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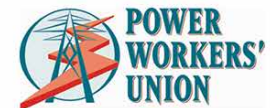
Welcome to the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme. On behalf of this year's Interns, we invite you to explore the fall edition of the Queen's Park Insider, our bi-annual publication reviewing our many activities and adventures as OLIP Interns. This Fall has provided the Interns with an opportunity to become acclimatized to their new positions at Queen's Park. The orientation period included everything from a tour of the Legislature, to meetings with various stakeholders, as well as a number of staff and members at Queen's Park. We are excited to see what the rest of our internship brings and look forward to sharing our experiences with you in our magazines and blogs.

The Ontario Legislature Internship Programme was established in November 1975. The Programme is administered by the Canadian Political Science Association and is supported by a substantial grant from the Ontario Legislative Assembly. The Programme is not associated with the Government of Ontario or with any political party. The Programme is designed to provide backbench Members of the Legislative Assembly with highly qualified assistants, while at the same time giving Interns academic and practical experience in the day-to-day work of the Legislature.

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I am now in my eleventh year as Programme Director of the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme (OLIP) and once again I am delighted to work with a new group of ten bright, eager interns. As well this is the thirty-ninth year of the Programme. OLIP is a small Programme but one that is complicated to understand.

OLIP was developed in late 1975 and early 1976 as a joint venture between the Canadian Political Science Association and the Ontario Legislative Assembly. OLIP was modeled on the Association's (CPSA) Parliamentary Internship Programme in Ottawa. On the recommendation of the Assembly's Speaker, the legislature approved the Programme and its structure in early 1976.

From the beginning the revenue was to come from two sources, the Legislative Assembly and private donors. To assure the Programme's educational nature, arm's length independence, political neutrality and avoidance of conflict of interest, the Speaker, representing the Ontario Legislative Assembly and the CPSA agreed that the Association should be fully responsible for administering the Programme. A Programme Director was to be appointed to fulfill the CPSA's responsibility. This Director was to be a Political Science Professor at a nearby university. The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly was seen as the Patron of the Programme and he was expected to give guidance to the Programme Director on Assembly matters relevant to the Programme.

Because financial liability for the Programme was assigned to the CPSA, the Programme Director was expected to avoid yearly deficits, accumulated debts and possible financial losses from law suits. Thus every year the Programme was to be audited by the CPSA's auditors and the Board of Directors had the oversight obligations to approve the Programme Director's Annual Report to them and his budget projections in light of the most recent CPSA auditor's report. The Legislature's financial obligation to the Programme was limited to a yearly grant to the Programme.

Since the part-time Programme Director remains a full-time university professor, he is supported in the administration of the Programme by a part-time Programme Assistant. I am very fortunate to have Eithne Whaley as my Programme Assistant. Eithne is a former Parliamentary Intern at the Westminster House of Commons in London. She performs so many important roles for the Programme; magazine designing, webmaster, purchasing agent, trip planner, primary

contact with our sponsors and coordinator of our own meetings during the Fall orientation and intern meetings with MPPs. Eithne is in her 12th year at OLIP.

Since the Programme Director and Programme Assistant are usually at Queen's Park for two days a week at most, help and guidance for the interns falls on our two Programme Coordinators who work full-time at Queen's Park but make themselves available to the interns. Committee Clerk Will Short is in his third year as a Programme Coordinator while Rick Sage, a Research Librarian, is in his second year.

The four person Programme Committee receives a great deal of support from so many individuals and organizations. First and foremost the members of the Ontario Legislative Assembly must be mentioned. Twenty MPPs each year mentor the interns but we also receive great support from all of the Members. Our key Member/supporter is our Patron, the Honourable Speaker Dave Levac. Dave was a great mentor to interns in years past but as Speaker, he now stands aside for the backbench MPPs, the major benefactors of the Programme.

Our sponsors provide the funds for the educational visits to other legislatures. From the very beginnings of the Programme, it was agreed the CPSA's designated administrator would seek substantial outside funds for the Programme. We greatly appreciate our sponsors generosity – both financial and the time they personally give to further the interns understanding of Ontario's political system and the role businesses, unions, associations and other groups play within that system.

Our alumni from the previous 38 years are a great asset in the education of new interns. Not only do they give great advice that only a former intern can offer but they watch over the interns' yearly journey. Finally, they often help in starting the post-OLIP careers of the current interns.

Because of the summer session, the Legislative Assembly began late this Fall. To make up for this late start, we extended our September orientation into October. I would like to thank the Legislative Assembly officials and staff, sponsors, alumni and friends of the Programme for making themselves available to the interns during the orientation. I look forward to the year ahead.

*Dr Henry J. Jacek*

# MEET THE INTERNS

CLARE DEVEREUX & CHRISTINE EAMER

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Clare Devereux was born in Kingston, Ontario, but calls the West Coast home; she grew up in Vancouver, BC, and also spent several formative years in Hong Kong. She left the West to attend McGill University, receiving her Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Economics in 2012. Clare remained at McGill for her graduate studies in Political Science, focusing her education on Canadian politics and political behaviour. Clare's research concerns Canadian and American voting behaviour, and voter psychology from a comparative perspective. These research interests led Clare to various interesting research positions during her time at McGill, including a research assistantship with the Canadian Election Study. Clare's interests further extend to public policy, particularly health policy, and she is excited to gain a deeper understanding of the portfolio and the policy process. In her spare time, Clare loves travel, music and trying different food. She also procrastinates by baking (hopefully) delicious treats.



Hometown Riding: Vancouver-Quilchena

Favourite place in Ontario: High Park in the springtime, when the cherry blossoms are in bloom.

Dream job at the legislature: Minister of Health or Finance

Favourite aspect of Queen's Park: the LG's suite (because of the great parties you could host there).

Which movie/TV character would you be: Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Christine on Clare

Clare is a warm person who will always surprise you with her wit and intelligence. Our resident future academic will never be caught with her head in the clouds, but rather making us all laugh! Having lived in cities across the world Clare has an abundance of knowledge and stories to share with the rest of us. Being around Clare means never having a dull moment!

