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Welcome to Year 36 of 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 seen a unique beginning to the internship, with the provincial election in full swing when we arrived in September. In this edition, you will find a review of our mini placements with OLIP sponsors and Independent Legislative Officers who hosted us while the election was underway. We are excited to be a part of Ontario's 40th Legislature, and look forward to sharing our experiences with you in the pages of this magazine.

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, at the same time, giving Interns academic and practical experience in the day-to-day work of the Legislature.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DR. HENRY J. JACEK, PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

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I am now in my eighth year as Director of the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme (OLIP) and once again I am delighted to work with a new group of bright, eager interns. For the fourth year in a row, our Programme consists of ten interns, up from the groups of eight that marked the first 32 years of the Programme.

This year, the ten new interns had an election year experience that differs from the normal intern experience in the Fall. Because of the Ontario General Election of October 6th, the normal placements with MPPs were delayed. After a three-week September orientation, all ten interns were given a five-week mini-placement. I thank all those who mentored the new interns.

I would like to thank all Legislative Assembly officials and staff, sponsors, alumni, and friends of the Programme for making themselves available to the interns during the September orientation. Sponsors who took part in the orientation included Ipsos Canada, the Certified General Accountants, LawPro, the Institute of Chartered

Accountants, CIBC, Ontario Community Newspapers Association, Advocacy Solutions, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Glaxo-Smith-Kline, Law Society of Upper Canada, and G.P. Murray Research. I thank them all for their continuing support of our Programme.

A highlight of orientation for the new interns is always their meetings with the independent officers of the Legislative Assembly. This year, the interns enjoyed meeting with the Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller, Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth Irwin Elman, Integrity Commissioner Lynn Morrison, Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Auditor General Jim McCarter, Chief and Deputy Electoral Officer Greg Essensa and Loren Wells, and Ombudsman André Marin.

Of course, many of the members of the Assembly staff give great help and information to the new interns in the orientation period and beyond. A partial list includes Clerk Deborah Deller, Deputy Clerk Todd

Decker, Clerks of the Journals and Procedural Research Lisa Freedman, Human Resources Director Nancy Marling, Susan Swift and Philip Kaye of the Legislative Research Services, Director of Hansard Reporting and Interpretation Services Deborah Caruso, and Director of Broadcast and Recording Services Arleigh Holder.

Other important individuals gave freely of their time such as former parliamentarians David Warner and Steve Peters, both former speakers. Journalists and former Queen's Park columnists such as Murray Campbell, Jim Coyle, and Ian Urquhart provided still another perspective on the Legislature. Key alumni such as Meghan Warby, John Wright, and Emma Stanley-Cochrane gave useful presentations. Other alumni came to an alumni pub night.

Finally, I want to acknowledge that the success of our Programme is a result of a great team effort. First and foremost is Eithne Whaley, our Programme Assistant, who solves so many of our problems. Legislative Researcher Lorraine Luski is one of the Queen's Park coordinators. As a former intern, Lorraine has our best institutional memory as a former intern and acts informally as our review editor on all written communications. Our other Queen's Park Coordinator, Anne Stokes makes a great contribution to our Programme especially in the area of legislative protocol. Finally, although no longer a coordinator, Tonia Grannum, now Clerk of Committees, helped out during the September Orientation.

Dr. Henry Jacek

THE 2012 INTERNS & PLACEMENTS

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Evan Akriotis was born and raised in Toronto, but moved to Montreal to complete a BA (Joint Hons) in Canadian Studies and Political Science at McGill University. While there, Evan was President

of the Association of Undergraduate Students, and edited the Canadian Studies undergraduate journal. His research interests include the nature of political representation in Canada, the role of the media and politics (particularly entertainment media), and the politics of the north. In 2010, Evan explored these interests further by spending the summer in Pangnirtung, Nunavut with the University of Manitoba's Pangnirtung Summer School.

Belinda on Evan: Evan brings a much-appreciated dose of reason and common sense to the group; frequently helping us avoid embarrassment or worse. It is no wonder that he spent the summer imparting this wisdom to law school-bound students and that he has a bright legal future ahead of him. When it comes to hockey, Evan's devotion to the Leafs may not appear wholly rational, but it definitely demonstrates a big heart—he remained a die-hard fan even during his four years on Habs territory at McGill. He has a great sense of humour, impeccable taste in TV and movies, and a knack for asking the perfect question at just the right moment (and occasionally laughing at the wrong ones). Evan brings a lot of talent and knowledge to the program, and we are quite lucky to have him with us this year.



My first weeks working with **Kevin Flynn**, MPP for Oakville, have been fantastic. As PA to the Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities, he is leading the development and implementation of the Ontario College of Trades, a new regulatory body for

Ontario's trades people. Kevin has allowed me to dive in head first, attending meetings and working alongside him every step of the way. I have also had the opportunity to visit his constituency in Oakville, a diverse riding ranging from affluent neighbourhoods to blue-collar manufacturing. If this brief, opening glimpse is any indication, this placement is going to be a great experience.

Patrick DeRochie grew up in the small town of Fonthill, Ontario. In 2008, he completed a BA with a double major in history and political science at the University of Guelph. He then pursued an MA in International Affairs at Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs.



While living in Ottawa, Patrick interned at the Rideau Institute and monitored parliamentary committees for The Alpheus Group. From June 2010 to August 2011, he worked as an Evaluation Officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Patrick enjoys hockey, soccer, cycling, traveling, movies, music, and relaxing at the cottage.



Diego on Pat: Pat was born and raised in the fruitful lands of Niagara wine country. He relocated to Guelph to attend university and learn about History and Political Science. His broad knowledge on current global issues is always a refreshing change from provincial affairs. Pat's travel abroad

has given him a unique perspective of the world outside the North American bubble, making him an extremely open-minded individual with a heightened sensitivity for other cultures. Pat has a passion for hockey (even though he is hesitant to share his NHL team of choice) and enjoys long distance cycling tours that allow him the opportunity to wear spandex and show off his calves. Pat's contribution to the environment pays off. He saves \$121.00 on public transportation by biking to the office from his beautiful three bedroom and walkout terrace apartment in downtown Toronto. We are certain that Pat's creative sense of humor will make this year all the more enjoyable.

