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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DR. HENRY J. JACEK, PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

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This is my seventh year as Director of OLIP. Every year it seems as if the Programme adds new activities and meetings with important public figures. To the Programme Assistant, Eithne Whaley, I owe a great deal. It is hard to imagine how the Programme could function without her. I also owe a great debt to the work of our on-site programme coordinators Lorraine Luski and Anne Stokes. In Ottawa, the Canadian Political Science Association's Administrator, Michelle Hopkins ensures that the financial affairs of OLIP are in order. Here at Queen's Park, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Peters, has announced that this is his last year in the Legislature. Steve has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Programme. He will be missed.

In addition to our close working relationship with the Speaker, we value our relations with all members of the Provincial Parliament from backbenchers to party leaders, cabinet ministers and the Premier himself. All of them treat the interns with a great deal of respect and give the interns a considerable amount of help, especially in making time for personal interviews. We owe a special debt to the MPPs who welcome interns into their offices each year. We regret that every year there are disappointed MPPs who hope for an intern but cannot be accommodated even though we now have ten interns.

As the ten month intern year proceeds, the amount of intern work increases. The Legislative Assembly is in the Spring session and its activity

and demands seem to become more intense, especially once the budget is presented. In addition, the interns are working on the first draft of their OLIP academic research papers.

The intern year ends in June with a week long series of meetings at the Westminster Parliament in London. As guests of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the quality of the meetings is very rich indeed. Besides having meetings with parliamentary officials, MPs, former cabinet ministers, and likely future cabinet ministers, we also meet with officials from the Northern Ireland Office, Scotland Office and Wales Office, who are peppered with questions comparing Canadian-Provincial relations.



Although the meetings are in London, Canadian content will intervene, including a visit to the Canadian High Commission, the office of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the Globe and Mail's European Bureau Chief. Finally the interns are looking forward to celebrating Canada Day at Canada House and the festivities in Trafalgar Square.

We are now in the process of welcoming our new interns for 2011-2012. I thank my fellow selection committee members, Mike Smith (a current intern), Lorraine Luski, Anne Stokes, and Catherine Frost, an Associate Professor of Political Science at McMaster University, for their hard work and help in this process. Lorraine was an intern in 1983-1984 and Catherine, a more recent intern in 1990-1991. We welcome as many qualified applicants as possible even though it causes more work for our selection committee. Readers should know that our deadline for applications each year is the last day of February and application forms are available on our website.

Every year it gives me great pleasure to watch the interns grow in knowledge and understanding over the ten months. I like to observe that in September many interns know virtually nothing about the real workings of the Ontario Legislative Assembly yet by the end of June, they seem to know everything. Thus, as the legislative year progresses, the interns enrich my experience more and more. Finally, I am always proud as they go on to various rewarding careers. From their foundation in the amazing opportunities and experiences of the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme, Interns make important contributions to our public life from their foundation in the amazing opportunities and experiences of the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme. Their ten month stay at Queen's Park enriches us all.

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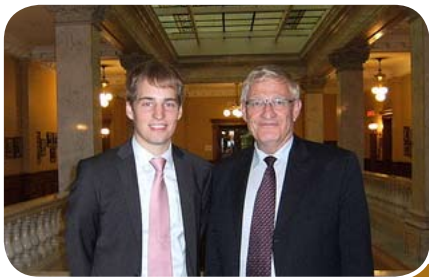
BRYAN BOSSIN: ERNIE HARDEMAN (PC) & YASIR NAQVI (LIB)

MELISSA CERNIGOY: GILLES BISSON (NDP) & MIKE COLLE (LIB)

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Bryan Bossin: Looking back on my first placement with Ernie Hardeman, I will say that it is an honour to have interned with such an experienced and knowledgeable rural MPP. While working in his office at Queen's Park I took on the daily tasks of a staffer. These duties included writing a recipe for a cookbook, preparing a local business survey and assisting at a town hall event for over 1,000 farmers. Each was a unique experience! An interesting highlight was the visit to Ernie's riding of Oxford. While travelling through the constituency it became evident that the Member has a personal connection with nearly everyone in the riding and an uncanny ability to locate every single Tim Horton's on the map! While there I worked with several agriculture stakeholders who were advocating for a permanent Business Risk Management Program. Throughout my placement I observed the Member for Oxford being one tireless advocate for Ontario farmers and rural communities. Furthermore, Ernie Hardeman has a grasp of rural issues that is second to none. All

of the above makes it easy to see why working alongside such an experienced and knowledgeable MPP has been a rare privilege.



For my second placement I have had the pleasure of working with Yasir Naqvi, MPP for Ottawa Centre and President of the Ontario Liberal Party. Although I have only been in his office for a short

time, it is clear to me that Yasir is one of the hardest working MPPs at Queen's Park. The youthful energy Yasir brings to each task makes working for him a rewarding experience, whether he's speaking in the House, recognizing local achievements, meeting with interest groups or advocating for student rights. One of the most intriguing aspects of the office is the way in which Yasir has embraced social media. The Member for Ottawa Centre is always using Twitter, Facebook and YouTube to keep his constituents and others in touch with the action at Queen's Park. Both Yasir and his EA Geoff have welcomed me to the team, and I have already learned a lot from both of them about Ontario politics. I continue looking forward to working in such an energetic, fast-paced office, and hope to visit Yasir's beloved riding of Ottawa Centre in the near future.