Originally from the charming city of Brockville, Christine Eamer has always had an interest in provincial politics. She first came to Queen's Park when she was a page in grade 8 and was exposed to the intriguing theatre we call politics. When it came time to choose a path she decided to throw herself into Political Science at York University's Glendon Campus. Here she was able to pursue a Certificate in Public Administration and Public Policy as well as follow another passion of hers: travel. Christine spent her third year of studies in Berlin. At Humboldt Universität she was able to gain a European perspective on politics as well as improve her

German. Being a Franco-Ontarian from an Anglophone community has taught Christine the importance of language and she hopes to learn many more. Next on the chopping block: Dutch!

Hometown Riding: Leeds-Grenville

Favourite Place in Ontario: The Thousand Islands

Dream Job at the Legislature: French Language Services Commissioner

Favourite Aspect of Queen's Park: The possibility of interacting with great people - from the premier to groups of interested tourists from across the globe!

Which movie/TV character would you be: Sabrina the teenage witch

Clare on Christine

Christine is truly the life of our group – her charming personality and infectious laugh make it impossible not to smile, and giggle along with her. Armed with a thorough knowledge of the legislature, Christine leads the rest of us lost puppies around, regales us with stories of her time at Queen's Park, and even translates the Latin for us! We all love Bébé Eamer!

# MEET THE INTERNS

EMILY HEWITT & JUSTIN KHORANA-MEDEIROS

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Emily Hewitt hails from the Fraser Valley, in Langley, BC. Although she studied International Relations at UBC, her most memorable classes were her electives with the Faculty of Music - choir! Her time building a sense of community outside of class, organizing student orientations and events was also a highlight of her last four years. Luckily, Emily got to apply her research and editing skills working for a think tank on international development. The beautiful landscape of Canada sparked her interest in the environment and her travels abroad intrigued her to study immigration policy. As well, her love for the French language led to French Immersion, two summers as a bilingual Parliamentary guide in Ottawa and an exchange at Sciences Po in France. In the upcoming months Emily is excited to explore all that Toronto has to offer - especially the culinary delights!



Justin Khorama-Medeiros was born and raised in Toronto, though he passed a great deal of his youth on a horse farm in rural Ontario. After graduating with his Honours BA from UofT (Political Science & Philosophy), he spent 7 months teaching English in Seoul, South Korea. Justin has worked at other levels of government before, both municipally (Toronto Transit Commission) and federally (Statistics Canada). He recently completed an MA at the Munk School's Centre for European Studies, during which time he did several academic exchanges in Europe, including a fall semester at Sciences Po in Paris. His research interests have varied widely, but most recently his SSHRC-

supported major research paper focused on comparative citizenship and immigration politics. Outside of his passion for politics, Justin's hobbies include film, music, literature, basketball, and especially travel. He is looking forward to moving out of the ivory tower at long last and getting up close and personal with the day-to-day workings of parliamentary democracy.

Hometown riding: Langley (British Columbia)

Favourite Place in Ontario: the Library of Parliament

Dream job at the leg: Lieutenant Governor

Favourite Aspect of Queen's Park: The diverse architecture

Which film/TV character would you be: Jessica Day from New Girl

## Justin on Emily

Emily is the intern most likely to become a Polaris prizewinner, as she is a talented singer and pianist. Emily may be the youngest intern, but she is an old soul, as evidenced by her frequent use of "the grandma voice". Her easygoing, fun demeanour and keen intellect make her the ideal OLIP colleague. Who wouldn't want this lady on their committee?

Hometown Riding: Davenport & Trinity-Spadina

Favourite Place in Ontario: Trinity Bellwoods Park

Dream job at the Legislature: Attorney General

Favourite Aspect of Queen's Park: Get to talk about politics and policy all day – without putting anyone to sleep!

Which film/TV character would you be: Steve Zissou

## Emily on Justin

Justin (a Justin Trudeau look-a-like) has a friendly, charismatic and inquisitive demeanour. His 64 GB iPod, travel experience to 27 countries and extensive library collection allow him to easily spark up a conversation with anyone! If that doesn't interest you, his knowledge of suit attire surpasses that of GQ and his talents in basketball include three-pointers.

# MEET THE INTERNS

KRISTEN NEAGLE & KRISTY MAY

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Kristen Neagle was born and raised in Etobicoke, Ontario. In 2009 she began her studies at McMaster University, and recently completed both her BA (Honours) and a Master's degree in Political Science. During her time at McMaster she worked as a teaching assistant, volunteered with various not-for-profits across the province, and held an internship with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario. Her professional interests include issues related to health policy, gender politics, and public administration. Kristen is an avid traveller that loves to explore anything at least once. She enjoys playing volleyball and tennis, and has an appreciation for all things sweet.



Hometown riding: Etobicoke Centre

Favourite Place in Ontario: Niagara-on-the-Lake, Hamilton's hidden waterfalls, wakeboarding on Lake Rousseau...there's too many!

Dream Job at the Legislature: Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (or a Page!)

Favourite Aspect of Queen's Park: the history and architectural beauty of the building

Which film/TV character would you be: Katniss Everdeen from the Hunger Games

Kristy on Kristen:

As a news junkie, Kristen is up to date on all things political. She is also the most likely to know where and when a celebrity is in the city. Her passion for political science and desire to try new things are traits that have both led her to this Internship and no doubt will serve her well. Her newfound appreciation for coffee may also be of help!

Originally from East Gwillimbury, Kristy May earned her honours BES in international development and diploma in environmental assessment from the University of Waterloo. She then continued on to pursue her MA in political science at the University of Guelph. Prior to coming to Queen's Park, Kristy worked as a research intern with a microfinance organization in Vietnam, and later with Canada's International Development Research Centre in Ottawa. Her experience working as a graduate teaching assistant for public policy and public administration courses has spurred an interest in policy and legislative processes here at home. She has particular interests in municipal affairs, transportation and environmental issues. Outside the Legislature, she enjoys running, photography, and skating (both figure skating and a good game of shinny). Grateful for the opportunity to participate in OLIP, Kristy is excited to have an inside view of policy-making.

Hometown ridings: York-Simcoe and Newmarket-Aurora

Favourite place in Ontario: Bruce Peninsula National Park and the Capital Pathway behind Parliament Hill along the Ottawa River.

Favourite aspect of Queen's Park: It brings together passionate people from diverse backgrounds.

