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# Welcome to FPA Voices

## Message from our Dean

Choosing a university is one of life's biggest decisions.

There are so many factors to consider.

What do I want to study? Where will I live? At home or away? Will I like it? Will I succeed?

Right now, grade 12 students all over the country are trying to answer those questions.

And this month, *FPA Voices* is created with those students in mind.

In this issue, we'll tell you about Carleton's Capital Advantage, as well as fantastic opportunities you can find here in FPA's academic units:

- International learning experiences
- Undergraduate research projects
- Internships and co-ops
- The FPA Ambassadors program
- The FPA Connects series
- Free lectures and events

Plus, check out our [Career Paths article](#) with a link to alumni profiles and career data organized by academic program.

We've also created a virtual tour of FPA facilities and the Carleton campus for prospective students. [You can find it on our website here.](#)

**At FPA**, we're looking for students who are curious about the world around them, who love learning and the exchange of ideas, and who want to help build better societies—both at home and abroad.

Regardless of which of our programs you

choose, those beliefs are at the heart of what we do here.

If you know a student who is thinking about university, I invite you to share this publication with them. We would love to welcome them into the FPA family.

Wishing you well,



André Plourde  
Dean, Faculty of Public Affairs  
Carleton University

### Areas of Study in FPA:

- African Studies
- Global and International Studies
- Public Affairs and Policy Management
- Political Management
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Economics
- European, Russian and Eurasian Studies
- International Affairs
- Infrastructure Protection and
- International Security
- Journalism and Communication
- Law and Legal Studies
- Political Economy
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- Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership
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Martin Geiger, Professor of Political Science and European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (EURUS)

Tatheer Ali, 4th year BPAPM student (Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management)

# ***The Undergraduate Research Experience***

*When Professor Martin Geiger arrived from Germany, he brought along the idea of informal discussion groups made up of undergraduates and graduate students, international scholars and professors.*

*Once here, he launched the “Mobility & Politics” group—a ‘laid-back’ get-together that now has moved well beyond a simple discussion club and has become a student-faculty research cluster.*

*Many of Professor Geiger’s students have ended up conducting their own research—on refugees, foreign workers, borders and other aspects of migration politics.*

*We asked Professor Geiger and one of his undergraduate students, Tatheer Ali, to explain how undergraduates turn into researchers—something that happens throughout the Faculty of Public Affairs.*

*Professor Geiger, what prompted you to start*

*encouraging undergraduates to conduct research?*

I think it’s important that students get a chance early on to work with professors and other undergraduate, graduate, and international students.

As they work together on projects, they get early hands-on experience and learn not only from me, but from the other students. It complements the classroom experience.

So when I meet knowledgeable, highly interested students equipped with communication skills and an interest in research, I usually ask them to get involved. They are often surprised, as they have not thought about it or been asked before.

*What kind of research can undergraduates do?*

After some training, I assign them tasks like researching government sources or other documents, gathering and analyzing expert

interviews, or assisting me in organizing events and applying for project funding. I also try to bring them to meetings and conferences held here at Carleton or elsewhere. I like the idea of a “win-win” scenario: students can do a project they’re genuinely interested in that’s also related to my work.

Tatheer, it seems you’ve discovered one of those win-win situations. You’re researching Canadian government sources as a research assistant for Professor Geiger, but also working towards your Honours Research Essay (HRE).

Professor Geiger helped me identify a topic for my Honours Research Essay (HRE)—the temporary foreign workers program in Canada—that touched on my interests in international development and economics. While I do my own small project, I also have the chance to learn and contribute to his bigger research project.

*You’re a member of Professor Geiger’s “Mobility & Politics” group. How has this helped you?*

I’ve met other undergraduate and graduate students—even PhDs and Post-Docs from other countries—and I’ve learned so much from our discussions about migration and refugee issues. It’s interesting to hear how other students, scholars and even practitioners working for the United Nations, for example, have become involved in the field.

*Professor Geiger, what’s next for this group?*

All of the students—undergraduate and graduate—are currently assisting me in organizing an international workshop for FPA Research Month in the spring. They will all be contributing, by providing well-researched talks and research posters to this event.



## More research opportunities Undergraduate Research

**Undergraduate Research Showcase**  
This annual event highlights the best undergraduate research across the Faculty of Public Affairs during FPA Research Month, which takes place in the winter term. Students create poster presentations representing research they conducted in their field of study.