I am spending my first term placement working for **Vic Fedeli**, MPP for Nipissing and Progressive Conservative Critic for Energy. As someone with a keen interest in energy policy, I am excited to dive right into the portfolio and learn more about the complex issues facing Ontario's energy future. Mr. Fedeli is also a member of the Progressive Conservative Job Creation Task Force and a strong voice on the challenges facing Ontario's North. I look forward to spending time at the constituency office in North Bay, Vic's hometown, where he served as mayor from 2003 to 2010.



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Belinda Ellsworth is originally from Stratford, Prince Edward Island. She graduated with distinction from Mount Allison University with a BA (Hons) in Political Science in 2009, and completed an MA in Political Studies at Queen's University in 2011. Her research interests include issue ownership in Canadian politics, intergovernmental relations, and gender politics. Aside from being a political news junkie, Belinda enjoys travelling, old movies, and reading. She is grateful to be part of OLIP and is excited to get an inside look at Queen's Park. Though she is still weighing her options, Belinda is considering a career in public service.



Lauren Hanna is from Aurora, Ontario and recently completed her BA (Hons) in Political Science at Acadia University with a minor in Women and Gender Studies. She was one of three Canadian delegates at the annual SCUSA American Foreign Policy

Conference at West Point in 2010, where she participated in roundtables on human security in the developing world. Beyond the classroom, Lauren co-founded Acadia's first women and gender society, and was involved in fundraising at a social service agency for young mothers in York Region. She developed an interest in law while working in the Student Programs department at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP.



Craig on Belinda: As the only non-Ontario native in the group, Belinda brings a wonderful dash of maritime charm to our intern cohort. Whether it's her dry sense of humour or the way she pronounces "bar", Belinda always puts a smile on our faces. I'm delighted

she sacrificed the inexpensive drinks and friendly people of the east coast to join us in Ontario. She seems to know pretty much everything about federal and provincial Canadian politics, and I happily rely on her keen insights and boundless knowledge on issues ranging from federal-provincial transfers to comparative speaker elections. I had the pleasure of working with her at the British Consulate, and although I struggled to compete with her punctuality and efficiency, it was a pleasure getting to know her better through lunchtime falafel runs and Scottish fundraising dinners. Belinda's Halloween frog costume was well suited to her energetic and cheerful personality, and I'm sure she'll make a big splash in whatever pond she ends up in.

My first placement is with Donna Cansfield, Liberal MPP for Etobicoke Centre and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development and Innovation. Ms Cansfield began her political career in 1988 as



a school trustee, and she continues to be a compassionate and engaged advocate for her community. From day one, everyone on Donna's staff has made me feel welcome and part of the team. I have already been invited to fascinating meetings and have received interesting research projects. I feel so lucky to be joining this office, and I am certain that it will be an enlightening and enjoyable experience!

Pat on Lauren: Lauren represents everything this country needs in its young people: she is smart, passionate, engaged, hardworking, articulate, and well-read. From the numerous efforts I made to coax her into conversations about controversial issues, she remains objective, open-minded, and willing

and able to debate all sides of an argument. In the many events and receptions that we've attended together, she has displayed an aptitude for charm and diplomacy. Lauren and I have formed a connection through our mutual love of the outdoors, our tendency to get overexcited about moving to downtown Toronto, and our exchange of funny facial expressions and suppressed laughter when awkward things happen at OLIP meetings. I have been very helpful in recommending TV shows, movies and YouTube sensations for her to get more acquainted with pop culture. We also have a cosmic connection that enables her to graciously accept my frequent ironical comments.



My first placement is with Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce. Lisa is a newly-elected Progressive Conservative MPP who brings a passionate rural voice to Queen's Park. With a background as the General Manager for the Ontario Dairy Goat Cooperative, Lisa has extensive experience in agriculture. In her role as the deputy critic for Energy, Lisa will be focusing on the Green Energy Act. She is also very enthusiastic about amplifying the voice of rural Ontario. I am confident that this placement will develop my understanding of important issues facing the riding, such as wind energy, agriculture, and jail closures.

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Humera Jabir is a recent graduate of McGill University where she was a W. Garfield Weston Loran Scholar, completing a BA (Joint Hons) in Political Science and International Development Studies. Originally from Brampton, Ontario, Humera moved

to Victoria, B.C. after receiving a full scholarship to attend Lester B. Pearson United World College. She has worked internationally in the Netherlands, Japan, and Kenya. She has a long-standing interest in politics and communications, working as a News Editor for the McGill Daily in 2009-2010. She is excited to be back in her home province and to learn about the issues that matter to Ontarians.

Sylvia Kim on Humera: Humera is one of those rare types who are intelligent, have fifty million hidden talents, and can silence rooms with thought-provoking and perceptive questions while remaining humble. My first impressions of Humera as polite, eloquent, and friendly were only skimming the surface of her diverse qualities. For starters, she has a big sweet tooth, dreams of obtaining an Irish citizenship, and is determined to learn to skate. In addition, Humera has an unquenchable thirst for adventure; her eyes glimmer when recounting stories of backpacking in Kenya, living with 200 international students at Pearson College, and nurturing an interest in foreign correspondence. Grounded in her humble curiosities of the world, Humera is respectful and compassionate towards everyone we meet. I speak for everyone in saying that OLIP is fortunate to have Humera as an intern.



