

School of Public Policy and Administration

NEWSLETTER

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SPPA Presents its 7th Annual Municipalities of the Future Symposium!

Technology and Talent: the underpinnings for the public service of the future

Save the Date: **Wednesday March 27, 2024** from **9:00AM to 3:00PM**
(Reception to follow)



Keynote Address:

“Urban vs Rural Reset: A Post-Pandemic Look Beyond Big Cities”

by [Dr. Marcia Wallace](#), Chief Administrative Officer at The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward.



Take a look at our Program and [RSVP Here!](#)

2024 PPASA Elections

Join the Public Policy and Administration Student Association for 2024-2025!

[Please refer to the PPASA constitution for eligibility requirements before nominations.](#)

To access the constitution, login to YU Connect and view the PPASA home page or go to the PPASA wordpress.

Timeline

Nomination Period:

March 11-24, 2024

Nominees Announced:

March 25, 2024

Campaigning Period:

March 26 - April 4, 2024

Election Day/Voting Period:

April 5, 2024 (until 11:59 PM)

New Executive Team Announced:

May 1, 2024



Positions

- President
- Vice-president
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Director of Professional Communications
- Director of Marketing and Social Media
- Director of Recruitment
- Director of Outreach
- Director of External Affairs
- Director of Student Engagement

Our Linktree: linktr.ee/ppasa

PPASA Constitution: ppasayorku.wordpress.com/constitution/

Congratulations to Lisa and Chelsea on their Success!



“On March 4th I will begin a new chapter at the **City of Burlington as Manager of Information Governance & Deputy City Clerk** where I will lead the records management and privacy division of the City Clerk's Office and assume other duties in the absence of the City Clerk. Part of my duties will also include specific policy research and reports to Council - with my first task being reviewing the City's lobby registry and providing recommendations to Council. MPPAL has provided me the tools to excel in this role, specifically as it relates to policy development and evaluation of such policies. I can't wait to start this journey and demonstrate the value I bring to this city and the unique perspectives I bring on full cycle policy development, which this program has provided me. Thank you to my professors & colleagues for their knowledge and support throughout this program.” **Lisa Campion**



“I am happy to announce I have started in my new role as a **Policy and Programs Analyst with the Ministry of Education in the French-Language Policy and Programs Unit**. In my new position I will be focusing on supporting French-language elementary/secondary education funding programs and new policy initiatives. Thank you to the MPPAL program for the amazing support and giving me the knowledge and experience to grow as an individual.” **Chelsea Chaput**

#MPPALproud

Professional Development Workshop II on Interview Skills was a Huge Success!

Thank you to all the students, invited guests, and organizers for always making these workshops a fantastic experience for all.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 SPPA AWARDS

Nomination Deadline is Monday, April 15, 2024

The **Undergraduate Student Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent undergraduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The **Graduate Student Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent graduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The **Alumni Recognition Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one alumnus/alumna to the activities and programs of the School, as well as to the mentoring of its students and new professionals.

The **Foster – Greene Award for Excellence in Public Policy, Administration and Law** recognizes an alumnus/alumna of the MPPAL program whose work has demonstrably and significantly advanced social justice, human rights, ethics and good governance in congruence with the MPPAL program's founding principles. The Award recipient will normally have min. 10 years of work experience in the broader public/NGO sector.

The **Emerging Leader Award** recognizes a current student or recent alumnus/alumna of the School who is an emerging leader within the broader public sector (including the non-profit sector) and represents the ideals, values and abilities of sound, responsible and engaging public policy and administration in congruence with the School's vision to promote Good Governance. The Award recipient will normally have 5-8 years of work experience in the broader public sector.

The **Practicum Honouree Award** recognizes individuals who have made exceptional efforts to provide practicum opportunities for the School's fourth-year students.

The 2023 award winners were honoured at the SPPA Awards Ceremony with the keynote address delivered by Erin Valant, York MPPAL Alumna. For further details about the 2023 awards celebration, please click [here](#).

Nominations for the above awards are invited from faculty, staff, individual students and alumni, as well as associations of students, alumni, and friends of the School. Nominations require a one-page statement of the accomplishments of the individual as well as a copy of the nominee's resume.

Please forward materials, or questions, to Professor Naomi Couto, Director, School of Public Policy and Administration via email to: naomi@yorku.ca



Congratulations to SPPA Professor Sirvan Karimi on his newly published article!