## 180HRE

Many of our students write an Honours Research Essay (HRE), which provides them with an opportunity to create an independent research project under the supervision of a faculty member.

The 180HRE contest challenges those students to encapsulate their research project into a 180-second presentation, delivered in front of Carleton University administrators, professors, and students.



# FPA Ambassadors





**FPA Ambassadors** play a key role in our Faculty by welcoming guests and assisting with operations at FPA events, such as our annual lectures, panel discussions and celebrations. They also volunteer as bloggers and writers for the FPA website.

When second-year journalism student Sarina Bhaiwala joined the Ambassadors last year, she saw it as a way to meet students outside of the School of Journalism and Communication. What she didn't expect was a personal conversation with the Chief International Correspondent for the BBC.

"I volunteered at a lecture by the BBC's Lyse Doucet and I asked her if she had any advice for young journalists," says Bhaiwala. "She told me to seize opportunities, to put yourself out there, and to try to get published. It was really incredible to have that opportunity!"

Bhaiwala is one of about 20 volunteers who staff FPA's many events throughout the

year. She says it's been a chance to learn about new academic subjects, as well.

"It really broadens your knowledge," says Bhaiwala, "and I believe that, as global citizens, we should be as knowledgeable as we can be."

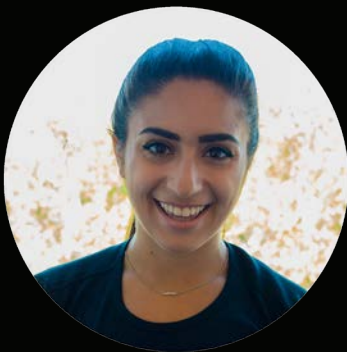
The FPA Ambassadors program is one of the many opportunities for students to volunteer and get involved on the Carleton University campus.

[Learn more about the FPA Ambassadors.](#)

#### Our Ambassadors:

Ateshia Irabor  
Cassandra Wood  
Clive Ngan  
Darcy Daoust  
Emily Ruso  
Frohan Foroutan  
Greer Gemin  
Hannah McElderry  
Jennafer Hartman  
Kristine Lee  
Leslie Okrah

Lia Pizarro  
Mpamba Nzowa  
Nadia Awata  
Rachel McLaughlin  
Rumya Nithiananthan  
Ryley White  
Sarina Bhaiwala  
Vincent Le  
Emily Reed  
Jasmine Law



# Career Paths

What our alumni are doing and how their degree helped them get there.

Carly Jacuk

Occupation: Fund Development Coordinator, Big Brothers Big Sisters Ottawa & Renfrew County

Degree and Year:  
BA Psychology, Concordia University (13).  
BA Honours, Law, Carleton University (15).

*What does a fund development coordinator do?*

My job is to expand our organization's fundraising base by building relationships with donors and corporate groups in our community and seeking support from foundations.

*How did your experience at Carleton help you on the job?*

My law degree has helped me to successfully construct and communicate arguments on behalf of our organization to gain support from potential donors and partners - to show them the impact our programs have on the community. It even helps in job interviews where you need to build a case for yourself. Plus, the critical thinking, writing, and communication skills I gained at Carleton have been invaluable.

*Before you returned to university, you worked as a front-line worker with chronically homeless women. Why did you decide to earn a second degree in law?*

I was working with women who had no other options for housing, often due to chronic addictions and severe mental illness.

“The only fight you lose is the one you don't show up to.”

It was both challenging and rewarding, but I felt limited in the change I could make on a broader scale. As important as the work is, at a front-line level, I didn't feel as though I could do a lot more than meet their day-to-day needs. Now I feel like I'm working on the mezzo level — supporting a charity that helps at-risk youth to see opportunity and reach their full potential.

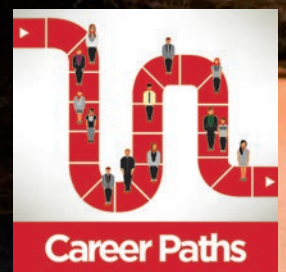
*What advice would you offer students who are just starting out in university?*

Seek out opportunities that complement your degree. I found a volunteer position at the United Nations Association of Canada that not only led to a summer job, but really impressed interviewers after I graduated. I also acted as the Editor-in-Chief of the Carleton University Journal of Legal Studies. A lot of graduates have good grades, but those extra-curricular activities really set you apart.