Sylvia Kim was born in Sydney, grew up in Busan, South Korea and moved to Toronto at the age of eight. She graduated from McGill University with a BA (First Class Hons) in International Development Studies with a minor in Economics. Sylvia also

participated in an exchange to Sciences Po Paris where she studied European Union fiscal and monetary policies. She has been active in non-profit work, serving as Deputy Convener for the World Partnership Walk - Aga Khan Foundation Canada, and for two years as a summer intern assisting the CEO and President of Canada World Youth. She co-founded SynesthASIA, a Montreal fashion show that celebrates art while raising funds for charities in Asia.

Monika on Sylvia: Innovator, entrepreneur, social activist. Meet Sylvia Kim in a few years' time and no doubt, these will be the words on her business card. Or perhaps you will see them posted somewhere in the Blogosphere or on any number of social networking sites that she seems to know about before the rest of us! But the first thing that struck me about Sylvia upon meeting her was her sincerely warm personality. It was only later that I discovered her many hobbies and interests, which include salsa, start-ups, and SynesthASIA - a charity fashion show she co-founded. Although Sylvia still sees herself 'soul-searching' for the next several years, I think the cards are crystal clear. With an interest in international development and local empowerment, Sylvia is destined to make a contribution to public life.



I am working with Soo Wong, MPP for Scarborough-Agincourt. Soo is a newly-elected Liberal MPP, currently serving as the Parliamentary Assistant for Community Safety and Correctional Services, a large ministry with a wide-range of responsibilities. Soo is well-known for her work as a Toronto District School Board trustee, as well as her years working as a nursing professional. As a result, while shadowing some of Soo's work related to

her ministerial portfolio, I hope to also learn more from her about health and education. I am certain that this placement will provide me with valuable mentorship and an exciting learning opportunity.

My first placement is with Teresa Piruzza, a newly-elected MPP for Windsor West. Teresa comes to Queen's Park with an extensive background in community development as the Executive Director of Employment and Social Services for the City of Windsor and as a founding member of Workforce Windsor-Essex. With her

passion in helping immigrants and families find employment, Teresa is fully equipped for her current portfolios. As a natural fit, she is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and to the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues. I am delighted to be working for such a dedicated and community-driven MPP, and look forward to digging deeper into research on my assigned projects.



Diego Ortiz was born in Bogota, Colombia and raised in London, Ontario. He completed his BA at the University of Western Ontario and expects to graduate from the Political Science Honours Specialization program.



Concurrently, Diego earned a minor in Global Development from the Centre for Global Studies at Huron University College. Diego has a particular interest in business-government relations and policy implementation. He is greatly looking forward to sharing new experiences with his 2011/12 OLIP colleagues, and is seeking a career in government relations upon completion of the internship.



Sylvia Peña was born in Regina, Saskatchewan but was raised in Hamilton, Ontario. This past year, Sylvia completed her BA (Hons) in Political Science, with a minor in French, at McMaster University. In addition to her academic

interests, Sylvia greatly enjoys traveling and discovering new places. After graduating from high school, Sylvia volunteered in Ukraine and Saskatchewan as a participant of Canada World Youth, and independently in Costa Rica. Her experiences abroad inspired her to learn more about the diverse cultural, regional and linguistic identities that exist in Canada. Sylvia feels very privileged and excited to be part of the 2011-2012 OLIP team.

Sylvia Pena on Diego: Diego is an adventurous spirit who has travelled to exciting places with the Royal Canadian Navy. After completing high school, Diego sailed along the Pacific coast from Victoria, British Columbia to Juno, Alaska. After his third year in university, Diego took a time off to work on the security team for the 2010 Olympic games in Vancouver. One of his most memorable travel experiences includes skydiving in Australia. During his free time, Diego enjoys reconnecting with his Latin roots by going out salsa dancing. He also enjoys working out, swimming, playing soccer, and leading a healthy lifestyle.



It is a great pleasure for me to be working beside Rod Jackson, MPP for Barrie, during the first term of my legislative internship. Mr. Jackson quickly incorporated me into his MPP duties by inviting me to meetings with Ministers, an awards ceremony with the Lieutenant Governor and local constituents. He has also assigned me significant tasks and responsibilities. I have also had the satisfaction of meeting his dedicated team of diverse individuals, who strive to foster a constituency oriented working environment. I am very much looking forward to working with Mr. Jackson on his opposition portfolio as Deputy Critic for Accountability, focusing on the 2015 Pan Am Games.

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Humera on Sylvia: Sylvia's personality defies all boxes. She is a talented seamstress, has worked as a Ukrainian-English translator, and loves legislative procedure. From skydiving to sampling new restaurants, her readiness to try new things is inspiring. What makes Sylvia a great colleague is her willingness to share these experiences with her fellow interns, be it movie screenings, French lessons, and comedy nights. Her desire to push her limits is also present in her work life. Sylvia loved the fast-paced and challenging environment at Ipsos-Reid, learning from top pollsters at the height of the fall election. But any sketch of Sylvia would be incomplete without speaking to her love of political science. Sylvia's enthusiasm for Canadian politics is unmatched, and her insights on Canadian institutions, federalism, and women in politics always raise the quality and depth of our discussions. I have no doubt that working alongside Sylvia will make this year all the more enriching.



For my first placement I have the honour of working for Michael Prue, New Democrat MPP for Beaches East-York. My first day on the job was most eventful. I arrived in the office Monday morning and was served delicious home baked pie; and, within an hour, I found myself joining Mr. Prue and two of his constituents in Andrea Horwath's office for a press conference briefing. The story resulting from the brief was all over the papers that same week. Michael and his EA, Laurie, have been very welcoming to me, and I look forward to working with them during my first placement.

PLACEMENTS

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

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

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Craig Ruttan was born in Kitchener, Ontario and raised in nearby Punkeydoodles Corners. He completed his BA (Hons) at Victoria College University of Toronto, specializing in Peace and Conflict Studies. As an undergraduate, Craig was active in

student government and college governance and worked as a research assistant in mathematics education. This past year, Craig completed his MA in International Peace and Security at King's College London in the United Kingdom. His academic interests include justice issues, education policy, political messaging, and the role of the media. He currently coaches the Toronto Varsity figure skating team, and also enjoys typography, theatre, and ultimate frisbee.