Melissa Cernigoy: Mon expérience de travail avec Gilles Bisson, député pour Timmins-Baie James, m'a aidé à obtenir une connaissance plus approfondie des affaires du Nord. Nous avons voyagé dans les réserves autochtones et communautés francophones dans la circonscription, où j'ai rencontré plusieurs électeurs et électrices. J'ai dû apprendre beaucoup sur ces sujets, notamment sur la politique concernant l'énergie, les événements du projet « le cercle de feu », et la législation forestière, dans un court laps de temps, pour être capable d'écrire des rapports et des lettres aux ministères. J'ai eu l'occasion de participer à plusieurs types de travail pendant mon stage, y compris la préparation de la recherche pour la période des questions, la communication avec les parties prenantes dans la circonscription, et la participation aux réunions avec M. Bisson. Cette opportunité m'a aidé à développer des compétences en matière de résolution de problèmes de communication et des gestion de projets. J'ai profité du mentorat de M. Bisson et je continuerai à profiter des connaissances et des aptitudes que j'ai obtenues au cours de ce stage.



My second placement with Mike Colle, MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence, has given me a great perspective on the work of a government backbencher

and his role as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Child and Youth Services. The opportunity to learn about the key issues of a Toronto urban riding has also been fascinating for me. Such issues include: public transit, bedbug infestations, and youth services. On our trips to events around the city, Mr. Colle has taught me about Toronto's history and gems to visit, because he knows his riding, not unlike the rest of the city, like the back of his hand!

One of my first projects was to work on a bill to improve Sickle Cell and Thalassemia care in Ontario. The opportunity to liaise with Legislative Counsel, conduct research throughout the drafting process, as well as produce media materials, have all been great skill-building exercises for me. I also enjoyed building relationships with health professionals, patients, and advocacy groups. Mr. Colle has been an excellent example of offering his help to a cause and building awareness on their behalf. This placement has provided me with the enrichment of working with an experienced politician who is very active and well-respected both in his community and Queen's Park.

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NATALIE DESIMINI: JEAN-MARC LALONDE (LIB) & CHRISTINE ELLIOTT (PC)

THOMAS MAIDWELL: STEVE CLARKE (PC) & KEVIN FLYNN (LIB)

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Natalie Desimini: J'ai eu mon premier stage avec Jean Marc Lalonde, député provincial pour la région de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, dans l'est de l'Ontario. M. Lalonde est adjoint parlementaire à la ministre de la Promotion de la santé et du sport.

C'était vraiment un privilège de travailler avec un député qui est si dévoué à ses électeurs et électrices. C'était également enrichissant de travailler avec Lyse et Christine, l'équipe de M. Lalonde à Queen's Park qui m'avaient réservé un accueil chaleureux au bureau.

J'ai participé aux divers aspects du travail de bureau. J'ai écrit des communiqués, des lettres aux électeurs et électrices, et des déclarations de députés. J'ai obtenu une compréhension plus approfondie des questions pertinentes dans la région de M. Lalonde, comme l'énergie renouvelable et l'agriculture. M. Lalonde est un ardent défenseur de la cause des

francophones en Ontario, et c'était intéressant d'en apprendre plus sur questions.

J'ai eu deux fois l'occasion de voyager à Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. Pendant ces voyages, j'ai remarqué les nombreux projets que M. Lalonde a promu dans sa région. C'était vraiment une surprise de voir les combien de gens connaissent M. Lalonde, n'importe où dans la région.

My second placement is with Christine Elliott, MPP for Whitby-Oshawa. I was excited to begin this placement because of the opportunity to work in Christine's critic portfolio of Health and Long-Term Care.

From the outset I had the opportunity to participate in a variety of tasks. Every day, I am exposed to new issues because there are so many aspects of the health system that impact upon Ontarians' daily lives.

I have been involved with writing speeches, press releases, member's statements, and drafting correspondence to constituents. Despite my English degree, I have been working hard at mastering the art of political communications which requires concise, strategic writing.

During this opposition placement, I have enjoyed learning first-hand about the process of holding government to account through daily parliamentary norms such as Question Period. Thus far, working in opposition has been an exciting and eye-opening opportunity.



Thomas Maidwell: I could not have had a better experience during my first placement than I had with Progressive Conservative Steve Clark, MPP for Leeds-Grenville. In his role as democratic reform critic, Mr. Clark had been tasked with developing policy frameworks for giving voters both the right to recall MPPs and propose their own citizen legislation. My work was focused on helping to research and develop proposals. The highlight of my placement was the presentation that I made to citizens in Mr. Clark's riding of Leeds-Grenville during my constituency trip in January. The presentation outlined proposals for democratic reform and collected feedback from attendees on the type of reforms they would like to see. I also worked closely with Mr. Clark in developing a motion to reform Question Period, with the intention of enhancing the scrutiny function that the legislature performs. I look forward to seeing how that initiative progresses.



I am just over a month into my second placement with Oakville MPP Kevin Flynn, and I can already see why Mr. Flynn has a reputation for being a principled and respected Member who puts his constituents first. Mr. Flynn's office is certainly eventful with a lot of exciting and innovative projects to get involved in.



I have been given responsibility for a project which will see Mr. Flynn use the wonders of modern technology to communicate with students in Grade 10 civics classes in his riding. This is a ground-breaking idea and certainly reflects what Mr. Flynn and his staff, Glenn, Steven, and Ellen are all about--innovation and new ways of communicating with constituents. I have a lot of respect for Mr. Flynn and I believe that he is the ideal type of politician--intelligent, critical when he needs to be, and a champion for his riding. I look forward to continuing working with Mr. Flynn and his staff in the next few months.

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to Mr. Clark, his wonderful assistant Dianne, and his constituency team for being so welcoming and ensuring that I got the most from my placement. I am truly grateful.

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KATHERINE PREISS: DONNA CANSFIELD (LIB) & BOB BAILEY (PC)

ERICA RAYMENT: ELIZABETH WITMER (PC) & KHALIL RAMAL (LIB)

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Katherine Preiss: Working in Donna Cansfield's office has been an honour. The Liberal MPP for Etobicoke Centre, and her EA Rebecca, are a brilliant duo. They helped me to achieve a true insider view of how a Government Member's Office works. I was allowed to shadow Ms. Cansfield to many housing stakeholder meetings. Listening to various stakeholders advocate for their needs was very enlightening; the contrast between advocacy styles can be stark. As a result, I learned which strategies are effective, and which are not - an understanding that will be useful throughout my own career.