Dream job at the Legislature: Lieutenant Governor

Which film/TV character would you be: Matilda

Kristen on Kristy

In addition to her quick wit and friendly personality, Kristy is one of the most well rounded people I have met. Her incredible cooking abilities have been influenced by her love of farmers markets, her personal herb garden, as well as her extensive travel. She has already taught me so much (including the correct pronunciation of Pho!) and I am eagerly looking forward to learning much more.

# MEET THE INTERNS

MATTHEW STANTON & PATRICK SACKVILLE

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Matthew Stanton is originally from Beamsville, Ontario. In 2012, he graduated with distinction from the University of Western Ontario, receiving a BA (Honours) in Political Science and Criminology. Matthew then pursued graduate studies in political science at Western, and recently completed an MPA from Queen's University. His interest in law and rural issues culminated in a paper on local food systems in Ontario, which was subsequently published in the Queen's Policy Review. Matthew has also travelled on exchange to Sweden, where he studied at Lunds Universitet. While in school, Matthew was a volunteer for Future Possibilities for Kids, and worked with International Service Learning in Costa Rica. He was most recently employed as a Program Analyst for the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities, and was previously a Teaching Assistant at Western. Matthew is proud to be a member of the 2014-15 OLIP family, and is looking forward to observing first-hand the intersection of politics and policy at the Ontario Legislative Assembly.

Hometown Riding: Niagara West-Glanbrook  
Favourite Place in Ontario: Niagara Escarpment and Wine Country

Dream Job at the Legislature: Attorney General or Lobbyist  
Favourite Aspect of Queen's Park: The Architecture and the Ceremonial Aspects

Which film/TV character would you be: Fletcher Reede (Liar Liar)

Patrick on Matt

The pride of Beamsville, Ontario, Matthew Stanton is a true renaissance man. At Queen's Park Matt brings a wide variety of talents to any task, driven by his worldly experiences. This past summer, Matt spent several months conducting field research in Sweden. But before he joined us at the legislature, he returned to his favourite place: wine country in the Niagara Region. There, Matt maintains a long time relationship with vineyard operators and restaurateurs, as a tradition he has honoured since his teen years.

Born and raised in London, Ontario, Patrick is excited to stretch his legs and explore Queen's Park. Representing the University of Western Ontario with a Masters and Honours Specialization in Political Science, he bleeds purple. Concurrent with his education, Patrick achieved success as a finance manager at a boutique firm in Cambridge, deepening his understanding of the complex relationship that exists between business and government in our province. While at Western, Patrick served as President of the Political Science Association and



Co-Founder of the American Studies Association. While at Queen's Park, Patrick is proud to continue his research assistance to the Public Leadership and Democracy Institute at Western University, better known as the 'Democracy Lab', which tracks and studies emerging trends across the political and regulatory risk landscape. Patrick is honoured by the opportunity to take part in the OLIP program and looks forward to meeting you at our next reception!

Hometown Riding: London North-Centre

Favourite Place in Ontario: Tiny Township

Favourite Aspect of Queen's Park: Hansard – just look at that architecture!

Dream Job at the Legislature: Sergeant-at-Arms

Which film/TV character would you be: Andy Dufresne

Matt on Pat

What can be said about Patrick Sackville, a man whose last name is often mispronounced as 'Sachfish'. While Pat can be surprisingly suave and charming at times, this façade quickly dissipates when either business or politics enters the conversation. His acumen in these two areas is unparalleled amongst the OLIP interns, and he is well known for initiating varied and intellectually stimulating discussions. Overall, Pat is a proud Mustang, a man that enjoys a good laugh and a fine scotch.

# MEET THE INTERNS

JAKUB SIKORA & AARON VAN TASSEL

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Jakub Sikora is originally from Toronto, but currently resides in Whitby, Ontario. He completed his Honours BA degree in Political Science and Philosophy and his MA degree in Political Science at York University. He focused his graduate studies on environmental politics, namely on fresh water pollution within the context of the Great Lakes Basin. His research expounds on Canadian water governance and the implications of industrial and public pollution on the Great lakes. Outside of academia, Jake is a big fan of hockey, soccer, and basketball. He loves the Toronto Maple Leafs, Philadelphia Flyers, Toronto Raptors, and Chelsea FC. On top of being an avid sports fan, Jake has a passion for playing guitar as well as writing and listening to music.



Aaron Van Tassel is originally from Mississauga, Ontario. Aaron could often be found glued to the television watching the history channel at a very young age. He loved history so much that he decided to complete a BA in history at the University of Guelph and an MA in history at the University of Western Ontario. Studying history gave Aaron the opportunity to explore numerous aspects of how societies function, which led to an interest in politics. His interest in Canadian politics was heightened by an internship with the Public Affairs team at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. During his downtime, Aaron can often be found listening to or playing music. Aaron has been playing guitar for many years, but has more recently taken up the Ukulele. After completing OLIP, Aaron will likely begin law school at the University of Ottawa.

Hometown: Whitby-Oshawa

Favourite Place in Ontario: Art Gallery of Ontario

Dream Job at the Legislature: Environmental Commissioner

Favourite Aspect of Queen's Park: The architecture of the Legislature

Which film/TV character would you be: Fox Mulder from the X Files

## Aaron on Jake

Jake has an immense knowledge and passion for environmental policy. It does not take much to get Jake to launch into an impassioned speech about the challenges facing fresh water lakes or the struggle to safely store nuclear waste. Like myself, Jake is a bit of a music nerd, which has made for some great lunchtime conversations. Jake has an extremely bright future and I feel fortunate to be in OLIP with him.

Hometown Riding: Mississauga-Streetsville

Favourite Place in Ontario: Anywhere in Guelph, ON

Dream Job: Chief of Staff

Favourite Aspect of Queen's Park: Walking through the halls of the legislature and being surrounded by Ontario's history.

Which film/TV character would you be: Josiah "Jed" Bartlet

## Jake on Aaron

Aaron is a very calm, well-mannered, and down to earth guy. He has a vast knowledge of economic history and always has something interesting and intellectually stimulating to say. Like myself, he plays guitar and is a huge music fanatic. In addition to having a great ear for music, Aaron has a good sense of humour and is a reliable friend.