Lauren on Craig: Whether as a unicyclist, figure skater, actor or activist, Craig is always enthusiastic and full of surprises. After having completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto, Craig knows his way around the city. He has quickly become a resource for the interns when it comes to the best places for fun, food and entertainment. Craig is also a natural leader. He has taken active roles in student government and applied his creativity and leadership abilities whenever and wherever he can. Craig knows when to ask questions, when to listen, challenge, or encourage. Best of all, Craig is a joy to be around. Whether laughing or joking, Craig brings out the best in the people around him. I'm delighted to call Craig a colleague this year and am confident that he will make a fabulous addition to both of his MPP placements.



Monika Wyrzykowska has a BA in Economics and European Studies and an MA in European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies from the University of Toronto. Her focus began to shift to Canadian politics after spending five months living in Quebec. Monika took part in a language immersion program in Trois-Rivières and a completed a four-month long internship at a ministry in Québec City, sparking her interest in federalism and identity. Monika is also involved in the Polish-Canadian community, which has led to a deep interest in the process of political decision-making, as well as multicultural issues.



Evan on Monika:

My thoughts on Monika are strong and plenty
They cannot be confined to simple prose
An age of only seven years and twenty
Beyond her years her CV quickly grows
Modest as she is, I get the feeling
Within Polish Toronto she's a star.
Her insights are enough to leave you reeling
In German, Polish, French, our language czar.
I'm grateful to have met and learned about her,
And await the time together we'll amass.
It simply wouldn't be the same without her
She brings an old-world European class
Global passion in provincial settings
A bright career before her I am betting



I can already tell that working in MPP Monte McNaughton's office will be a great experience. The newly-elected Member for Lambton-Kent-Middlesex is the Progressive Conservative critic for a very exciting

and dynamic portfolio - Economic Development and Innovation. In addition, Monte is very constituency-oriented, having opened three new constituency offices this week, amounting to a total of five which operate on a rotating basis. To date, I have worked on a private member's bill, dealt with constituency issues, and sat in on stakeholder meetings. I am looking forward to sinking my teeth into all these issues in greater depth, in the New Year.



I have had a fantastic start to my placement with MPP Mike Colle, PA to the Minister of Natural Resources. Already, I have been to the diverse riding of Eglinton-Lawrence several times, and had the opportunity to see Mike in action—greeting people on the street and in a community meeting. Mike is a great local

representative, and it is amazing to see how many people he knows from his 16 years in provincial office (and municipal experience before that). I have also enjoyed working with Dustin and Nancy, Mike's Queen's Park staff and learning more about Mike's Parliamentary Assistant portfolio. I am looking forward to working on Mike's Private Member's Bill on Jewish Heritage Month in the new year.



WE SAY GOODBYE TO LONGTIME FRIEND AND HONORARY INTERN, STEVE PETERS AND WELCOME THE LEGISLATURE'S NEW SPEAKER, DAVE LEVAC



Steve Peters' career in politics began before many of us interns were even born. While some may consider that a jibe at his age, as interns we feel privileged to have learned from an individual who has dedicated over two decades to the public service. At our very first official meeting, just weeks after the writ was dropped in September, Mr. Peters made us feel at home at the legislature, welcoming us into his office even during the busy transition period. His insight, contributions, and love of the legislature and its traditions is truly inspiring, and we thank him for sharing this with us. He even invited us to sit in the Speaker's chair, much to the dismay of Security. Mr. Peters, we thank you for the guidance and mentorship you continue to provide to past and present OLIP interns. We wish you the best in life away from the Assembly, full of craft beers, trains, antiquing, and Jumbo the elephant!

New Sponsors?

Monday November 21, 2011, was a day of mixed emotions for the newest cohort of OLIP interns. On the one hand, Ontario's fortieth Parliament began sitting, and, after months of waiting and wondering, we were privy to our first taste of Ontario's newest Parliament in action. The first order of business was the election of Speaker, which saw long-standing MPP and friend of the program Dave Levac selected by his peers to sit in the prestigious chair. Things were moving forward, momentum was building; it was an exciting time. On the other hand, the internship program suffered a loss that day. We lost a very popular placement, and a potential future boss. Past interns have offered nothing but rave reviews of their time in Speaker Levac's office; surely any one of us would have been thrilled to work for him, before he was so cruelly stolen from us by the whims of parliamentary procedure.

When first elected, Speaker Levac reminded his colleagues that "this is a glorious place," and that "of the 13 million people to choose from, we're here." Speaking to his peers, he pledged to "work with all of you to keep the dignity, the honour, and the trust of this place in your hands." Drawing from the spirit of conciliation and cooperation upon which he prides himself, Speaker Levac claims that his style in the chair will be decided not by himself, but rather by the House that he serves. He sits in that chair by the grace of a majority of his colleagues, and he must, he explains, remain accountable to them and to the people of Ontario. In every word, Speaker Levac's respect and love for this institution is evident. We know that the House will be very well served, and we congratulate Speaker Levac on this momentous achievement. Our loss is surely Queen's Park's gain.

The Churchill Society for the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy is a non-partisan, charity organization that honours the life of Sir Winston Churchill by facilitating education, discussion, and debate about Canada's parliamentary democracy. One of the most anticipated events, the 28th Annual Churchill Society Dinner, was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto. As per tradition, the interns helped out at the event with the registration, silent auction, and book sale.

This year, the Right Honourable Paul Martin Jr. was the recipient of the Churchill Society Award for Excellence in the Cause of Parliamentary Democracy. To celebrate this special occasion, the who's who of politics attended the event, including Hal Jackman, Amanda Lang, Bob Rae, and Peter Mansbridge, among other key dignitaries. Mr. Martin led an electrifying speech on education as the key factor in improving the lives of Aboriginal youth and their communities. He emphasized that education and non-discrimination is at the heart any discussion on Canadian democracy. Mr. Martin's relentless commitment to this cause was evident in his speech and telling of why he was selected for the prestigious award.