*One sentence to describe your strategy to success.*

My dad always said, “The only fight you lose is the one you don't show up to.”







# The International experience



*Whether it's a year-long exchange program or a one-week excursion, we believe international learning experiences are an invaluable part of an FPA degree.*

## *Alternative Spring Break*



Each year, dozens of Carleton students spend their spring break volunteering with local community organizations and schools in places like Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and New Orleans.

The Alternative Spring Break program is

often described as “eye-opening” and “life-altering” by participants, and has helped many students choose their future career paths.

## *Peruvian Internship: Arthur Kroeger College*



A fully-sponsored six week internship in Urubamba, Peru is awarded to a select group in the Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management program (BPAPM) each year.



Interns work with a project run by the group Nexos Voluntarios in the high Andes region. In 2015, BPAPM students volunteered for a public awareness campaign to combat racism directed at the *indigenous* Peruvian population.

*Centre for Media and Transitional Societies Internship: Journalism and Communication*



This internship places journalism students with media organizations in the Third World—most recently with the organization Farm Radio International.

Students spend at least two months working as journalism and communication interns in countries such as Sri Lanka, Malawi, Vietnam, Burkina Faso, Ghana, or Tanzania.

*African Studies Abroad: African Studies*



This course enables students to study a selected topic in African Studies with a Carleton professor in an African region in which the professor carries out research. The students also learn from African experts on the topic. Recent courses have been taught in Ghana, Rwanda, and Malawi.

*The Washington Center Internship Agreement: Political Science*



Students are placed in internship positions throughout the United States government and with volunteer organizations in Washington, D.C. The one semester program includes site visits, Congressional briefings, and lectures.

*Bachelor of Global and International Studies (BGInS)*

[The Bachelor of Global and International Studies](#) (BGInS) degree capitalizes on undergraduates' desire to learn about their field of study from an international perspective.

BGInS allows students to pursue their education from a global perspective through 12 different specializations.

It also requires study in a second language, as well as an international learning experience that is closely tied to the preparation these students receive in the classroom.

*International Student Services Office (ISSO)*

The [ISSO](#) manages the largest number of study abroad programs on the Carleton campus. Opportunities range from year-long exchange programs with international universities, summer language programs, and research opportunities in other countries.

# Carleton's Cap

Carleton's location in the National Capital gives our students learning and work opportunities they won't find anywhere else.

## ***The Educational Advantage***

Government officials, politicians, and non-profit and industry leaders are frequent guests in our classrooms because they work right here in Ottawa.

Professor James Milner offers one example. Every year, the political science professor invites the Canadian director of

the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to campus to speak to his students. In turn, they have an opportunity to ask their guest questions about international politics as well as their career paths.

That same experience is found in all of our programs of study. National and international leaders—whether government, non-profit or industry—come right to us.

## ***The Workplace Advantage***

Canada's capital offers a unique and rich opportunity for workplace internships,





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field visits, co-ops, and jobs. Many of our students intern with MPs on Parliament Hill, at non-governmental organizations, and at social service agencies, as well as serve in the House of Commons or the Senate as a student page.

It's an opportunity that could only happen here!

## ***The Research Advantage***

From the National Archives to many national headquarters, Ottawa offers FPA students a wealth of materials to draw on. Faculty members and students have access

to archives and records, as well as the people who manage them, right here in Ottawa.

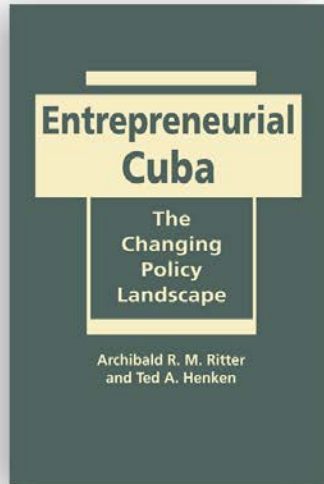
## ***The Ottawa Advantage***

We wouldn't want to give the impression that Ottawa is all work and no play! Between the Ottawa Senators and the Ottawa RedBlacks, hip neighbourhoods like the Glebe and the Byward Market, shopping malls, museums, great music venues, and festivals, there are activities whatever your interest. Plus, where else can you find a 7.8 kilometre long ice rink right next to your campus?