# INTERN PLACEMENTS

CLARE, CHRISTINE & EMILY

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## Clare's Placement with MPP Catherine Fife

I am thrilled to be working in Catherine Fife's office for my first placement. Catherine was elected in Kitchener-Waterloo in a by-election in 2012, a riding that had never had an NDP MPP. Since then, Catherine has made her mark at Queen's Park, and was named for this session as critic to both Finance and the Treasury Board – two major portfolios that I am pleased to have the chance to work on. Though I've only been in the office for a couple of days, I have gotten the opportunity to work on various areas of research, including a Members Statement and a Ministerial Response, which has been extremely interesting work. Both Catherine and her Executive Assistant Grant have been welcoming and open, and I'm so excited to be spending the next few months working with them!



I have been struck by the wonderfully positive and enthusiastic tone in the office created by both Marie-France and her Legislative Assistant Kyle. Je suis certaine qu'on va bien travailler et bien s'amuser pendant les prochains mois!

## Emily's Placement with MPP Elanor McMahon

I am excited for my first placement with Eleanor McMahon, MPP for Burlington. Although a recently elected member of the Legislature, she is no rookie to the political world. Ms. McMahon has a breadth of experience ranging from Press Secretary of Jean Chrétien, to founder and CEO of the Share the Road Cycling Coalition, to former Vice President with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. As my MPP placement is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, I am eager to pursue my interest in environmental policy. Furthermore, she is a member of the Standing Committee on General Government, and Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly, so needless to say I hope to be busy in her office. Her high energy and positive attitude will be a pleasure to work with everyday. For the cherry on top, Ms. McMahon is fluently bilingual from her time in France and work in Ottawa, so I am thrilled to be able to communicate in French in the office.



## Christine's Placement with MPP Marie-France Lalonde

I am excited to be working with Marie-France Lalonde and am looking forward to learning about her involvement with the French Caucus, the Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie and the Ontario-Québec Association as part of her Parliamentary Assistant role to the Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs.



Even though Marie-France is a "Rookie" member, her plate is quite full. She also serves as the PA to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure and sits on the Standing Committees for Government Agencies and Social Policy and finds the time to be involved with the Woman's Caucus.

# INTERN PLACEMENTS

JUSTIN, KRISTY, KRISTEN & AARON

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## Justin's Placement with MPP Han Dong

My first placement is with Han Dong, Liberal MPP from the riding of Trinity-Spadina. He is a recently elected member full of enthusiasm and ideas to serve his new constituents. As a long time constituent of the riding myself, I am an incredibly excited for this placement! Having the chance to serve my community alongside Mr. Dong, a new member but a veteran at Queen's Park, will surely be a memorable and invaluable experience. Having very recently studied at several universities, I hope to be able to make a useful contribution to his Parliamentary Assistant role as well. Whether writing Member Statements, doing research for Private Members' Bills, or supporting Mr. Dong in committees, I am sure the next few months will be full of hard work and exciting opportunities. Kristy's Placement with MPP Lisa Thompson

## Kristy's Placement with Lisa Thompson

I am very happy to be working with Progressive Conservative MPP Lisa Thompson. MPP Thompson is Critic for Environment and Climate Change and Ontario's representative for the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Steering Committee, so there is no shortage of interesting work to get involved in! In my first week, I had the opportunity to write a member statement and press release, contribute to the development of a question, meet with stakeholders, and conduct research on a variety of topics. I will also have the opportunity to travel to Huron-Bruce for an upcoming Family Health Team roundtable with MPP Thompson and Interim Leader Jim Wilson to discuss the increasing challenges of providing quality health care in rural communities. MPP Thompson has already made me feel extremely welcome, inviting me to meet her constituency staff



and explore all that Huron-Bruce has to offer!

## Kristen's Placement with MPP Cheri DiNovo

For the first term of the internship I have the pleasure of working with Cheri DiNovo, who is the MPP representing Parkdale - High Park. In the first four days I have already had the opportunity to sit in on stakeholder meetings, written Members' Statements, carried out research for a Private Member's Bill and Question Period, and worked on several petitions. As the critic for Urban Transportation, Greater Toronto Issues, and LGBT Issues, I have already learned so much about a wide range of important topics. Cheri and her staff are so

knowledgeable, and I am very excited to be working closely with them over the course of the next few months.

## Aaron's Placement with Yvan Baker

For my first placement I will be working for the member from Etobicoke Centre, Yvan Baker. Mr. Baker is newly elected, but as a former management consultant in the private sector he brings a wealth of experience to Queen's Park. One of the main reasons I came to Queen's Park was to learn more about government finance and I am fortunate to be working for the Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury

Board. Mr. Baker and his Executive Assistant Theresa run a very fast paced and efficient office. They both welcomed me into their office and I feel privileged to be a part of it. In my first week I had the opportunity to visit the riding, attend stakeholder meetings, write briefing notes on legislation, and work on a Private Member's Bill. I have already learned so much about Queen's Park and politics from Mr. Baker, Theresa, and the constituency staff. I look forward to continue learning from them in the upcoming months.

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JAKUB, MATTHEW & PATRICK

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## Jake's Placement with MPP Daiene Vernile

My first placement is with MPP Vernile from Kitchener-Centre. She is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Research and Innovation and sits on the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs as well as the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills. I look forward to helping MPP Vernile with Members' Statements, doing research for Private Members' Bills, and being engaged in a variety of other fascinating and learning experiences. I will also be working closely with MPP Vernile's staff Kayla Lauzon and Shelly Friesen, both of whom will be conducive towards a great and fruitful experience!