Our guest speaker, Allen Packwood, the Director of Churchill Archives Centre at the University of Cam-



bridge was another highlight of the night. An expert on Churchill, he drew examples from Sir Winston Churchill's war speeches (including the very famous "Some chicken... some neck!" speech) to underscore the power of words and ideas in democratic nations and to explain "why Sir Winston Churchill for the advancement of parliamentary democracy."

All in all, it was a great privilege for the interns to attend this event and we were thoroughly spoiled with great food, great people, and great discussion.



The 2011 - 2012 Interns meet John Turner at an Economic Club of Canada Event



The 2011 - 2012 Interns meet Premier Dalton McGuinty at an Economic Club of Canada Event

In September, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario extended us a generous invitation to attend the 2011 Ontario Business Achievement Awards (OBAA). Interns had the opportunity to meet and speak with several guests, including keynote speaker Donald Trump Jr., at the VIP reception held prior to the gala dinner.

We would like to thank all sponsors who have hosted the interns at various events over the last few months.

We have all been quite eager to get started with our delayed MPP placements after the excitement of the October general election, so the interns have devoured any scraps of information that can better prepare us for the realities of working at Queen's Park. Fortunately, we have met with some amazing individuals who have generously shared both their professional experiences and their personal insights into Ontario politics with our group.

The interns have already benefited greatly from the meetings and the lessons learned therein. From providing examples of new professional aspirations, to changing the way we approach particular policy issues, the people we met with have expanded our worlds through their unique ideas and advice. Although we often enter meetings in awe of the person(s) before us, time and time again we have been met with candidness and openness.

Canadian politics. He provided us with a sophisticated analysis of campaign organization, voter behaviour, and the formation and evolution of public opinion.



In September the interns had the chance to meet with Paul MacMillan from Deloitte. Mr. MacMillan provided an overview of the various ways in which consultants can serve the government and the people of Ontario. He challenged us

to think about the future of our province and the organization of its government. He stressed the importance of political debate in bringing about the necessary changes to our institutions, advocating for more flexibility, agility, and innovation as a way of attracting new talent into the public service.

Meeting OLIP alumnus Monika Turner was a real pleasure. Her extensive public sector experience and close familiarity with Queen's Park provided many interesting insights. In her relatively new position of Director of Policy for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Monika develops policy positions that encompass the organization's 444 member municipalities - surely no easy task. Monika is also an alumnus of the 1985-86 OLIP intern cohort.



Jim Coyle, Toronto Star columnist and great friend of interns past and present, was kind enough to meet with us during orientation. He shared some of his insights into the major players at Queen's Park. Jim also gave us some perspective on how the relationship between the press gallery and the politicians has evolved over the years, and shared some compelling personal anecdotes. The combination of great storytelling and candid conversation about provincial politics made this meeting enormously enjoyable and memorable.

During the second week of orientation, we met with Lynton Red Wilson. We were eager to ask Mr. Wilson about his experiences in the Foreign Service, as a deputy minister at Queen's Park, and as Vice-Chairman of the Bank of Nova Scotia. To our surprise, Mr. Wilson was actually very interested in what we thought from our vantage point as young people in Ontario. He wanted to know what worried us and what excited us; what we thought about issues in politics, technology and innovation. Our discussion was fascinating, covering topics that included provincial energy reforms, the desirability of careers in the public service, and striking the ideal relationships between government and business.

Greg Lyle is Managing Director at the Innovative Research Group, a national public opinion research and strategy firm. Mr. Lyle has a wealth of information on



Interns meet with Ian Urquhart, Murray Campbell, Clerk Deborah Deller and Deputy Clerk Todd Decker (clockwise from left).



OH THE PEOPLE YOU'LL MEET

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The interns had the opportunity to meet [Mr. Irwin Elman, the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth](#), whose primary role is to elevate the voices of youth under provincial care, such as in foster homes or youth justice facilities, as well as aboriginal youth and children with special needs. The sincerity and commitment of Irwin and his staff members to enabling youth to become actors rather than mere objects in the world were palpable in their discussions of current projects. These include a set of public hearings amplifying the voices of current and former children in care, and a report to the UN on First Nations children's rights, lives, and education.

[André Marin](#) is Ontario's current 'watchdog,' which means he is the official appointed to investigate complaints and administrative concerns about the entire provincial government.

Mr. Marin elaborated on the unique relationship his office has with the government of the day, as he issues reports and makes recommendations to the Legislature on the various organizations within his mandate. He emphasized the neutrality and non-partisan nature of his office as key features in the issuing of fair and transparent reports to Ontarians. Mr. Marin has also managed to successfully modernize the [Ombudsman's Office](#) to better connect with the general public by reaching out through social media, the development of a mobile application, and crafting catchy titles for the Ombudsman's public reports.

Meeting with [Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Information and Privacy Commissioner](#), was undoubtedly a highlight of our Orientation session. Dr. Cavoukian shared her vision for 'Privacy by Design,' a framework to encourage organizations to proactively guaran-

tee privacy for users. What was truly inspiring was how she has taken her provincial mandate to a global scale, working at the international level to alter trends in data ownership and surveillance. The Commissioner and her office are clearly on the cutting edge of privacy and information policy, and Dr. Cavoukian certainly challenged us all to think about contemporary problems in innovative ways.

At the peak of the Ontario election campaign, we were lucky to meet with [Loren Wells and Greg Essensa, Deputy Chief and Chief Electoral Officers for the Province of Ontario](#). They helped us to grasp the enormous logistical and administrative challenges of preparing for a provincial general election, particularly when planning "more days and more ways" to make it easier for Ontarians to vote. We learned about their new outreach strategies, how Elections Ontario measures its success, as well as Loren and Greg's experience monitoring elections overseas. The tour of the facilities and offices was also eye-opening. We all really appreciated their making time for us at their busiest time of the year!