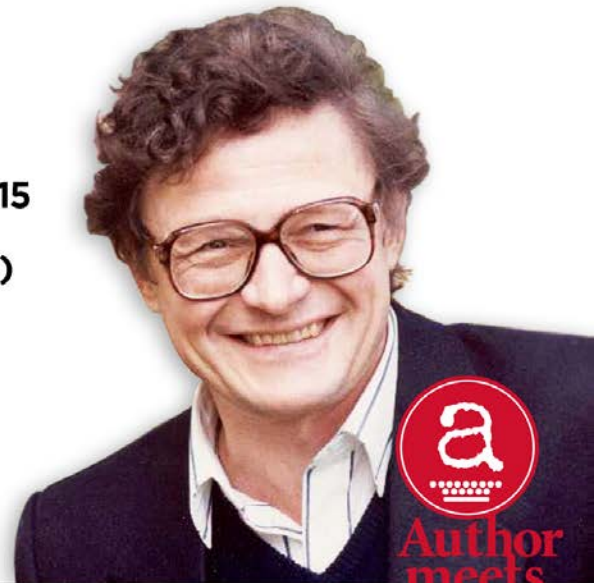


# Entrepreneurial Cuba: The Changing Policy Environment

A lively look at the rise of entrepreneurs in Raúl Castro's Cuba.



Thursday, 22 October 2015  
5:30 - 7:00p.m.  
Irene's Pub (885 Bank St.)  
Free Admission  
885 Bank St. Ottawa



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# FPA Connects

A Fall event series created especially for undergrads.

FPA Connects is about building connections between FPA students and their university, as well as local, national, and international communities.

This year's theme for FPA Connects is Engage, Elect, Energize: Civic Engagement and the 2015 Federal Election. We're hosting three special events as part of this theme:

## Engage

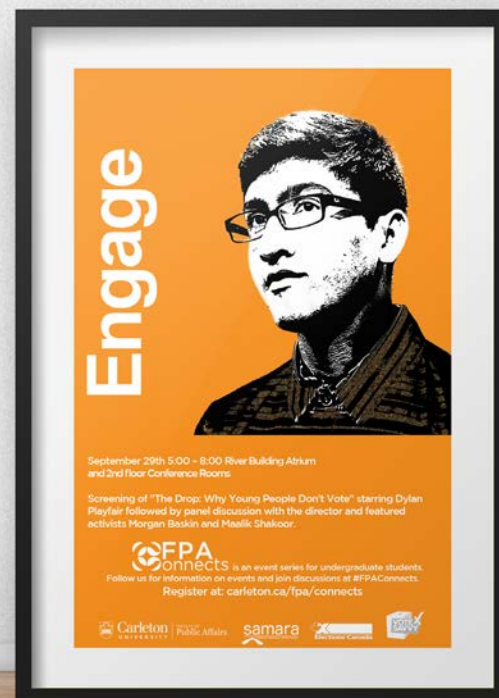
FPA is hosting a screening of the documentary "The Drop: Why Young People Don't Vote" on September 29th. After the film, students will have a chance to ask questions of two stars of the documentary: Maalik Shakoor, a youth leader from Ferguson, Missouri, and Morgan Baskin, who ran for mayor of Toronto at age 18. They'll be joined onstage by the film's director, Kyle McCachen, and Carleton Political Science Professor Bill Cross to talk about the youth vote.

## Elect

We're hosting an Election Night Party to watch the results roll in on the big screen. FPA students are invited to join us for a panel discussion with FPA's own political pundits, as well as a social reception.

## Energize

"How to Get That Job" will feature a panel of FPA alumni who will share their secrets to success in finding jobs in the political realm. The event will be followed by a networking reception.



# Get the FPA Virtual Experience

- River Building Studios
- Loeb Building
- University Quad
- Dunton Tower
- MacOdrum Library
- Discovery Centre
- Tory Building
- University Centre Atrium
- Residence Quad
- Tunnels
- Athletics
- Health/Medical Facilities
- Rideau Canal Locks
- O-Train



Our new virtual tour is the closest thing to being on campus. It walks you through the Faculty of Public Affairs facilities and the Carleton University campus.



[carleton.ca/fpa/tour](http://carleton.ca/fpa/tour)



Real world on-the-job experience is an important part of transitioning into a career after graduation. That's why our staff work so hard to help FPA students find co-op and internship opportunities in areas that interest them.

The Ottawa region is an ideal place for this experience, thanks to the wealth of opportunities in the federal government and in the national offices of various organizations.