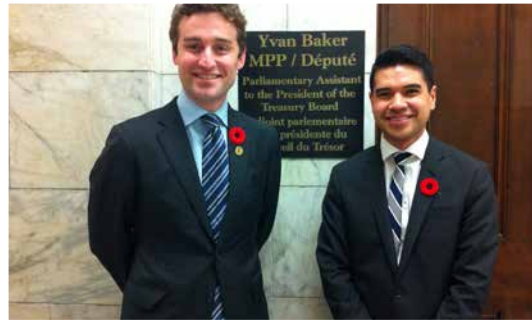
## Matthew's Placement with MPP Ernie Hardeman

I am happy to report that, for my first placement, I am working with Ernie Hardeman, the PC Municipal Affairs and Housing critic. Mr. Hardeman, affectionately referred to by some as 'Uncle Ernie', has been the MPP for Oxford since 1995. Consequently, Ernie is well versed in the procedures of the Ontario Legislative Assembly and, as a former mayor, knows full well the importance of municipal concerns. In addition, he is also very knowledgeable about agricultural issues and rural affairs. Incidentally, I grew up in a rural riding, and am pleased to be helping Ernie address policy issues that affect all of rural Ontario. Finally, I must give mention to the inspiring Tara Barry, Ernie's long-time executive assistant. Ernie and Tara have welcomed me wholeheartedly into their office, and have ensured that my hands do not remain idle.

Needless to say I look forward to assisting them both throughout the remainder of the first term, and to learning more about the great riding of Oxford.

## Patrick's Placement with MPP Tim Hudak

Only short days into my first placement and I can see why past interns enjoyed joining Tim's office. It sounds cliché, but there is never a dull moment working with Tim and his excellent staff. At his Queen's Park office, Tim has a seemingly endless line-up at his door -- made up of representatives from different associations, companies, organizations, and more, all seeking his advice on how best to navigate their relationship with government and better understand how political outcomes are reached. Paramount to what goes on here in Toronto, Tim's riding of Niagara West-Glanbrook is a vibrant and engaged group of communities, who are vocal in expressing their needs, appreciation, successes, and hardships, which Tim proudly champions in both their neighborhoods and at the Legislature. As a member of Tim's team, I've already been given policy research projects, had the opportunity to sit-in on stakeholder meetings, and be able to provide advice on important economic, environmental, and social issues. Naturally, it was a bit intimidating at first, but Tim is open to new ideas, seeks the opinions of others, and does everything he can to ensure that the people around him achieve every success. There's no shortage of hard work, but there's lots of fun too -- with Walking Dead recaps each Monday morning to kick off the start of a new week!



# ORIENTATION 2014

## THE NOT-SO-QUIET BEFORE THE STORM

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Each year, OLIP interns begin their internship with an exciting and fast-paced ‘orientation month’. Given that the MPPs began their summer break later than usual, we were provided with a few extra weeks to meet varied and interesting people around Queen’s Park, attend wonderful receptions, and become more aware of all that Ontario government and politics has to offer. Our meetings ranged from stimulating discussions with program sponsors, members of the press, and Independent Officers, to a fascinating tour of the headquarters for Elections Ontario. We have also been fortunate enough to attend various ceremonies around Toronto, including a celebration of Mexico’s Independence Day, and a luncheon honouring Dr. Anne Cavoukian with the PAAC Award of Distinction. Such experiences have proved invaluable in helping us learn about the interplay between the government, media, and the private sector.

In addition, orientation month has expanded our knowledge of the Ontario Legislature. With the help of staff members and library research services, each of the interns familiarized themselves with the procedures of the Legislative Assembly. We then had a chance to witness such processes first-hand, by sitting in on a hearing for the Standing Committee on Estimates, and attending the installation of the new Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Ultimately, our eventful orientation period has facilitated many opportunities to become acquainted with the individuals that are integral to policymaking within the province, and equipped us with the skills necessary to excel during our MPP placements. While it is evident that we still have much to see and do, orientation month succeeded in allowing us, the 2014-15 interns, to complete this time-honoured tradition, and become a part of the larger OLIP family.



The Churchill Society Mayoral Debate



Paul Macmillan & Sasha Tregobov from Deloitte



Learning about Legislative Security



Former Speaker David Warner



The interns' warm welcome and thorough introduction to the Ontario Legislature could not have been possible without the involvement of a variety of legislative employees.

On the procedural front, the interns met with the lovely Tonia Grannum, Clerk of Procedural Services, and Deborah Deller, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Todd Decker, Deputy Clerk and Executive Director of Legislative Services, who provided insight into parliamentary and procedural processes. Nancy Marling, Director of Human Resources, explained how her department supports legislative staff and ensures business continuity.

Next up, Library and Research Services gave the interns a tour of the Library as well as training on the extensive resources available to us—services that will no doubt be of help in during placements and for final papers. The interns' "speed learning" session with research librarians and research officers was not only exciting but allowed us the opportunity to hear about



on-going legislative research.

The interns also met with key Legislative Security Service staff, including Operational Manager, Rick Boon and Sergeant/Senior Legislative Attendant, Bruno Romano. Dennis Clark, Ontario's Sergeant-at-Arms, discussed security at the legislature and shared the history of Ontario's current Mace.

Peggy Brooks, Managing Editor at Hansard Reporting and Interpretation Services, and Arleigh Holder, Director of Broadcast and Recording Services highlighted the tireless efforts in ensuring legislative processes are well-documented and made accessible to the public.

The Honourable Dave Levac discussed both the responsibilities and challenges associated with being the Speaker, and illustrated how his teaching experience is useful to keep the House in order. A big thank you to all the Legislative staff for sharing their wisdom with us and ensuring an effective orientation!



# KEEPING 'EM HONEST

## MEETING ONTARIO'S INDEPENDENT OFFICERS

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Meeting with Ontario's Independent Officers of the Legislature was an eye-opening experience to a part of Canada's inner-workings that's not always explained in textbooks.

We enjoyed our meeting with Ombudsman André Marin, not only for the snazzy hats we received, but also his fascinating presentation on his role investigating complaints from the public on government services since 2005.



When we walked into the Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth, Irwin Elman, a large teddy bear greeted us sitting atop the reception desk. It was unsurprising then that throughout our meeting Mr. Elman brought the unique perspectives of children and youth to the table!



For our first 'road trip' of the year, we ventured to Scarborough to meet the Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Ontario, Greg Essensa, who spoke of his office's vision to create an accessible and transparent electoral process. We enjoyed our behind-the-scenes tour of a warehouse containing hundreds of boxes of voting materials from Ontario's June election.



Our meeting with Lynn Morrison showed us that she truly personifies her title – the Integrity Commissioner. Her strong moral principles guide her work to ensure the ethical conduct of our elected representatives, government staff, registered lobbyists, and others.