In his role as [Auditor General of Ontario](#), [Jim McCarter](#) has an eye on the public purse. In addition to the expected role of checking the financial books for the Ontario government, its ministries, and Crown agencies, Mr. McCarter also conducts value-for-money audits. These audits have a broad mandate to measure the effectiveness of programs, and compare Ontario policies to best practices from around the world. It is a sign of the high regard in which the office is held that the Auditor General has been asked to issue a pre-election report on the province's finances, and authorizes all government advertising to ensure it is not overly partisan. We

had a fascinating discussion about his career trajectory and his experience as Auditor General.



Our meeting with [Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario](#) opened our eyes to the system of 'checks and balances' provided by Independent

Officers of the Legislature. Mr. Miller began his talk by sharing the little known but revolutionary Environmental Bill of Rights. He explained the unique role of the Office in advocating for environmental protection across the province, a role that sometimes requires cooperation with municipal, federal, and international bodies. Mr. Miller conveyed the importance of impartiality and neutrality in the development of recommendations and report publications on issues pertaining to the environment. We learned that the majority of findings in the Commissioner's reports are based on independent research and fieldwork. We have all come to see Mr. Miller as an important resource on environment-related issues across Ontario.

[Integrity Commissioner Lynn Morrison](#) works under the authority of the Members' Integrity Act, which stipulates that members may call and ask for guidance regarding integrity issues, and requires full financial disclosure of all MPPs to ensure that there are no potential conflicts of interest. Disclosure of personal finances asks much of our provincial public representatives, but complying with this demand bolsters the ethics and integrity of our system, and thus the confidence the public has in it. The Office of the Integrity Commissioner performs a crucial role, sometimes contentious but always fascinating, and Ms. Morrison was welcoming, forthcoming, and informative throughout our meeting.





We enjoyed hosting Anne Lannan, Executive Director of the [Ontario Community Newspapers Association](#), also our final meeting of OLIP orientation. The OCNA represents more than 300 community newspapers across Ontario and acts as the hub for any stakeholders that want to connect with them, offering 13 different small-member service programs.



Patrick Kennedy, Government Relations director for [CIBC](#), shared his insights on government relations, particularly what the profession entails for a representative of a well-respected stakeholder. We appreciated his candor and charm, and enjoyed hearing about the policy objectives for CIBC as well as Patrick's transition from a parliamentary to GR role.



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Thank you to sponsors who met with the interns during orientation and beyond and those who are scheduled to meet the interns in the coming months. The interns learn not only from your financial support, but the advice and wisdom shared in these meetings.

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Allan O'Dette is the Director of External Relations (Ontario), and National Private Markets for [GlaxoSmithKline Canada Inc.](#) Our conversation focused mainly on how young creative innovation will be the driving economic force of Canada and indeed Ontario. Meeting in Allan's office, fittingly located at the heart of innovation in the MaRS building in Toronto, was a great experience.

During our meeting with Christopher May and Dana Newton from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, we had a very interesting discussion on the vital role accountants and the many and varied ways CAs contribute and play a part in the day-to-day functions of government ministries



One of our first opportunities to learn about the world of government relations took place when we sat down with Ted Wigdor and Puneet Luthra from the [Certified General Accountants \(CGA\)](#). In addition to helping us understand stakeholder and government relations, Ted and Puneet shared candid insights about their experiences with networking and professional development.

Mark Smithyes from [Novartis](#) gave a very informative and thought provoking presentation on the pharmaceutical industry in Canada. We had a frank discussion on the industry, what it takes for a product to be commercially successful, and the role the industry plays in creating jobs for Ontarians.



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Evan's Placement

Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller likes to say that he has “no teeth, but very powerful gums.” It’s a funny line, but over the course of my five weeks at the Office of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (ECO), I learned just how right he is; those gums are not to be trifled with. I worked on several projects, moving from issue to issue and office to office within the ECO.

I researched Ontario’s Permit To Take Water program, noting the degree to which the Ministry of the Environment respects its prescribed Statement of Environmental Values when issuing permits. Subsequent weeks saw me in the ECO’s energy office, researching Community Integration Energy Systems. Energy breakthroughs, it would seem, are there for the taking when we shift our discussion from energy-efficient appliances or buildings to energy-efficient community planning. I was then shepherded to the climate change office, where I summarized the National Roundtable on the Environment and Economy’s recent report on the economic impacts of climate change. Their findings are too striking to ignore: a potential price tag of \$221 billion per year by 2075 if Canada does nothing to adapt and mitigate.

At the heart of this work lies the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR). Enacted in 1994, it invites the public into environmental policy-making by enacting into law the right to be informed of, and the opportunity to publicly comment on, all environmentally significant decisions made by the provincial government. The EBR is a mechanism for government accountability, transparency, and participatory democracy that is virtually unprecedented anywhere in the world. The ECO acts as its steward.

The Environmental Commissioner may only issue non-binding recommendations - “he has no teeth” - but the work that Gord Miller and his staff do is impressive, innovative, relentless, and the stakes are very high. Powerful gums, indeed.

Patrick's Placement

I spent my mini-placement at the Corporate Affairs department of [Labatt Breweries of Canada](#). Arriving for my first day of work, I had no idea how engaged the company was in its relations with the Ontario government—not to mention the federal government and other provincial jurisdictions across Canada. However, an hour-long chat with my supervisor, Jeff Ryan, Director of Corporate Affairs, was all that it took for me to realize the complex interests that Labatt has in politics, policy, and legislation.

Working in the Corporate Affairs shop at Labatt offered me a unique opportunity to learn how a business in a heavily-regulated industry navigates the government apparatus. It also made me realize the enormous importance of maintaining collegial lines of communication between the private sector and government.