In partnership with the Office of Conservative MPP Elizabeth Witmer (and her intern, Erica), both offices were able to design and implement Girls' Government in Ms. Cansfield's riding. This nonpartisan program - inspired by a similar course operating out of New Democrat MPP Cheri DiNovo's office - takes Grade 8 girls and places them into the world of Ontario politics. The girls have the opportunity to define an issue of importance to them, and push it forward at Queen's Park. The girls from Ms. Cansfield's riding have been working very diligently on their issue - cyber bullying, and I look forward their May visit to Queen's Park.



I have really enjoyed switching over to the Opposition; the atmosphere in Bob Bailey's office is completely different. If you judge solely on the behaviour in Question Period, the PC Caucus appears to be very partisan. In truth, however, working in Mr. Bailey's office has been anything but. Mr. Bailey is primarily concerned with the needs of his constituents in Sarnia-Lambton, and he always puts his communities first. He is also passionate about his critic portfolio, (apprenticeships and trades). Helping to prepare material for Mr. Bailey's portfolio has really opened my eyes to a set of challenges faced by a number of young Canadians, such as the obstacles apprentices face when trying to find journeymen to train under.



Together with Mr. Bailey's EA, David Donovan (an OLIP Alumnus!) and his LA Anthony, I've drafted member's statements, press releases, questions for Question Period, and worked closely with community stakeholders to help shine a light on issues affecting people in Sarnia-Lambton. The office is fast paced - never a dull moment - and I am really looking forward to my constituency visit to Sarnia!



Erica Rayment: The balance of my intern placement in the office of Mrs. Elizabeth Witmer, MPP for Kitchener Waterloo, has exceeded my hopes and expectations. My biggest accomplishment was the establishment of a Girls' Government program in collaboration with MPP Donna Cansfield's office (and fellow intern, Katie Preiss). As a program created by MPP Cheri DiNovo, Girls' Government aims to get girls in Grade 8 excited about politics. With the support of their teachers and the local MPP, the girls choose an issue and learn how to push it forward to bring about real change. The program culminates with a visit to Queen's Park. I am very happy that Mrs. Witmer was willing to take on this project, as it provided me with an opportunity to work successfully on an initiative that combined Mrs. Witmer's two critic portfolios--Women's Directorate and Education.

I was also able to continue work on the day-to-day projects in the office, doing research, preparing speaking notes, writing briefing documents and executive summaries, managing correspondence, and meeting with stakeholders. I feel privileged to have learned about the workings of an MPP's office from such an experienced and well-respected Member.

As someone who spent an entire graduate degree concerned about diversity and inclusion, it has been fascinating for me to work in the office of Khalil Ramal, MPP for London-Fanshawe for my second placement. Khalil is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and the chair of the Liberal multicultural caucus. In addition to witnessing the inner workings of the multicultural caucus by taking minutes, I have also been kept busy writing countless Member's Statements (even a couple in French)!

In Khalil's office, I am responsible for producing "Queen's Park Report" - a series of thirty-minute interviews between Khalil and Cabinet Ministers on current issues at Queen's Park which are aired on his local Rogers channel. As an aspiring current affairs producer, I've really enjoyed the experience of coming up with show ideas, doing background research, briefing Khalil on the topics, and preparing insightful questions for him to ask in the interviews. Khalil kindly ensures that I attend as many meetings and briefings as possible with him, and I have especially enjoyed attending meetings of the Standing Committee on Social Policy.



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MICHAEL SMITH: DAVE LEVAC (LIB) & JOHN YAKABUSKI (PC)
CHARLES THOMPSON: HELENA JACZEK (LIB) & JOHN O'TOOLE (PC)

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Michael Smith: My first placement was with Dave Levac, the Liberal MPP for Brant. I mentioned in my fall magazine report that Mr. Levac had me involved in all different aspects of political life, and that did not change throughout the course of the placement. I had the chance to work with stakeholders on various Private Member Bills that Mr. Levac sponsored and I produced both a calendar and a newsletter that Mr. Levac sent out to his constituents.

I also had the chance to visit Mr. Levac's riding and attend events. I toured Brantford General Hospital with Mr. Levac and the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Hon. Deb Matthews. We were treated to a presentation on knee replacement surgery, and I was able to watch how the Minister interacted with those who were advocating for increased hospital funding. I also helped organized Mr. Levac's investiture as a Chevalier of the Ukrainian Order of Merit, in recognition of his work on Holodomor awareness. Working with Mr. Levac and his executive assistant, Chris Yaccato was

a privilege, and I am very thankful for the opportunities they gave me.



My second placement is with John Yakabuski, the Progressive Conservative (PC) Member for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke. Those who watch Question Period will know that Mr. Yakabuski can be one of the more vocal Members of the Legislature. Aside from his boisterous role in the House, Mr. Yakabuski is a committed and knowledgeable constituency advocate. His office has kept me busy assisting John with his roles as the PC Energy Critic and House Leader within the Official Opposition.

With energy policy being a contentious issue in Ontario, there is a lot of research that needs to be done. I've been lucky enough to be able to take the lead on several projects, working with caucus strategists. One of Mr. Yakabuski's roles is PC House Leader. This has allowed me to go behind the scenes and see how the Party plans its House strategy--a thrill for the parliamentary practice work that I am. I've also really enjoyed working with Julian Warrick, Mr. Yakabuski's executive assistant, and Daniel Gordon and Kelly Harris, who assist with the House Leader duties. I look forward to the opportunities this placement will continue to provide.