# KEEPING 'EM HONEST

## MEETING ONTARIO'S INDEPENDENT OFFICERS

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We heard from the Acting Information and Privacy Commissioner, Brian Beamish, on the increasing need to ensure open government and the protection of personal privacy. We learned that Mr. Beamish takes his role as a “watch-dog” very seriously – there is even a golden retriever in his office!



We enjoyed practicing our French with the “commissaire aux services en français de l’Ontario” – François Boileau! M. Boileau’s passion for protecting the cultural heritage of Ontario’s French speaking population spelled out in Ontario’s French Languages Services Act inspired us all.

Speaking with Gord Miller, the Environmental Commissioner, was very timely as issues like bee colony collapse and climate change are in the news everyday. Learning about the uniqueness of his role and the Environmental Bill of Rights made us proud to be in Ontario!



OLIP would like to thank all of Ontario’s Independent Officers for their enlightening presentations and discussions, without which we would be half the interns we are today!

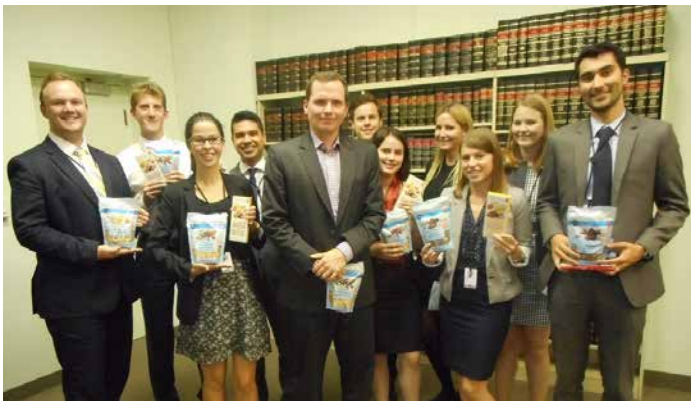
The Auditor-General Bonnie Lysyk gave a captivating and thorough presentation about her office. We were impressed with the range of reports she writes to ensure the legislature has sound finances.

# A WORD FOR OUR SPONSORS

## MEETING OLIP'S SPONSORS

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The Ontario Legislature Internship Programme would not be the same without its generous sponsors. Over the course of our orientation OLIP interns have had the opportunity to meet with representatives from several of our supporters. As major sponsors of the program, CIBC, The Cooperators, AMAPCEO, LawPRO, PEO, Enbridge, OAFB, and others kindly hosted us at their offices during our first week of orientation. The interns were also pleased to host Ted Wigdor from the Ontario Stone Sand Gravel Association (a major sponsor of OLIP) at Queen's Park. We look forward to meeting with many more of our sponsors over the next few months, as we are assisted not only from their financial contributions, but also from the insight and advice shared in these meetings. Thank you to each of our sponsors for their commitment to the programme – we are sincerely grateful for your support throughout our time here at Queen's Park.



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## Life's Good... Lieutenant Governor Installation

Perhaps the most monumental event we have attended to date, the Lieutenant Governor Installation and Reception were exquisite. It was an honour being the first OLIP group to be fortunate enough to have the opportunity to witness the induction of the new Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell. Her inaugural speech was moving and only added to the remarkable aura already present at the event. The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell discussed the importance of calling together diverse groups of Ontarians to hear about their ideas pertaining to our province's place in the world. She also commended her predecessors on fighting racism and advocating for First Nations, children, and the environment. We had the chance to take part in the wonderful reception afterwards, which included meeting the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell on that historic day. Considering that this was probably the only time we will ever be afforded the opportunity to be a part of something like this, we find ourselves exceedingly grateful and blessed!



## Privacy by Design Wine and Dine

The PAAC (Public Affairs Association of Canada) Award of Distinction Luncheon for Dr. Ann Cavoukian was an honour to be a part of. The event recognized former Information and Privacy Commissioner Dr. Ann Cavoukian for her outstanding work in public policy and privacy. Dr. Cavoukian's most notable accomplishments were highlighted that day. One of these remarkable achievements is Privacy by Design, which is an approach to systems engineering that emphasizes privacy throughout the whole engineering

process. In her fervent speech, Dr. Cavoukian also expounded on the significance of privacy mechanisms being integrated into data collection tools. We were given a candid insight into Dr. Cavoukian's current work on big data and privacy. We also got to enjoy an incredible lunch and had the opportunity to meet with many fascinating people.



## Oh Say Can You See From the Rooftop Patio at the Embassy

Our meeting with the Consul General, Jim Dickmeyer, at the American embassy in Toronto was relaxing and very pleasant. Mr. Dickmeyer invited us onto the beautiful rooftop patio where we enjoyed some delicious Californian wine and discussed politics. It was great getting an appreciation of the role of the Consul General and his duties surrounding Public Affairs. On top of that, Mr. Dickmeyer's staff was extremely welcoming and delightful. The meeting was both fun and engaging. We felt privileged to have the opportunity to meet with such an important figure.



# LEADING BY EXAMPLE

## MEETING THE PARTY LEADERS

If you were ever wondering what qualities it takes to be a truly great leader, look no further than those three mentioned on this page. Meeting with the Premier, Honourable Kathleen Wynne, leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario, Jim Wilson interim leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario and Andrea Horwath, leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario, showed us exactly what it takes to manage the 104 other MPPs.

We were all honoured that despite the Premier's busy schedule, she took an hour to speak candidly with the OLIP group. Her down-to-earth demeanour allowed us to discuss topics such as electoral reform, political campaigning, youth participation in politics, green energy, women in politics, and the economic future of our province. Premier Wynne also shared how her previous roles as a public school trustee, parent activist, and back bench MPP have all helped prepare her for her current role as Premier.

Meeting with Jim Wilson was very interesting as we got to hear about his changed role from MPP to leader of a party for the next 8 months. This is a busy and exciting time for his party as they gear up for a near direction and leadership race, with many high caliber candidates.

Finally, meeting with Andrea Horwath was a pleasure, aptly set by the portraits of prominent past NDP figures that adorned the walls of the NDP Boardroom. Conversation flowed freely with subjects ranging from the provincial NDP's relation to its federal counterpart, the changing gender composition of Queen's Park, affordable housing, the rise of independent officers, and relative significance of constituencies vs. party affiliation at election time.

