public policy.

Shape your future and shape defence by joining the Policy Officer Recruitment Programme (PORP) with the Department of National Defence!

For more information, please visit www.canada.ca/defence-porp.

Student Opportunities:

[National Student Paper Competition \(NSPC\)](#)

Application period: **October 5, 2023 to December 15, 2023**

Do you know any talented graduate students working on important Canadian policy issues? Let them know about this year's [National Student Paper Competition \(NSPC\)](#), now open for submission!

Why NSPC matters:

- Opportunities to network and share innovative ideas with the federal public service.
- Grand prize: 4-month internship with the Government of Canada.
- Top 5 authors present papers to senior executives.

Here are the key details:

- **How to apply:** Contact a professor or supervisor in your Canadian university department, program or faculty to seek support. Submit the 1500-word paper about governance and the Public Service of Canada to the professor or supervisor, who should then complete the online application form and submit three versions of the paper.
- **Hosted by:** [Canada School of Public Service \(CSPS\)](#)
- **Purpose:** Recognize and amplify significant policy work by Canadian graduate students.
- **Partnerships:** [Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration \(CAPPA\)](#), [Institute of Public Administration of Canada \(IPAC\)](#), [Canadian Association for Graduate Studies \(CAGS\)](#)

Please visit the [NSPC webpage](#) for detailed info and [contact us](#) for questions. Apply now! Thank you for your engagement in fostering the next generation of Canadian public policy leaders.

[Graduates Recruitment on Campus – Chief Data Office \(CDO\), Canada Border Services Agency](#)

Thursday, October 19 – 3:30pm to 4:30pm (EST)

The CDO will be hosting a virtual information session with final-year students virtually to discuss what the CDO can offer and how students can apply. The CDO hopes to hire graduating students who want to work in the public sector and who have the talent, skills and drive to help us in the various areas of data strategy and enablement, data policy and governance, data engineering, data analytics and visualization, data science, biometrics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning and spatial analysis. We are looking for students with knowledge and experience in areas such as statistics, mathematics, data science, biometrics or biomedical studies, computer science, information systems, programming languages (e.g. Python), public policy, business and communications, project management, and more. New hires within the CBSA will be placed in our professional development program, which provides a range of learning and development activities with the aim of promoting employees within the CDO in a timely manner.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at CBSA.CDO_Recruitment-BDD_Recrutement.ASFC@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca if you have any questions.

Student Opportunities:

[The Canada Service Corps \(CSC\) call for proposals \(CFP\) is now open!](#)

Application period: October 12, 2023 to December 19, 2023

Seize the opportunity to bring your projects to life and help youth reach their full potential. The Government of Canada is inviting all youth-serving organizations to [apply for funding](#). Through this initiative, CSC provides volunteer service opportunities for youth **ages 12 to 30**, fostering impactful community change, skill development, and lifelong civic engagement. Exciting updates to CSC this year will make it easier for organizations to participate and will expand youth eligibility, including youth as young as 12 in certain program streams. This CFP also aims to expand and diversify CSC programming, and ensure youth, particularly Indigenous and under-served youth, have access to meaningful volunteer opportunities that will help them shape their development and growth. Organizations interested in applying for funding are encouraged to create an account through the [Grants and Contributions Online Services \(GCOS\) portal](#).

Eligible recipients for this CFP include: not-for-profit organizations; for-profit organizations (provided that the nature and intent of the activity is non-commercial and not intended to generate profit); research organizations and institutes; Indigenous organizations (including band councils, tribal councils and self-government entities); and municipal, provincial and territorial *entities, including institutions, agencies and Crown corporations, public health and educational institutions. **This CFP prioritizes projects that have a focus on one or more of these themes:** reconciliation; building an inclusive Canada; preserving the environment; promoting civic and democratic engagement; strengthening youth resilience; and/or potential new themes identified by youth. The CSC will be holding **information sessions** to provide an overview of key application criteria and processes.

For enquiries, contact: NC-DGOP-POB-CSC-SJC-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca

Events and Conferences:

[Webinar: Promises and Pitfalls of the Canada Disability Benefit](#)

October 23, 2023 - 12:45 pm – 4:30 pm (EST)

What does the Canada Disability Benefit Act mean for you? Join experts from both practice and academia on October 23 for this timely update on the **new Canada Disability Benefit**. This **free online webinar** will explore unanswered questions about the CDB, including policy dimensions, potential clawbacks, key definitions, and constitutional concerns. Get ahead of the curve on the future Canada Disability Benefit. [Register today.](#)

[Australian National University Migration Update – School of Regulation and Global Governance](#)

Wednesday, November 15, 8:30am - 5pm

The event will explore the latest research and policy priorities surrounding human migration at the local, national and global levels, from an Australian perspective. The event will feature keynote speakers from academia, government, international organizations. IOM's **Marie McAuliffe** (Head of the Migration Research and Publications Division) and **Jacqueline Weekers** (Chief of Mission for Australia and Coordinator for the Pacific) will be among the speakers.

Policy Advisor, Cultural Policy Hub – OCAD University

The Policy Advisor supports the research, writing and knowledge mobilization for OCAD University's Cultural Policy Hub, a collaborative conduit of cultural stakeholders and partners from across Canada. The Hub aims to facilitate and expand the arts and culture sectors' capacity in policy research, data analysis, program design and development, and facilitate more frequent knowledge exchange and mobilization. The Policy Advisor will conduct research for, as well as write and edit, policy documents and related communications content for the Hub and its website that support the governance councils and leadership priorities. They will also initiate and conduct policy research in identified areas, with a focus on policy related to creative entrepreneurship and skills development.