Populism and the quest for political power: The pitfalls to populist electoral success in Canada



Recent electoral inroads by anti-establishment political parties in Europe and around the world have led to the resurgence of the debate on populism. Within the burgeoning theoretical and analytic interpretations of the surge of populism, competing arguments have been deployed. Economic dislocation and the demographic shift within liberal democratic societies have provided fertile ground for the rise of populism. However, the success of these populist political parties, particularly the radical right populist parties, in utilizing prevailing societal resentment is to a great extent conditional upon a perceived threat to national identity. While the vestiges of political distrust and social and economic indignation can be found in Canadian society, the absence of a historically ingrained strong sense of nationhood, consolidation of multiculturalism, the eclipse of class

from national political discourse, and the implausibility of resorting to Anti-Americanism as a mobilizing tactic has made it difficult for both Canadian right and left populist forces to replicate the success of their international counterparts at the national level.

View the full article [here](#).

Visit SPPA's [Faculty & Research](#) page to learn more!

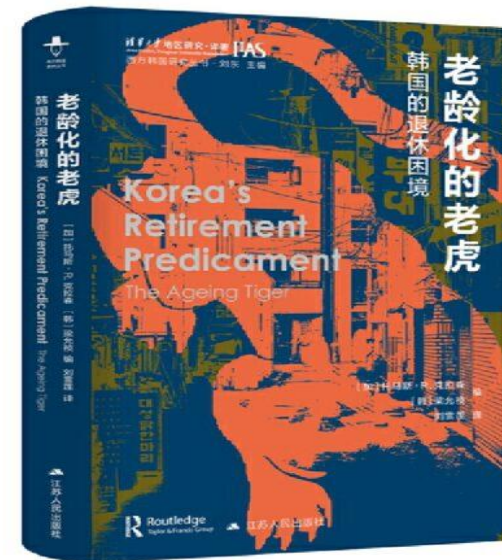
A book, co-edited by York University Professor Thomas Klassen, has been translated and published in China



SPPA Professor Thomas Klassen's, [*Korea's Retirement Predicament: The Ageing Tiger*](#), which he co-edited with Professor Yunjeong Yang, a colleague in Korea, studies a defining feature of the 21st century in many countries: more older people, fewer younger people.

This book about the aging populations and shifts in the labour market in South Korea has achieved a rare feat: **being translated and published in China.**

Congratulations Professor Klassen!



Meet the editors of Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees!



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Come join us and meet the editors of **Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees**, one of the oldest peer-reviewed journals in forced migration, to learn about the journal and the process of submitting and publishing your work with us!

When: March 11, 2024 11:00 AM
Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Meet The Editors

***Editor-in-Chief is SPPA Professor
Dagmar Soennecken***

Register in advance for this (free) webinar:

https://yorku.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_A920jEP7Q5GA3YG2Mx1-zw

Student Opportunities:

[Submissions for 46th Annual Fall Research Conference – Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management](#)

Submission Deadline - April 17, 2024

APPAM is excited to announce that the call for proposals for #2024APPAM is open! From now until April 17, we encourage you to submit your research with the 2024 conference theme in mind: *Policymaking at the Federal, State, and Local Levels*. The 2024 Fall Research Conference will take place November 21-23 in National Harbor, MD.

[20th Annual Scrabble for Literacy – United for Literacy](#)

March 6, 2024 – 5:00pm to 9:30pm - Arcadian Loft, 8th Floor-401 Bay Street, Toronto

The winner will take home half of the prize money (a minimum of \$1000). Tickets are 1 for \$10, 5 for \$25, or 20 for \$50. All proceeds will go towards delivering free books to children in Ontario. United for Literacy is the national registered charity dedicated to improving the lives of children, youth, and adults through literacy. With 125 years of experience, we work with volunteers, partners, and communities to ensure that everyone has access to effective, literacy-based learning that empowers them with the skills and confidence they need to realize their goals.

[Behavioral Science Fellows – Impact Canada](#)

Application Deadline - March 8, 2024

Impact Canada Behavioural Science Fellows have a unique opportunity to apply insights and methods from behavioural science to improve the design and implementation of priority programs and initiatives across the Government of Canada, including in the areas of health, environment and climate change, immigration, and economic and social development. Fellows are employed by the Privy Council Office and embedded within other Government of Canada departments and agencies to support research projects and programs in priority policy domains. Impact Canada's Behavioural Science Fellows have a unique opportunity to influence change, generate evidence and impact, and contribute to the growth of knowledge and skills in behavioural science within the federal government.