During my time at Labatt, I had the opportunity to conduct research on a number of political, legislative and regulatory issues and examine how they affect the beer industry. I prepared a deck that summarized the political landscape of each province across Canada, focusing particularly on how changes in government would affect the stability of the business environment in which Labatt operates. The project was particularly relevant in view of the fact that there were five provincial elections and a Progressive Conservative leadership race in Alberta during the fall of 2011. I also conducted research on the international taxation of alcohol and the refocusing of Labatt’s outreach efforts after provincial Cabinet shuffles.

Furthermore, I was involved in liaising with the many stakeholders in the beer industry—everything from government officials and politicians, to provincial liquor control boards and NGOs, to addictions organizations and community groups. The work I performed at Labatt reinforced one of the main themes that have marked my OLIP experience thus far—the complexity of public affairs and diverse interests in democratic life.



Belinda & Craig's Placement

We feel incredibly fortunate to have been able to complete our mini-placement at the [British Consulate General in Toronto](#). No two days were exactly alike, and our experiences ran the gamut from a policy work's dream to something akin to diplomatic training.

Furthermore, we were given the opportunity to sample some of the work carried out by each department in the Consulate: from the large and active Trade and Investment team, to the important services provided by the Consular Officers. Getting to work with the Science & Innovation and Media & Public Affairs teams were also great learning opportunities. There were too many highlights to list them all here, but shadowing the High Commissioner during his visit to Canada was definitely a day to remember. Our supervisor at the Consulate, Claire Hastings, struck the perfect balance between teaching us important skills and trusting us with meaningful work to complete independently.

Finally, we appreciated being able to contribute to the Toronto Consulate's objectives and participate in some of the ongoing work that maintains a government's presence abroad. It was particularly interesting being able to meet and collaborate with staff from across the country on larger projects, as well as attend relevant and insightful meetings and events. We had an amazing experience at the British Consulate, and much of that is thanks to Claire. We were very fortunate to be placed with the fantastic team at the British Consulate, and many thanks to the entire team at Toronto for making us feel so welcome. We'll miss you!



Lauren's Placement

My placement with the [Law Society of Upper Canada's](#) Director of Public Affairs, Sheena Weir was an added bonus to the internship program. The Law Society of Upper Canada (LSUC) was founded as a self-governing organization by an Act in 1797. The Law Society represents the public interest by regulating the practice of lawyers and paralegals in Ontario.

I got off to an exciting start at the Law Society when I was invited to watch Premier Dalton McGuinty and Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak speak at luncheon events during the fall election campaign. I was also included in a number of Sheena's meetings, for instance, between the LSUC government relations team and policy counsel for the Attorney General. For one of my projects, I created my first twitter account in order to track some active tweeters in the legal and political professions. Another project in which I contributed related to unified family courts. I was asked to research court system reforms in Ontario and other jurisdictions.

Sheena is an amazing supervisor, and kindly included me in committee meetings and political events, such as a working group for Access to Justice, and two election post-mortem panels. I was also invited to sit in on several discussions between Sheena, policy counsel, and elected "benchers" (lawyers and paralegals). These shadowing opportunities allowed me to gain issue-specific knowledge and general working group skills.

Working at the LSUC exposed me to the world of public affairs and government relations, which is not typically a major focus in undergraduate political science curriculum. I will be eager to learn about the progress of issues and projects that I had the chance to be involved with, and am so grateful that my year kicked off with this mini-placement!

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Humera's Placement

My placement with the [Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations \(OCUFA\)](#) allowed me to gain an insightful look into the politics of post-secondary education in the province. The future of Ontario's universities is a hotly contested topic in major newspapers, and each day at OCUFA brought new discussion of the debates shaping higher education in the province.

In my first week, I attended a conference on Higher Education differentiation, where leaders in the post-secondary field discussed the future of teaching and research-specialized institutions in Ontario. I also learned a great deal about OCUFA's government relations initiatives, working with OCUFA Director Mark Rosenfeld, and Communications Director Graeme Stewart, to set out the organization's strategy in the post-election period. I also provided research on the Members of Provincial Parliament newly elected to university ridings.

The highlight of my time at OCUFA, however, was a trip to Kingston with Senior Policy Analyst Karen Wheeler. I attended one segment of OCUFA's multi-university, innovative "listening tour," an initiative to speak with women faculty and staff across the province on the challenges they face in the workplace. The tour brought to my attention many equity-related concerns I had overlooked as a student, also providing me with valuable lessons to take forward as I enter the workplace.

My placement concluded on an inspiring note. I attended OCUFA's annual Teaching Awards luncheon and was able to hear speeches from faculty members across the province who are truly committed to helping their students excel. All in all, the placement allowed me to gain a full picture of the policies and debates that impact Ontario universities—insights that I hope to take with me as I enter the offices of MPPs.

Sylvia Kim's Placement

My mini-placement in the [Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario \(OOO\)](#) made me proud to live in a country in which such an organization exists.

At first glance, the role of Ontario's watchdog seems simple enough to grasp; it is an independent office that seeks to ensure that the government operates in the best interests of its citizens. But contrary to my previous view, the office does much more than whistle-blowing. The Ombudsman helps the public navigate our governmental system, clarify issues, and sometimes even broker settlements. But navigating our government alone can be a hefty task. Not only are issues often complex, the jurisdictional ambiguities in legislation or policies that impact them can be hard to discern.

During my four weeks at the OOO, I had the chance to job shadow early resolution officers and investigators, as well as conduct research to support investigators and legal advisors. I was amazed by the high calibre of staff that managed a large caseload in a demanding and fast-paced environment. I was also intrigued by the innovative strategies the office has developed to strengthen the OOO's authority and effectiveness. For example, the Office emphasizes social media use, seeks to develop moral suasion, and deploys the Special Ombudsmen Response Team, which conducts high-profile investigations into systemic issues.