Thank you to the Party Leaders for their time and genuine responses to our questions.



# THE FIFTH ESTATE

## MEETING ONTARIO'S JOURNALISTS

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In recent months, we have had the pleasure of meeting several members of the Queen's Park press gallery, both past and present. Our first meeting was with Robert Benzie, a man of boundless energy and great faith in the importance of the work being done at Queen's Park. Not too long after we sat down with Christina Blizzard, who dished on everything from the media industry's dramatic and ongoing structural changes to the purpose and nature of scrums. Robert Fischer, a QP veteran since 1981, educated us on the issue of women in politics, the unfortunate shift in media coverage towards 'titillating crimes' over policies, and the bygone days of candid, un-teleprompted politicians. Finally, Jim Coyle reminded us to keep the "flesh and blood" of a political story or character in view, because it is often just as important as the stats and data.

Altogether, we learned something we already suspected; that there was never a dull day at the Pink Palace. Whether it was the drama of the recent provincial election, the controversy involving digital media access to the Legislature Press Gallery, or the sale of the lottery by the OLG, we had no shortage of current events to discuss and the intrepid reporters of Queen's Park had no shortage of great insights to give us.



Finally, one thing that was a great pleasure to see given all the mudslinging politicians are usually subjected to in the popular press was the journalists' reverence and respect for our elected MPPs. Whether extolling their long work days, their forbearance of more lucrative private sector prospects in the name of public service, or their generally good characters, it was a pleasure to meet such uncynical political commentators. The 2014-2015 OLIP interns had a fantastic time meeting with some of Ontario's finest journalists and learned a lot from them. We thank them once again for sharing their wisdom and personal stories with us.



# SUCH AN HONOUR

## MEETING THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

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The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell expanded on this point, informing us that there were in fact a great many Royal visits that go unannounced by the media, and that the Royal Family engages in a great deal of philanthropic work in our province and across the country.

Before we could continue to question Her Honour, she hit us with another unexpected question of her own: what did the OLIP interns think ought to be the Lieutenant Governor's

The class of 2014-2015 was incredibly fortunate to have met not one, but two Lieutenant Governors! Reflecting on his term, the Honourable David Onley shared with us how the Office's 'power to convene' can be used for uniting disparate groups of people and initiating dialogues.

After being ushered once again into the gorgeous piano room, the interns listened to a short and humorous introduction by the new Aide-de-Camp. Without further ado, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell entered the room, and greeted us with a warm smile. We quickly discovered that she had as many questions for us as we had for her! Her Honour wanted to know all about our diverse origins, experiences, and goals during and after the programme, and we were happy to share.

We then proceeded to discuss Her Honour's recent adventure to the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation Reserve with the Premier, Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex, and several other VIPs. It was an emotionally moving and highly educational visit, we were told.

main issues in the upcoming term? We had a wonderfully spirited and collaborative discussion on some of most significant challenges currently facing Ontario; they ranged from protection of the Great Lakes, to declining youth voter turnout, to creating safe workspaces for all genders. Her Honour proved herself a highly skilled facilitator of conversation and a great listener, skills we are sure will serve her well during her tenure as Ontario's 29th Lieutenant Governor. The OLIP interns would like to thank The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell once again for taking the time to speak with us.



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## JOHN CRYSLER & ROD CUMMING

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**John Crysler:** After leaving OLIP, our alumni often pursue a range of fascinating and meaningful careers. Some alumni even find themselves in positions that take them across the world. John Crysler (1998-1999) is one such intern. After completing OLIP, he pursued an MA in political science at the University of Western Ontario. John worked at York University for five years. He served as a special assistant

in policy & government relations for the President and then as a policy analyst for the Vice President.

John found his true calling when he took a position as a Management Consular Officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development. John is currently serving as Second Secretary (Management) and Vice-Consul at the High Commission of Canada in Accra, Ghana. He has numerous management responsibilities, such as property, procurement, human resources, finance, etc. Additionally, John oversees consular responsibilities for Canadians in Ghana, Sierra Leone, and Togo. As a result, John is currently following the Ebola outbreak in West Africa very closely.

John credits OLIP with giving him the skills and confidence to succeed throughout his career. The “real life” politics experience helped him immeasurably. OLIP allows young interns to discover the inner workings of Queen’s Park. While working at the legislature, John found that most people at Queen’s Park are there for the right reasons. Most importantly, OLIP demonstrates that real politics is different from what is read textbooks.

John believes that the program injects new talent into the political system through a meritocratic system, which is great for the political process. Many of his colleagues started great careers in politics after OLIP that may not have materialized otherwise. Reflecting on his OLIP experience, his fondest memory was his trip to the Alberta Legislature where he met numerous cabinet ministers and received a very warm welcome. For the current interns, John leaves some very pragmatic and thoughtful advice stating, “Don’t be prima donnas. Work hard and be part of the team. Trust is important in politics, and you have to earn it.”

**Rod Cumming:** The signs of Toronto’s preparations for the 2015 Pan Am & Parapan American games are evident everywhere in the city, no less at Queen’s Park. An event of this magnitude requires a highly skilled and experienced team to ensure success. One of these team members is none other than OLIP Alumni Rod Cumming. He currently serves as the Senior Director of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs of the 2015 Toronto Pan American Games.



Rod is responsible for a number of communications projects, communications outreach and digital media. He is also involved in a number of government relations activities, and the most unique aspect of his role is planning the games-time operating model for communications, social media, issues and crisis communications, as well as domestic dignitary protocol and logistics.

After completing OLIP Rod spent five years as a staffer at Queen’s Park including incoming leader Dalton McGuinty. He eventually made the jump to the corporate world working in CIBC’s public affairs and communications department for a number of different client groups, including a 2.5 year secondment to CIBC FirstCaribbean in Barbados.

Rod remembers his time in OLIP fondly. He relished the access he had to influential leaders - in Toronto and the various legislative trips - Boston, Yellowknife, Edmonton, Ottawa and Quebec City. He also witnessed the debates and votes on Bill 167 - the ‘same-sex marriage act’ in 1994. For Rod it was a perfect example of representatives trying to balance the views of their constituents with their own in a highly charged political debate.