[27th Annual Constitutional Cases Conference – Osgoode Hall Law School](#)

April 12, 2024 – 9:00am to 5:00pm – Osgoode Professional Development, 1 Dundas St. W. #2602, Toronto

Osgoode Hall Law School's Annual Constitutional Cases Conference, recognized as the leading constitutional law conference in Canada, brings together many highly respected constitutional scholars, lawyers, students, and experts for an insightful and practical analysis of the Supreme Court's significant constitutional judgments of the past year.

Events and Conferences:

[19th Annual IPAC Leadership Summit – Institute of Public Administration of Canada](#)

March 7, 2024 – 11:00am to 5:00pm (Virtual Conference)

IPAC's National Leadership Conference provides leaders, public servants, and academics across the country with the opportunity to engage with leading minds that have successfully tackled change, adapted to complexities, and continue to foster empowerment. This session offers participants concepts and frameworks by which to structure difficult conversations and the psychology behind them. You'll learn why being honest is so hard to begin with.

[Free Tax Filing Service – Humanity First Serving Mankind](#)

March 24, 2024 – 9:00am to 4:00pm – Aiwan Tahir, 10610 Jane St., Maple, Ontario

Anyone receiving Ontario work, Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Employment Insurance (EI), Old Age Security, & Guaranteed Income Supplement, adults 65 years and older, housing-insecure individuals, indigenous peoples, newcomers, persons with disabilities, students and modest income individuals are eligible to file their tax returns with volunteers of Humanity First.

[SPACES – York's DEDI Community of Practice](#)

May 27 (Hybrid) to May 28, 2024 (Online)

For our second annual conference we want to grapple with the work of DEDI in our spaces of teaching and learning. We are inviting community of practice members and beyond to pitch us what you want to talk about in this BIG MALEABLE THEME of SPACES and what formats you are open to presenting in. We want to leave the theme intentionally open to allow for collaborators to collectively build the space together.

[2024 Prairie Political Science Association & The Indigenous Relationality Workshop \(IRW\) Call for Papers & Panels is Now Open!](#)

Conference – September 20-22, 2024, Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta, Canada

Proposal Deadline – April 19, 2024

PPSA Paper proposals from all fields of political science are welcome. The PPSA conference also encourages proposals for single panels or multi-panel workshops. The PPSA Annual Meeting is famous for its collegial atmosphere, great food, and spectacular setting in the Canadian Rockies. The Banff Centre offers on-site accommodation. Conference fees include two dinners, two breakfasts, a lunch, day-long catering, and child care services. Easy interaction with colleagues in the cafes and restaurants at the Banff Centre, and in the town of Banff, promotes the exchange of ideas. While maintaining a 2:1 Faculty to Graduate student participation ratio, grad students have found the PPSA a positive and supportive environment to present their research.

[Procrastination Awareness Week – Learning Skills Services](#)

March 4 – 8, 2024 – 12:00pm to 5:00pm

Join students from all across Canada in this free weeklong virtual event. Features workshops, panels, study halls, and more.

[Intern, Policy Planning – City of Richmond Hill](#)

Reporting to a Manager of Policy, the Intern will provide program related assistance to the Policy Section. This is a 10-month contract position. Undertake research and analysis related to the development of land use policy and guidance documents to assist with updating of the City's Official Plan and other policy planning projects

[Research Assistant, Summer Fellowship – Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives](#)

The Research Assistant is responsible for providing research and support services to the CCPA's Research Department and contributes to the CCPA's policy and research agenda in accordance with and under the direction of David Macdonald (Senior Economist). The Research Assistant conducts quantitative and qualitative research and analysis of social and economic issues, as assigned, that enhance the impact of CCPA's planned strategic directions. This is a 4-month term position (full-time 35 hours per week) with the possibility of an extension. The position is virtual.

[Indigenous Recruitment - Student pool – Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission](#)

If you join us for a student position, you will learn a lot, be given meaningful work to do, contribute to indigenous cultural awareness and meet some great people. We want you to get the most you can from your time with us and be an ambassador for your community at the CNSC.

[Student, Policy and Analysis Jobs – Various Ministries](#)

Are you a student or recent graduate looking for an opportunity to build your career over the summer? Are you passionate about making a difference? The Summer Employment Opportunities program provides opportunities to obtain valuable work experience, gain transferable skills, and build professional networks.