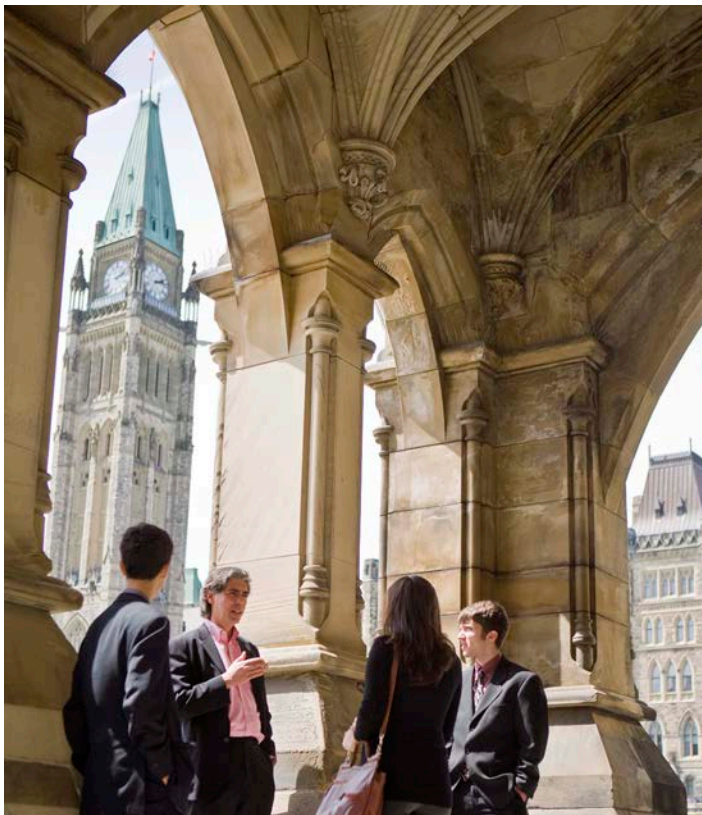
Here are just a few examples of the many workplace opportunities we offer students:

*Co-op@Carleton*

Co-operative education combines traditional, in-class education with hands-on experience. Co-ops are available in several FPA majors: Law and Legal Studies; Economics; European, Russian and Eurasian Studies; Communication Studies; Political



## The Internship/Co-op Experience



Science; and BPAPM.

*Field Placement: Criminology and Criminal Justice*

This popular program includes practical experience in various aspects of criminal justice as well as a seminar class that offers an academic grounding and discussion.

*Social Work Practicum*

Required for all social work students, the practicum includes an academic seminar as well as a field placement in a community agency. It's considered the linchpin of the social work degree.

*International Internships*

As highlighted in The International Experience article, students have many opportunities to gain experience abroad.

# Events

**Law and Legal Studies:** JurisTalk Seminar with Dr. Trish Salah of Queen's University.  
October 1

[More information here](#)

**EURUS:** Climate Change and Renewable Energy Policy in the EU and Canada Workshop.  
October 1-2

[More information here](#)

**African Studies:** "Can the Somali Speak?" and "After #CadaanStudies: Decolonizing and Democratizing Area Studies".  
October 7-8

[More information here](#)

**Economics:** Seminar Series.  
October 9 and 23

[More information here](#)

**Political Science:** Bell Chair Lecture: Antony Green, Australian Broadcasting Corporation.  
October 15

[More information here](#)

**Global and International Studies/Political Science:** First-hand Report from a Syrian Refugee Camp.  
October 15

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**FPA: FPA Connects:** Election Night Party.  
October 19

[More information here](#)

**Law and Legal Studies/Canadian Studies:**  
“Wampum: The Language of Creation” with  
Darren Bonaparte.  
October 20

[More information here](#)

**SPPA:** Twelve O’Clock Talks: Weekly lunchtime  
lectures hosted by the School of Public Policy  
and Administration.  
October 20

[More information here](#)

**FPA:** “Entrepreneurial Cuba: The Changing  
Policy Environment”: Author Meets Readers  
featuring Arch Ritter, Distinguished Research  
Professor Emeritus in the Department of  
Economics and Norman Paterson School of  
International Affairs.  
October 22

[More information here](#)

**Political Science:** “What’s Up with Parliament:  
Federal Election Retrospective”: Bell Chair  
Event.  
October 22

[More information here](#)



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upcoming events here](#)

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