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Charles Thompson: If I had to point out one (out of many) fond recollections of my placement in the office of MPP for Oak Ridges-Markham, Dr Helena Jaczek, it would be the mentorship of my colleagues in the Ministry of the Environment and particularly from Cristina Taglione and Lesley Sherban, Helena's executive and legislative assistants. Under their tutelage I felt myself grow into an asset

in the office. With their guidance I was able to pick up a whole host of skills - from website and social media management, to speechwriting and community outreach work. Most importantly, my time in the Ministry of the Environment taught me confidence in my own abilities and creativity in the office environment. My thanks go out to Cristina, Lesley, and of course, to Helena. I am so lucky to have benefitted from their expertise and friendship.

For my second placement, I am finding myself right in the thick of things working for John O'Toole, Progressive Conservative MPP for Durham. I say 'right in the thick of things' because with John I always have to keep "on my toes." You may not know this, but John speaks on just about every bill that comes through the legislature. This makes for a brisk pace in the office! Thankfully I'm not alone. I am grateful to be supported by Jacob Mantle, John's legislative assistant and a former classmate of mine at Queen's.



Together we manage the Queen's Park office--we conduct research, write remarks, manage constituency files, attend meetings, and work the schedule among a myriad of other ever-changing responsibilities. It's not an easy task. I can't tell you how often I have to go dashing off

this way and that to make sure that John has the latest notes (which has done wonders for my fitness!) My thanks to both John and Jacob who are making this placement something to write home about.

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SASHA TREGEBOV: ROSARIO MARCHESE (NDP) & GREG SORBARA (LIB)

LISA-MARIE WILLIAMS: TED MCMEEKIN (LIB) & HOWARD HAMPTON (NDP)

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Sasha Tregobov: I had a great time working for Mr. Rosario Marchese, MPP for Trinity-Spadina--an incredibly busy time--but a great time. The work was really rewarding; I was able to take the lead on a few Private Member's bills, from drafting the bill with Legislative Counsel through to organizing press conferences and working with media. I also enjoyed writing questions for Question Period, and doing research for Mr. Marchese's appearance at Estimates Committee.

The work was rewarding and I gained a lot of great skills, but it was the personal relationships that made the placement so meaningful. The NDP is a small party--10 members and accompanying Queen's Park staff. That allows one to really get to know everyone and see all the different roles. Rosario and his staff, Juan and Laura, were such fun, smart people. From the moment I stepped into the office, they were completely open to my involvement in everything I could get my hands on. In conclusion, thanks!



I didn't purposefully restrict my placements to Italian-Canadian men with over two decades of parliamentary experience and great senses of humour, but it certainly worked out. My second placement is with Greg Sorbara, MPP for Vaughan and one of the best-known, most well respected members at Queen's Park--for good reason.

Mr. Sorbara is clearly a brilliant political mind: he chaired the successful 2003 and 2007 campaigns, as well as serving as Ontario Liberal Party President and chair of the Ontario Liberal Fund. What I didn't know coming into the placement is that he's a real policy work. I've had the opportunity to sit in on a number of stakeholder meetings and write briefing notes, and I'm just blown away by Greg's approach: focused and concise. That approach is mirrored by his staff, Sharon and Lorenzo. I've learned a lot from each of them.

I'm hoping to find work at the Ministry of Finance upon completion of this internship, and I can't imagine a better mentor than Greg Sorbara.



Lisa-Marie Williams: Ted McMeekin, MPP for Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale has been a community leader for most of his life and this inevitably led him to provincial politics. Mr. McMeekin's experience in education, social work, and municipal politics provided me with a great launching pad and knowledge base for entering the Ontario Legislature. I am happy that I chose Mr. McMeekin for my first placement and exposure to a government MPP's work. Mr. McMeekin and his vivacious executive assistant (EA), Lyndsay, worked very hard to get me up-to-speed quickly on constituency issues as well as his role as Parliamentary Assistant (PA) to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. From the outset, I was expected and encouraged to participate in briefings, stakeholder meetings, visits to the riding, and PA events. I quickly caught on to the fast-paced lifestyle of an urban politico. Both Member and EA ensured that I was challenged and engaged in my duties. I could not have asked for a better or more interesting start at Queen's Park than with this dynamic duo!



My second placement is with Howard Hampton, MPP for Kenora-Rainy River and the former leader of Ontario's New Democrats, who has a riding the size of France! I think it goes without saying that Mr. Hampton has had some amazing and unique experiences.. making him an ideal placement for me. The transition from government to opposition was a bit strange as I had to re-orient myself to a new culture and mandate. Watching Question Period would have you think that your opposition days will be spent on the attack but Mr. Hampton's unwavering dedication to his constituency demands careful research, attention to detail, and the ability to resolve issues rather than simply publicizing perceived government shortcomings. Flying to the First Nations communities in his riding underscored this point as band council leaders looked to Mr. Hampton for sound advice and well-devised strategies on how to work with government on advancing their individual and collective interests. I can now say that I've been given a personal tour of the Far North by one of its biggest advocates. It has been an honour working with Mr. Hampton and Denise, his Queen's Park executive assistant.



HONOURARY INTERN

THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME ANNOUNCES SPEAKER
STEVE PETERS AS OUR 2010-11 HONOURARY INTERN

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When Speaker Steve Peters announced last fall that he would not run for re-election in Ontario's October 6 General Election, the interns seized the opportunity to name him this year's Honorary OLIP Intern. Speaker Peters has been the MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London since 1999, but he has been in public life much longer; He was elected Mayor of St. Thomas at the age of twenty-five. His career as Speaker (since November 2007) has been marked



by his commitment to make the Legislative Assembly a showcase of Ontario products. His genuine love for the Legislative building and its history is often evident.