[Research Trainee – City of Toronto](#)

Knowledge of data systems or databases would be an asset. Strong problem solving, interpersonal and communication skills, both verbally and written. Excellent organizational and time management skills, with the ability to work in a demanding environment with many competing priorities and deadlines.

[Manager - Systems, Process & Policies – Region of Durham](#)

As the Lead for the Business Services branch, the Manager, Systems, Policies and Processes (SPP), guides, motivates and supports staff to enhance, update and maintain the Enterprise Maintenance Management System (EMMS), led by the Works Department, including multiple external and internal stakeholders. This role also supports other Works projects from inception to ongoing support after implementation.

[Manager, Policy and Government Relations – Canadian Centre for Caregiving Excellence](#)

The Manager of Policy and Government Relations will be responsible for supporting the Director of Policy and Government Relations in leading the development and execution of strategies to influence federal and provincial public policy and government decisions that align with the mission of the Canadian Centre for Caregiving Excellence (CCCE). Reporting to the Director of Policy and Government Relations, this role requires a blend of strategic thinking, political acumen, and relationship-building skills.

Senior Policy Analyst – Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario

As a member of the Consumer-office team, you will amplify the voice of consumers inside and outside of FSRA, build and apply foundational frameworks and processes to guide FSRA and help FSRA identify and address cross-cutting opportunities and problems.

Vice President, Research and Advocacy – Daily Bread Food Bank

You are a thought leader and want to effect change in our communities using a rights-based lens and exceptional research and analytical skills. You thrive in a dynamic, challenging social policy space and can be a leader at Daily Bread and in the community. You want to join an organization recognized as a leader in social research and poverty trends; and take that to the next level.

Co-op, Government Relations – Alectra Utilities

As a member of Alectra's Government Relations Team reporting directly to the Policy Advisor and Government Relations Specialists, the Government Relations Co-op will work on a variety of policy and operational files in support of the LDC's interactions with federal, provincial and municipal governments as well as related agencies and associations.

Advisor, Consumer Policy, and Compliance – Ontario Energy Board

Reporting to the Manager, in this role the Advisor will ensure regulated entities are compliant with established legal and regulatory requirements, assist in the research and analysis to develop policy recommendations related to the natural gas and electricity sectors and act as a subject matter expert for internal and external stakeholders.

Associate Vice President of Policy – Policy and Partnerships

Reporting to the Vice President of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, the Associate Vice President (AVP) of Policy will be a key leader on the Policy and Strategic Partnerships Team. This includes thought leadership, cutting-edge analysis, and participation in policy discussions with multiple audiences and stakeholders. The AVP of Policy will bring deep experience working with feminist movements and will foster collaboration across the organization to lead and design the Equality Fund's position and participation in global discussions on feminist funding.

Intermediate Planner, Policy – The Town of Caledon

Reporting directly to the Manager, Strategic Policy Planning, this role is responsible for policy analysis and research using both qualitative and quantitative methods, acting as a resource for staff, Council, and the public regarding general policy planning, with emphasis on official plan process, heritage and/or transportation.

Senior Planner, Policy – The Town of Caledon

Reporting directly to the Manager, Strategic Policy Planning, this role is responsible for taking a lead role in policy development, through researching, interpreting, analyzing, monitoring, and reporting on key performance indicators (as outlined in Provincial, Regional and Town policies), preparing and recommending policy directions/options, project management, and stakeholder engagement activities.

[Program Administration Officer, Strategic Services & Initiatives – City of Brampton](#)

Reporting to the Director, Strategic Services & Initiatives, provide project, program, and administrative support to the Strategic Services & Initiatives division. Ensures efficient and effective delivery of programs and services by providing direct functional support and responds to inquiries received by the Office of the CAO.

[Market Research Intern – Environics Research](#)

Environics Research operates with an entrepreneurial spirit, within a collaborative, flexible and dynamic work environment. Within the role, you will contribute to our team across all aspects of the project lifecycle, including proposal/pitch, research design, project management, interpretation and analysis, reporting, presentations, and client consultation. This position provides the opportunity to work with consultants and clients and offers plenty of room for skills development and career advancement.

[Manager, Systems Change – Prosper Canada](#)

Prosper Canada is seeking a dynamic and motivated manager to advance their system change policy and advocacy efforts. In this exciting role, the Manager, Systems Change will help inform policymakers of the financial challenges of people with low incomes in Canada and coordinate Prosper's efforts to identify and promote policy and regulatory solutions to these challenges, including expanding access to quality community financial help services through government programs and investments.