Project Manager (Community Infrastructure Unit) – City of Toronto

As part of Social Development, Finance & Administration, the Project Manager will lead the development, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of key initiatives in the Community Infrastructure Unit, including neighbourhood plans, new community space, and community hub facilities, and aligned City programs and initiatives. The successful incumbent will be an experienced project manager with an equity-centred approach and will support the Division and City in advancing strategies to improve equitable opportunities for Torontonians. The Project Manager recommends project and program goals and strategies, conducts research into assigned areas, and provides expertise and technical assistance to diverse stakeholders.

Policy & Program Advisor – City of Toronto

As part of Toronto Water Infrastructure Management, the Policy & Program Advisor develops new policies, guidelines, and standards related to the construction and operation of sanitary, stormwater, and water supply infrastructure. The Policy & Program Advisor will also support and undertake studies to inform policy direction and guide infrastructure planning. Responsibilities include conducting research on best practices, legislation, applicable policies and practices, and operational impacts, and ensuring programs policies and procedures are consistent with Council direction and provincial and federal legislation.

Management Consultant – City of Toronto

The Technology Services Division of the Office of the Chief Technology Officer is hiring a Management Consultant to lead complex technology strategy and planning assignments and initiatives, including for the Connected Community program. The Management Consultant will develop and deliver complex policy guidance and implementation plans on a range of topics including emerging technology, artificial intelligence, digital equity, and data governance. They will also contribute to the development and implementation of strategic organization design and effective governance on matters related to the ethical use of technology, privacy, cybersecurity, data governance, intellectual property, and innovation.

Police Complaint Commissioner – Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

The Police Complaint Commissioner is a non-partisan, independent statutory officer of the Legislature, with a mandate under the Police Act to provide impartial civilian oversight of complaints regarding the conduct of municipal police officers in British Columbia. The Commissioner heads the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner with headquarters in Victoria. The Office has an annual operating budget of \$7.2 million and approximately 40 full-time equivalents.

Policy Analyst, The Dais – Toronto Metropolitan University

The Policy Analyst will be responsible for producing quantitative and qualitative research, analysis, and written product, in support of building a robust, data driven and equity-informed picture of major issues related to innovation and technology policy in Canada, and of how Canadians from different communities interact with this landscape. The Policy Analyst will develop actionable policy recommendations and inform the design and delivery of pilots, programs, and other initiatives related to public policies that impact the responsible adoption and governance of technology.

[Policy and Advocacy Lead \(Bilingual Position\) – Alliance for Healthier Communities](#)

The Policy and Advocacy Lead is responsible for supporting the CEO on high-priority matters relating to the policy direction and strategic initiatives of the Alliance. This includes participating in meetings, identifying actions, and executing the work which will involve a combination of hands-on support, collaborating across teams, managing linkages across the organization as well as liaising with members and provincial partners. The Policy and Advocacy Lead identifies and acts on policy and legislative issues impacting members, contributes to briefing notes, presentations, reports, and other policy products, and develops tactics related to legislation, position statements, member needs, and strategic relationships. This position is also responsible for executing the strategies to enhance Francophone access to services, as well as francophone and bilingual membership's positioning in Ontario.

[Senior Policy Advisor – LCBO](#)

Reporting to the Senior Manager, Policy and Stakeholder Relations, the Senior Policy Advisor leads complex policy initiatives, provides expert policy advice, guides other advisors/analysts, and consults with internal and external stakeholders to support LCBO policy development and the implementation of changes to the beverage alcohol marketplace in Ontario. This includes reviewing and evaluating government and trade proposals to assess impacts to LCBO policies and programs and working collaboratively with stakeholders to address any concerns.

[Senior Vice-President, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer – St. Lawrence College](#)

Reporting to the President and as a member of the College's Executive Team, the Senior Vice-President, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer ("SVP") provides collaborative corporate leadership and decision making across the entire College and its three campuses. As a senior leader of the College, they will have responsibility to advocate for and lead with diverse perspectives, including Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being. Leading a dedicated team of experts, the SVP oversees and directs a complex and large portfolio comprised of; Risk Management; Financial Services; Information Technology Services; and Facility Management Services. In the capacity as the Chief Financial Officer, the SVP provides financial leadership to the College and its Board of Governors and holds the appointment as Treasurer on the Board.

[Senior Financial Analyst – Ontario Treasury Board Secretariat](#)

The Controllership Policy and Accounting Consultation Branch is looking for a hardworking and driven individual with a passion for public service and technical accounting. As a Senior Financial Analyst, you will be a key member of a dynamic and fast-paced team, leading the implementation of new accounting standards across the government as well as the development and execution of controllership policies (accounting, business finance and control) for the Province to promote effective financial management and accountability.

[Senior Policy and Program Advisor – Ministry of Health](#)

The Health Promotion and Prevention Policy and Program Branch is seeking a Senior Policy and Program Advisor to support the development, funding, implementation and evaluation of strategic population-based policies and programs in the areas of health promotion and prevention. Responsibilities include leading projects to plan and recommend policy and program frameworks related to the health of Ontarians; ensuring that policy and program options consider key factors such as research evidence, funding, governance, stakeholder interests and needs; developing performance frameworks and indicators; and fostering critical stakeholder relationships across ministries as well as federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions.



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