Speaker Peters has been most welcoming to this year's group of interns--all ten of them! Recently, they relished the opportunity to sit down

with him in the Speaker's Apartment comparing experiences at Queen's Park! After the first OLIP reception in the fall, all ten were invited to his apartment for the first time and were awed by his extensive, multicoloured collection of Converse Chuck Taylor sneakers. When he reprised his annual role as "Speaker Claus," he kindly humoured interns Mike and Erica by taking a photo with them. And, without his sponsorship of OLIP's annual fall and spring receptions, the programme would be unable to hold these events in the Legislative precinct.

Speaker Peters' involvement with OLIP throughout his time as Speaker of the Assembly has been most generous. He has advocated for the programme, encouraging all Members to participate so that more MPPs could experience the joy and rewards of having an OLIP intern work in their office.

Speaker Peters has earned a special place in the hearts of many cohorts of OLIP Interns. As his career at Queen's Park draws to a close, it is a privilege for OLIP to present Speaker Peters with the 2010-2011 Honorary Intern Award.

Churchill Society Annual Dinner



The Churchill Society for the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy graciously extended an invitation for all the interns to attend the 27th annual Gala Dinner on November 16, 2010 at the Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Toronto. Canadian dignitaries, the business and political elite as well as other accomplished professionals gathered en masse to discuss 'Churchill and international cooperation, respect and friendship' - the theme for the evening's discussions. Churchill members smiled from ear-to-ear as attendees filled the room in anticipation of stimulating conversation, delectable food and a thrilling auction. The award for excellence in the cause of parlia-

mentary democracy went to Ambassador, the Honourable Michael H. Wilson, whose outstanding contributions to the Canadian Parliament and Foreign Service reflect great integrity and intellect. Ambassador David H. Wilkins delivered an interesting keynote speech delving into the nuanced relationship between Canada and the United States. Guests of honour also included Colonel Henry Jackman, Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty, MPP Christine Elliott and Speaker Peter Milliken among others.

Sitting at the head table provided one lucky intern (Lisa-Marie Williams) with the opportunity to engage with distinguished guests who were kind enough to share some of their life experiences with her. It soon became clear to Lisa-Marie that this event was not merely a dinner and auction - it was a chance for old friends to reconnect and celebrate their personal and professional successes. The Churchill Society Dinner Gala was a wonderful highlight in the interns' OLIP experience and they would like to thank Dr. Alex Barron and his colleagues for sharing it with them. The Intern class of 2010-11 greatly appreciates the Society's support of OLIP over the years and were happy to contribute to a great night.



OH THE PEOPLE YOU'LL MEET

MEETING IMPORTANT PUBLIC FIGURES ENRICHES THE INTERN EXPERIENCE

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As interns, we have the exciting opportunity to meet with important figures in Ontario politics. Every week we spend time expanding the scope of our understanding through engaging discussions with this province's movers and shakers.

To help remind us that there's a world outside the legislature, we've endeavoured to meet with prominent members of Ontario's press. Jim Coyle, an honorary intern and former Queen's Park columnist for the Toronto Star (earlier we met with Robert Benzie during our orientation to the legislature), was an incredibly inspiring man to meet with. His Toronto Sun counterpart, Christina Blizzard, gave us a lot to think about with regards to the role of partisanship in the legislature. Andrew Coyne, editor of Macleans, gave us apt comparisons between Federal and Provincial Politics.

We had the opportunity to meet with several notable hosts of Canadian nightly broadcasts; Lloyd Robertson, Peter Mansbridge, and Steve Paikin. We really enjoyed visiting their sets and speaking with them.

We have also met with behind the scenes political folk at Queen's Park. Former OLIP intern, Dan O'Brien, works for the provincial NDP. Dan gave us a great insight into the inner workings of a party. Don Guy, a behind-the-scenes liberal strategist, also helped us to understand polling and campaign planning. We really appreciated learning about the partisan side of politics, especially in the lead-up to the October 6 Ontario General Election.

The work of politicians is only half of what makes government work. We also met with many Ontario deputy ministers. Shelly Jamieson, Secretary of Cabinet and head of the Ontario Public Service; Bob Stark, Deputy Minister for Service

Ontario; Ron McKerlie, Deputy Minister for Government Services; and William Forward, Deputy Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing, were all incredible people to talk to.

Think tanks, government relations firms, and pollsters also play important and unique roles in the political spectrum. We learned about the relationships between governments and think tanks through meetings with William Robson, President and CEO of the CD Howe Institute; and Matthew Mendelsohn, director of the Mowat Centre. Thanks to OLIP alumnus Natalie Tutunzis, we also met with the government relations folks at Hill and Knowlton! Another fascinating visit was to the offices of Ipsos Reid, where former intern and current director, John Wright, taught us about the work of their polling firm in provincial politics and beyond.

We always enjoy meeting with program sponsors. We have had the opportunity to sit down with Patrick Kennedy, Government Relations Director of the CIBC, and the staff and directors at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario and we look forward to our May luncheon meeting with officials from the Law Society of Upper Canada. Furthermore, we have met with other private sector leaders, such as Paul MacMillan, National Public Sector leader for Deloitte Canada.

Finally, our quest to meet all living former Ontario premiers is officially complete! We have been most fortunate to meet with William Davis, David Peterson, Michael Harris, Bob Rae and Ernie Eves!

With so many memorable meetings behind us, we continue to look forward to the remaining meetings over the final months of our internship.

Roy McMurtry

Just before Christmas we interns met with Roy McMurtry, a legend in Ontario politics.

Mr. McMurtry was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 1975 and appointed to Premier Davis' Cabinet as Attorney General. During this time he, along with Premier Davis, represented Ontario in the Canadian constitutional debates of 1981.