[Policy Advisor – Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

The Market Housing Policy Branch is looking to recruit four Policy Advisors who enjoy problem-solving and excel in stakeholder liaison, strategic policy development, and coordination. They are seeking Policy Advisors who are interested in making an impact on market housing, residential and commercial tenancies, and the surplus government lands landscape within the Province of Ontario. Responsibilities include developing policy, programs and legislation/regulation, coordinating specialized policy research and studies, and more.

[Policy Service Administrator – iA Financial Group](#)

The primary focus of the Policy Service Administrator is to ensure service levels to Advisors are maintained and servicing all inforce life insurance policies, including the processing of all changes submitted by an Advisor.

[Branch Planning Officer – Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission](#)

The Regulatory Affairs Branch Vice-President's Office is looking for someone to join their team who has outstanding organizational skills and the ability to undertake and complete multiple, concurrent tasks under pressure and tight deadlines.

[Compliance Intern – Raymond James Financial Inc](#)

We are seeking a motivated compliance minded Intern to join our team. This internship is an excellent opportunity to explore the finance industry, enhance your skills, and work on projects that directly contribute to our company's success.

[Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut – Elections Nunavut](#)

The Chief Electoral Officer is an Independent Officer of the Legislative Assembly. The office-holder is appointed on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the *Nunavut Elections Act*. The position exercises a range of powers and responsibilities under the *Nunavut Elections Act* and the *Plebiscites Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer is responsible for the conduct of territorial general elections and by-elections, as well as elections to municipal councils and other bodies. The next territorial general election is scheduled to be held on October 27, 2025.

[CEO – Post-Secondary Employers' Association](#)

The ideal candidate is a highly capable senior leader with a track record of success from within a complex organization, with deep experience in labour relations, and evidence of an understanding of human resource management and managing within a unionized environment. Experience working directly with a Board of Directors and with senior level government officials, within a multi-stakeholder environment, including Indigenous stakeholders, will be key. Leading a small and effective team, the CEO will have an opportunity to act in strategic consideration of enhanced approaches or different models for delivering labour and HR-related services to members.

[Safety & Compliance Officer – Cardinal Couriers](#)

We are looking for a Safety & Compliance Officer to manage initiatives within Cardinal, focusing on driver safety and compliance. Being a stand-alone role, with support from other departments, this is a great opportunity for someone with strong industry knowledge who wants to come in and make an impact.

[Safety & Compliance Coordinator – Charger Logistics Inc](#)

Ensuring compliance of company's safety policy and procedure by regular review meetings with staff and monitoring company's CVOR-safety rating, driver vehicle inspections on monthly basis. Processing IRP applications and creating truck binder for owner operators by making sure all the truck authority documents are updated. Maintaining complete and accurate records of tractor and trailer maintenance files such as preventive maintenance bills for owner operator and company units as well.

[Senior Decision Scientist, Policy & Planning – Ontario Health](#)

The Senior Decision Scientist, Policy & Planning is primarily responsible for leading provincial, large scale, highly visible, mission-critical work to advance care in the cardiac, stroke, and vascular systems. This role is responsible for leading the design of, as well as executing, data analyses to identify priority issues to be addressed through priority projects, designing funding models to align clinical best practice with financial incentives, designing analytic tools to aid in allocating scarce resources, producing capacity recommendations, and measuring the impact of these initiatives.

[Policy Review and Safety Project Lead – New Leaf: Living and Learning Together Inc](#)

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Policy Review & Safety Project Lead is responsible for a complete review of New Leaf policies and procedures. They will be required to work with different subject matter experts to develop and update policies, procedures, and related documents. The incumbent will also work closely with the Director of HR to lead New Leaf's participation in the WSIB Health and Safety Excellence Program.

[Research Technical Assistant – University Health Network](#)

The Research Technical Assistant utilizes general knowledge and skills to perform routine, somewhat repetitive standardized laboratory research techniques and procedures. The successful candidate will be able to process clinical specimens within standard operating procedure guidelines, compile data from related and/or unrelated sources as well as communicate and maintain records of specimen/experimental data.

[Program & Policy Analyst – Halton Region](#)

Reporting to the CQI Risk Manager, the Program and Policy Analyst (PPA) supports the Services for Seniors divisional policy management framework, in alignment with the Fixing the Long-Term Care Act (FLTCA). The PPA also provides support to divisional programs (Long-term Care, Assisted Living and Adult Day Programs) through research and analysis to support evidence-based programming and identifying emerging trends.



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