Rod’s advice to the current OLIP interns is to take advantage of the access – it is the ultimate way to meet the movers and shakers and opinion leaders of the day (or of the past). OLIP is a once-in-a-life time opportunity.

# LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

## INTERNS MEET WITH ALUMNI

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Throughout our orientation it became increasingly clear that OLIP is a club you never leave: the alumni are a tight knit group, and never hesitated to impart their wisdom and advice us.

### OLIPers in Politics

We were fortunate to have staffers from all sides of the floor represented in our alumni meetings; we met with Andrea Ernesaks, Bryan Bossin and Jason Lagerquist from the Liberals, Mitch Davidson from the PC, and Dan O'Brien from the NDP. Each meeting brought something new, and we were struck by the different but equally important roles of working for a government versus opposition party.



### Alumni in the Public Service

In our first few weeks, we first met with Emma Stanley-Cochrane from the Cabinet office, and we soon realized that the OPS is riddled with former interns. We spoke with Natalie Desimini, Mike Smith, Belinda Ellsworth and Chelsea Peet about their respective policy areas, and how the internship impacted and shaped their areas of interest.



### OLIPers Everywhere!

Not only do alumni roam the halls of Queen's Park, but OLIPers exist in innumerable areas relating to Ontario politics and community. From an early meeting with Monika Turner of the AMO to a recent meeting with David Donovan from Enbridge Gas, we had the opportunity to learn an amazing amount due to the fascinating jobs of our alums. We learned in these meetings how OLIPers are helping to innovate policy and life in Ontario. Sasha Tregobov from Deloitte told us about new techniques in consultancy, Vanessa Dupuis and Lauren Hanna from the Office of the Auditor General explained how Ontario is on the cutting edge in auditing, and Erica Rayment, co-chair of Equal Voice, stressed new tactics to encourage gender equality in Ontario politics. The participation junkies among us were also interested to hear from Emily Barrette and Doug Wong, who told us about how CIVIX is working to engage young people in politics.



# ALUMNI UPDATES

## RECENT ALUMNI APPOINTMENTS & UPDATES

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**Maegan Baird** (2009-10) Senior Consultant, Innovative Research Group, Toronto

**Karim Bardeesy** (2001-02) Deputy Principal Secretary, Ontario Premier, Kathleen Wynne

**Emily Barrette** (2013-14) Project Manager, CIVIX, Toronto

**Anthony Boland** (2012-13) Economist, Municipal Infrastructure Policy, Intergovernmental Policy Branch, Ministry of Infrastructure, Government of Ontario, Toronto

**Bryan Bossin** (2010-11) Press Secretary and Communications Assistant, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Jeff Leal, Government of Ontario, Toronto

**Tim Culbert** (2004-05) Associate Lawyer, Purvis Law, Woodstock, New Brunswick

**James Cairns** (2001-02) Assistant Professor, Department of Society, Culture and Environment, Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford, Ontario

**Mitchell Davidson** (2013-14) Policy Advisor, Ontario Progressive Conservative Interim Leader Jim Wilson, Toronto

**Paul Davidson** (1988-89) President, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, Ottawa

**Aaron Denhartog** (2013-14) Program Manager, Government Relations – Ontario, Cooperative Housing Federation of Canada.

**Natalie Desimini** (2010-11) Senior Policy Advisor, Child Care Quality Assurance, Ministry of Education, Government of Ontario, Toronto

**Vannesa Dupuis** (2013-14) Audit Researcher, Office of the Auditor General, Toronto

**Belinda Ellsworth** (2011-12) Program Analyst, Service Delivery and Support Branch, Ministry of Community and Social Services, Government of Ontario, Toronto

**Andrea Ernesaks** (2012-13) Legislative Assistant and Issue Manager, Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca, Government of Ontario, Toronto

**Karli Farrow** (1998-89) Vice President, Strategy, People & Corporate Governance, Trillium Health Partners, Toronto

**Cathy Fooks** (1984-85) President and CEO, The Change Foundation, Toronto

**Amanda Garofalo** (2013-14) Policy Advisor, Corporate Policy Secretariat, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Government of Ontario, Toronto

**Roderick Cumming** (1993-94) Senior Director, Strategic Communications and Public Affairs, 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games Organizing Committee, Toronto

**Lauren Hanna** (2011-12) Coordinator, Audit Research, Office of the Auditor General of Ontario, Toronto

**Ron Hoffman** (1984-85) Senior Representative for the Asia Pacific Basin, Government of Alberta

**Christopher Holz** (1997-98) Principal & Senior Consultant, Campbell Strategies & President, Adelaide Consulting Group Inc, Toronto

**Sylvia (Shilbee) Kim** (2011-12) Manager, The Centre for Social Innovation, Regent Park, Toronto

**Jason Lagerquist** (2006-07) Senior Policy Advisor to the Ontario Minister of Education, Liz Sandals, Toronto

**Audrey Lemieux** (2004-05) Policy Advisor, Policy & Delivery Division, Cabinet Office, Government of Ontario, Toronto

**Tom Maidwell** (2010-11) Managing Director, Maidwell & Associates, Toronto

**Megan McIlroy** (1990-91) Hospital Case Manager, Southwest Community Care Access Centre, Stratford General Hospital, Waterloo, Ontario.

**David Michon** (2007-08) Contributing Editor, Monocle Magazine, London, England

**Andrew Owen** (1990-91) Professor of Political Science, University of British Columbia, Vancouver

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**Emma Stanley-Cochrane** (2008-09) Senior Policy Advisor, Treasury Board Secretariat, Office of the Deputy Minister, Government of Ontario, Toronto

**Catherine Steele** (1989-90) Head, Pharma Communications and Advocacy, Novartis AG, Switzerland

**Catherine Tovee** (1993-94) Vice President, Research & Technology, Airbus Group Inc, California

**Sasha Tregobov** (2010-11) Senior Consultant, Public Sector Strategy & Operations, Deloitte Consulting, Toronto

**Megan Warby** (2005-06) Member, Marketing & Communications Advisory Committee, Women's College Hospital Foundation, Toronto

**Brian Wettlaufer** (2005-06) Project Manager and Consultant, PMI-PMP Accreditation, Berlin, Germany

**Douglas Wong** (2013-14) Research & Communications Assistant, CIVIX, Toronto

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