Mr. McMurtry was instrumental in brokering the deal that achieved both the patriation of the Constitution as well as the creation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Concluding his career in provincial politics, Mr. McMurtry was appointed by Prime Minister Joe Clark to be Canada's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

Upon the completion of his term, Mr. McMurtry returned to Canada and turned his attention to justice matters and the courts. He was appointed Chief Justice of the Ontario Superior Court in 1994. Most recently, he was asked by the Ontario Government to review the Public Works Protection Act, following the public outcry over the G20 held in Toronto last June.

We really appreciated speaking with Mr. McMurtry and hearing about his experiences in Ontario, Canada, and abroad. He is soft spoken, thoughtful, and patient as he answered our many questions about the patriation of the Constitution, and shared his thoughts on the G20 inquiry.

I would highly recommend that future interns keep Mr Roy McMurtry 'top of mind' as they plan their meeting schedule.





Jim Coyle, Honourary Intern & Toronto Star Columnist



Andrew Coyne Editor, Macleans



Honourable Bill Davis Former Premier of Ontario



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INTERN TRAVELS

OTTAWA

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OLIP's comparative study tours are designed to provide the interns with insight into the political landscape and operations of other legislatures. I am happy to report that this year's visit to Ottawa did just that - maybe even a little too well. There is no better way to learn about a legislature than to see it for yourself. But when your goal is to cram as much content as possible into three days, things can get a little hectic!

On matters political, we were able to conduct meetings with the likes of Senator (and former provincial Minister) Bob Runciman; MP (and former Minister of State) Michael Chong; NDP deputy leader Thomas Mulcair; Principal Clerk to the Senate Charles Robert; and current Liberal foreign affairs critic (and former Ontario Premier) Bob Rae. Topics ranged widely from discussions of electoral strategy to Question Period and Senate reform. I am proud to report that we did not hold back when it came to asking the tough questions of federal representatives from all parties.

The interns also saw a less partisan side of Parliament through interviews with Deputy Clerk Marc Bosc; Associate Secretary to the Cabinet and Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Janice Charette; Deputy Auditor General John Wiersema; and Speaker Milliken. In our free time, we were given tours of Parliament and the Supreme Court (meeting Mr. Justice Rothstein in the process) and we spent time with representatives from the Canadian Political Science Association and the interns from the Parliamentary Internship Program (PIP).

Overall, our visit to Ottawa was a resounding success! By the end of the trip we all felt more than ready to bring our newly minted federal perspective back with us to our placements at Queen's Park. After a good night's sleep that is!



Parliament by night



Michael Chong MP



Honourable Bob Rae MP
Former Premier of Ontario



Justice Rothstein
and Parliamentary Interns



Speaker Milliken
House of Commons



Charles Robert
Clerk of the Senate



Marc Bosc
Deputy Clerk, House of Commons



Thomas Mulcair MP

Notre séjour à la ville du Québec était excellent. Du haut de l'observatoire de l'Assemblée nationale, la vue aérienne de la ville était super. Nous pouvions admirer le Château Frontenac, les Laurentides, les vieux quartiers avec une architecture de style Européen, et le fleuve St. Laurent. C'est facile de comprendre comment le Québec s'attribue le nom de « la belle province ».

Nous avons obtenu une connaissance plus approfondie de la scène politique actuelle dans la province. Nous avons visité l'Assemblée nationale, ce qui nous a donné des indications claires de quelques différences entre cette assemblée législative et celle de Queen's Park. Par exemple, dans la Chambre à Québec, il y a un seul drapeau placé près de la chaise du Président, le drapeau provincial. C'était également intéressant de voir les contrastes entre la période des questions à l'Assemblée nationale du Québec avec celle de Toronto. Nous étions tous d'accord que l'Assemblée nationale semble beaucoup plus tranquille que celle de Queen's Park (du moins, ce jour là).

Nos discussions pendant nos réunions ont traité de plusieurs questions uniques au Québec, y compris l'identité culturelle et linguistique, et l'évolution vers le séparatisme. On a eu l'opportunité de rencontrer deux représentants du ministère des relations internationales. L'existence d'un ministère au niveau provincial consacré au relations internationales est particulière au gouvernement du Québec. C'est intéressant d'apprendre comment les activités actuelles du ministère visent à maintenir les relations entre la province, les États-Unis, et leurs partenaires dans la francophonie.

C'était amusant de nous détendre avec les stagiaires ontariens et québécois!



National Assembly



Senate Chamber



Meeting the Quebec Interns



Dinner with the Quebec Interns



Tour of the National Assembly



Rheal Seguin
Political Journalist, Globe and Mail



Roger Menard, Quebec's
Ministry for International Relations



Richard Daignault
National Assembly of Quebec

INTERN TRAVELS

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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It was with a real sense of adventure that the 2010-11 interns set off on our trip to the Northwest Territories on a cold February morning. The week up north began in the best possible way--with a detailed and thoroughly interesting presentation on the politics and government of the Northwest Territories. Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Honourable Paul Delorey, and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Tim Mercer, shared their wisdom and comprehensive understanding of all the subtle nuances of their consensus form of government.

The political system of the Northwest Territories is vastly different to the Westminster parliamentary system. There are only 19 Members of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly (MLAs). Following an election, the MLAs come together to develop a strategic plan and vision to govern for the remainder of that parliament. The 19 members elect a Speaker and a cabinet consisting of a Premier and six Ministers. The Premier then assigns ministries to his newly elected cabinet. Once the government has been appointed the 11 remaining members function as the opposition and work to hold the cabinet to account.

Our crash course in the politics and government of the Northwest Territories really helped to inform the discussions we had during our time in Yellowknife. We had breakfast with some of the 11 Aboriginal Members

of the legislature, including Cabinet Ministers. It was wonderful to learn about a whole range of subjects, from issues surrounding Aboriginal self-government to the future fiscal challenges facing the territorial government.

Later in the week we had lunch with the Honourable Floyd Roland,



Premier of the Northwest Territories. This was another fascinating experience. We had the chance to discuss the Premier's communications strategy, and how he balances constituency work with such vast government responsibilities, as well as his vision for the future of the Northwest Territories.

Not only did we meet with politicians, we also met with a number of other important figures in the NWT political process. We enjoyed meeting with Ms. Gabrielle Sparling, Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations. She described the sometimes tenuous relationship between the Northwest Territories government and various Aboriginal governments.

The Honourable George Tuccaro, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories shared with us some of his thoughts on the future of the Northwest Territories. He recalled some of his experiences in the residential school he attended as a child. His stories were very moving, and they made us all think long and hard about the history of Aboriginal peoples in this country.

Our meeting with Director Don James and his team from the Canadian Northern Economic Development Office really helped us to understand the potential for mining and infrastructure development in the Northwest Territories. We appreciated hearing their perspective on the future of economic development in the territory.

We managed to free up some time to make the most of the extra-curricular opportunities on offer in Yellowknife! We ventured out, not once, not twice, but thrice in our attempts to find the northern lights. We had some luck on our adventure, as we finally witnessed a bright green jolt of light in the sky. We also had the chance to go dog sledding, which was incredible!

Lastly, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. They went out of their way to make our trip as exciting as possible. Gail Bennett, from the Office of the Clerk, was very hospitable and welcoming. We feel privileged and honoured to have experienced life in such a beautiful and untouched part of Canada.



Mr. Tuccaro
Commissioner of the NWT



His Worship Gordon Van Tighem
Mayor of Yellowknife



Speaker Delorey of the NWT
and Clerk, Tim Mercer



Mr. Cleary, Deline Land Claims
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Chamber



Interns Dog Sledding



Therese Boullard
NWT Human Rights Commission



Gail Bennett
Deputy Clerk



Mr. Cash
Deputy Secretary of Cabinet



Ms. Sparling, Deputy Minister,
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal
Affairs



Interns get an overview of NWT
politics from Graham White

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

ALUMNI WORKING IN ONTARIO GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES

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The Ministers that make up the Cabinet don't come to their decisions in a vacuum, but rely on advice from civil servants, external stakeholders, and in particular, their own personal staff. These political staffers support the Minister in a variety of duties, and balance the needs of public policy making with the realities of partisan politics. These positions are very important to the political process, but very few understand the types of services they provide. Two of the interns from 2009-2010 have found their way into some of these positions, and they were kind enough to share their insights.

Leslie de Meulles is the Policy Advisor for Northern Development to Michael Gravelle, the Minister for Northern Development, Mines and Forestry. She breaks her role down into three different responsibilities:

"One, I work with the Minister and the civil service to develop new policy or make changes to existing policy; two, I listen to stakeholder concerns and respond and assist in any way I can; and three, I provide political advice in contrast to the non-

partisan policy advice the Minister receives from our officials."

Leslie relishes the opportunity to help the Minister reach a decision. As she says, "we work on real solutions to real problems in the North; there is the potential to accomplish something tangible and meaningful."

Her role as a political staffer has given her new insight into the role of the non-partisan civil service: "although we are a political office and have a political mandate, I am always extremely grateful that we are able

to work closely with our officials and benefit from their expertise and advice." Leslie says that her position has given her experience in working under pressure, and she knows she has gained some important transferable skills as she goes forward with her career.

Paul Di Ianni is a Special Assistant to the Premier, responsible for organizing the details when the Premier goes on tour. This requires quite a bit of time on the road, but Paul says it's an opportunity like no other: "one of the best parts of my job is getting to meet so many Ontarians, and interacting with them as they talk about their desires for the future."

Paul appreciates the opportunity to see who politicians really are, and how they deal with people when the cameras are off. As Paul describes it, "most politicians are extremely personable, and enjoy hearing what Ontarians have to say. I'm glad I can help facilitate the Premier's interactions with the public." Paul, who previously was a Legislative Assistant to Minister John Gerretsen, is also thankful that this position has developed his interpersonal skills, which will help him in any future career he chooses.

Hearing from both Leslie and Paul, it is obvious that working in a Minister's office is both challenging and extremely rewarding. We have no doubt that the two of them will go on to great things, thanks to the skills developed in their positions, and of course, thanks to their participation in OLIP.



Paul as an intern with Yasir Naqvi

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DOUG ARNOTT RETIRES

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Doug Arnott, Committee Clerk extraordinaire (and former OLIP intern and coordinator) was fêted at a farewell reception in January to celebrate his 33 years of service with the Ontario Legislature. Among the many well-wishers were former Committee Clerk and fellow legislative intern, Graham White, along with former interns John Shalagan and Catherine Frost.

During the formal remarks, Deborah Deller, Clerk of the Assembly, shared a secret with the audience: the reason the Office of the Clerk takes such a keen interest in the Internship programme is so they can hire the best and brightest for the Committees Branch—and that is how Doug got his start at the Legislature! Tonia Grannum, Clerk of Committees, described Doug as a teacher, mentor, confidant, colleague and special friend. She also said that Doug is one of the “greatest procedural minds” at the Assembly. Speaker Peters spoke of knowing Doug as a friend since 1999, and observed that he and Doug have much in common: they are both keen “collectors” of Queen’s Park memorabilia and frequently shared tips on where to find new additions for their collections.



The highpoint of the reception came when Doug stepped up to the podium. He reminisced with warmth and wit about bygone days and key figures he had encountered both as an intern and committee clerk. Clerks often don’t get the chance to exercise their oratorical skills, but Doug surprised us all by expressing his thoughts and feelings about his years at Queen’s Park in a poetic, and touching way.

In addition to tributes, Doug received many wonderful gifts from his friends and colleagues. But Doug turned the tables on us and surprised the gathering as he presented Speaker Peters with a gift to the Legislature; a wonderful painting of the Legislative Assembly building as it was before the great fire of 1909 destroyed the west wing.

As the afternoon proceedings wound down, guests mingled and sampled exotic chocolates from South Etobicoke and the wonderful “teapot” cake. A long line of well-wishers waited patiently for the chance to exchange a few words with a most remarkable individual. The afternoon had been rare and inspirational. Just like Doug Arnott.

During Orientation Month in September, we had the opportunity to sit down with Meghan Warby, Community Manager for Cabinet Office. Meghan, a former intern from the 2005-2006 intern year, shared with us the increasing importance of reaching out to Ontarians through social media. We really enjoyed speaking with Meghan - it was great to see a former intern combining the experience she gained from her time at Queen’s Park with her social-media savvy!

We also had the opportunity to meet with Emma Stanley-Cochrane (OLIP intern from 2008-2009), who is currently working as the Operations Coordinator, in the Executive Council Office of the Cabinet Office of the Government of Ontario. This meeting was a truly valuable opportunity to learn about the most inner workings of the government, and also, to hear her advice on how useful OLIP networking opportunities can be for building our own careers!



ALUMNI APPOINTMENTS

RECENT ALUMNI APPOINTMENTS & UPDATES

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Maegan Baird (2009-2010) Policy Analyst to the Minister of Infrastructure, Bob Chiarelli, Government of Ontario.

Karim Bardeesy (2001-2002) Editorial Writer, The Globe and Mail, Toronto.

Ana Curic (2005-2006) Issues Manager to the Federal Minister for Human Resources and Skills Development, Diane Findley, Ottawa.

Julia Deans (1985-1986) Chief Executive Officer, Greater Toronto Civic Action Alliance, Toronto.

Anne Wales DeRabbie (1994-1995) Director of Communications, The Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto.

Paul Di Ianni (2009-2010) Special Assistant (Tour), Premier Dalton McGuinty, Toronto.

David Docherty (1984-1985) President, Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta (effective August 2011).

Julia Dorsch (1992-1993) Chief of Staff to the Chair of Cabinet, Gerry Phillips, Government of Ontario.

Alexandra (Alix) Dostal (1998-1999) Vice President (Communications) Dalhousie University Alumni Association, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Ruth Flynn (1985-1986) Senior Policy Advisor, Education & Children's Policy, Cabinet Office, Government of Ontario.

Rachel Grasham (1991-1992) Chief, Financial Crimes, Ministry of Finance, Government of Canada, Ottawa.

Matt Gray (2009-2010) President, Matthew Gray Consulting, Maple, Ontario.

Christopher Holz (1997-1998) President, The Adelaide Consulting Group Inc., Toronto.

Peter Johnson (1983-1984) Vice President, Market Intelligence and Strategy, Mobile Marketing Association, New York City.

Yuliya Khraplyva (2009-2010) Policy and Government Relations Analyst, The Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants, Toronto.

Jason Lagerquist (2006-2007) Special Assistant, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Deb Matthews, Government of Ontario.

Tristan-E. Landry (1997-1998) Deputy Director, Office of Transformation, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Government of Canada, Ottawa.

Jonathan Lomas (1978-1979) Officer of the Order of Canada.

Frank Lowery (1976-1977) Corporate Secretary, Cooperators Life Insurance Company and Cooperators General Insurance Company, Guelph, Ontario.

Sine Mackinnon (1986-1987) Director of Communications, Change Foundation, Toronto.

Adam McDonald (2004-2005) Senior Policy Coordinator, Transportation and Cooperative Services Unit, School Business Support Branch, Ministry of Education, Government of Ontario.

Megan McIlroy (1990-1991) Health Planner, Region of Waterloo, Ontario.

Leslie de Meulles (2009-2010) Policy Advisor, Minister of Northern Development, Mining and Forestry, Michael Gravelle, Government of Ontario.

Valerie Moore (1991-1992) Manager, Research and Prospect Management at BC Children's Hospital Foundation, Vancouver and President, The Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement Canada.

Karen Bridget Murray (1993-1994) Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, York University, Toronto.

Robert Nicol (1993-1994) Assistant Vice President, Government Relations, Canadian Tire Corporation, Toronto.

Jennifer Harrington Petersen (1999-2000) Director, Special Events, Arts Umbrella, Vancouver.

Peter Sampaio (1995-1996) Community Liaison Coordinator, Manager at Roy McMurtry Youth Centre, Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Government of Ontario.

Rebecca Scott (2004-2005) Manager, Communications and Strategic Partnerships, Extendicare, Markham and Vice-Chair and National Youth Chair, Equal Voice.

John Shalagan (1978-1979) Senior Policy Advisor, Colleges Unit, Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities, Government of Ontario.

Dagmar Soennecken (1998-1999) Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy & Administration and Department of Social Science (Law and Society), York University, Toronto.

Emma Stanley-Cochrane (2008-2009) Information and Research Coordinator, the Cabinet Office, Executive Council Office, Government of Ontario.

Lauren Starr (2006-2007) Recruitment Coordinator, University of Western Ontario, London.

Matthew Thornton (2007-2008) Article: "Don't Forget to Talk to the Opposition", Forum: Trillium Chapter of the Canadian Society of Association Executives, 2010, page 26.

Eleni Tsoutsias (2006-2007) Policy Analyst, Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, Ministry of Finance, Government of Ontario.

Monika Turner (1985-1986) Director of Policy, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Toronto.

Christopher Waddell (1977-1978) Director, School of Journalism and Communication, and Carty Chair of Business and Financial Journalism, Carleton University, Ottawa.

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