Furthermore, officers of the Ombudsman manage individual complaints through a case-by-case method with resolution as the ultimate goal. If complaints received are part of a broader systemic issue, however, staff will work collaboratively. I especially enjoyed observing the dual emphasis on independence and collaboration because, simply put, it seems to be getting things done.



Diego's Placement

I began my mini-placement at the [Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario \(IBAO\)](#) in late September. My first task was to contact members of the Association throughout Ontario and encourage them to reach out to their local candidates to acquaint them with the IBAO's mission and key goals. A few days after the Ontario election, I was busy updating the contact information of returning MPPs and those newly elected. I was also asked by IBAO's CEO Mr. Randy Carroll to draft a congratulatory letter to the returning and newly elected MPPs and a note of gratitude to the outgoing members.

I also had the opportunity to meet with the firm that handles IBAO's government relations and communications at Queen's Park. Halfway through my mini-placement, Mr. Carroll invited me to meet the IBAO's government relations and public affairs team on Parliament Hill. I was given the tasks of updating the team's contacts of newly elected committee members and contacting MPs' offices to book meetings.

The last few days of my mini-placement were spent helping out at the IBAO's 91st Annual Conference. This is a huge undertaking for the Association as they host over 3,000 members at the Royal York Hotel for days of seminars, workshops, courses, and award presentations. I was invited to attend a couple of guest speakers' presentations, including Jason Ryan Dorsey ('The Gen Y Guy') and Stuart Knight ('The Art of Powerful Conversation').

I am extremely thankful to the IBAO, its members, staff, Board of Directors, and CEO Randy Carroll, for allowing me to gain invaluable work experience. I was able to interact with different organizations and meet professionals of diverse backgrounds. I have gained a much better understanding and personal appreciation for government relations from a business perspective.



Sylvia Pena & Monika's Placement

We spent our mini-placement under the wing of former OLIP intern, John Wright, at [Ipsos Reid](#). The Public Affairs team in Toronto was very welcoming to us and we would especially like to thank Associate Vice President, Sean Simpson, and Research Associate, Keren Gottfried. We learned a tremendous amount about polling, the media, and the broader election campaign process.

Having the opportunity to tweak our writing and editing skills while working on a number of projects for a wide range of clients, was invaluable. Of course, for the Queen's Park interns, the week leading up to the provincial election was an especially exciting one. We watched the leaders' debate with our colleagues at Ipsos and observed how the media coverage picked up on our polling numbers. Two days before the election, Ipsos released their pre-election poll that indicated that the Liberals were assured a minority and could possibly achieve a third majority government. We followed the coverage of the poll and counter polls with great interest.

A day before the election, we joined the Ipsos team at Global TV studios, where we tested microphones for the guest panel, rehearsed panelist pitches, and interacted with Global news anchors. And on Election Day, we participated in last-minute rehearsals while the Wilfred Laurier University team working behind the scenes prepared to call the election results. As nine pm rolled around and the results started pouring in, we were responsible for transferring the election results to the Ipsos team in the main newsroom. It was definitely an unforgettable night!

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If reports about adverse weather in Ottawa at the beginning of December had you worried, fear not; it was just the OLIP Interns taking the nation's capital by storm!

Arriving after a six-hour drive, we started with a visit to our counterparts in the Parliamentary Internship Program (PIPs) and contemplated the extensive visitor program they kindly put together for us. Next, we attended a reception at the Chateau Laurier to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Canada World Youth, before managing to charm our way into the All-Party, Party. It was great to glimpse the Ottawa receptions scene and to meet the political staffers and some MPs letting their hair down.

The next day started early - 7:45am, to be precise. Our first meeting was with the incredibly witty Clerk of the House, Audrey O'Brien, who shared some great anecdotes and keen insight into parliamentary procedure. We then proceeded to the upper chamber for a briefing from Senate Speaker Noel Kinsella's policy advisors, Michael Reid and Peter O'Sullivan, learning much about the institution and visiting the Speaker's beautiful Chambers.

For many of us, the meeting with Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page and Sahir Khan from his office was a highlight. Their advice to us was "be fearless when pursuing a career." We found it interesting to compare the experience of an independent officer at the federal level to the many independent officers we have met in Ontario.

Over the two-day visit, we were fortunate to meet with Members of Parliament from all three parties. From the NDP, we met Pierre-Luc Dusseault, MP for Sherbrooke and the youngest Member ever elected. He provided interesting perspectives both on the party and his personal experiences in the House. On the Liberal side, we met with former Justice Minister Hon. Irwin Cotler, and the former leader, Stéphane Dion. Both were incredibly passionate, and we gained a lot from our brief

conversations. We also had the pleasure of meeting with the following government members: Conservative MP Candice Hooppner, Parliamentary Secretary for Public Safety and the leading voice advocating for the end of the long-gun registry; Dr. Kellie Leitch, Parliamentary Secretary for Human Resources and for Labour—a rookie MP; and finally, we were delighted to meet with the Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. All

three members were insightful and candid about issues ranging from parliamentary procedure to Private Members' Business to policy directions and party politics. In particular, Minister Kenney was gracious in giving both our group and the PIPs over an hour of his time.



Our final meetings were no less notable. Senator Art Eggleton spoke about his experience as city councillor, mayor, MP, and Senator, providing a strong argument in support of the Senate. Supreme Court Justice, Morris Fish, shared his perspective from the bench (and from inside the beautiful Supreme Court hearing room). Don Brown, Yushin Choi, Jeremy Brennan, and Kyle Johnson from the American Embassy spoke to many aspects of Canada's strong, and sometimes challenging, bilateral relationship with the United States. Vincent MacNeil, Chief of Staff for the Liberal Party Whip, brought us into the Opposition Lobby to talk about the role and changing nature of his office. We capped off our visit with two communications-themed speakers: Stephen

Lecce, Deputy Director of Communications for the Prime Minister's Office, provided great guidance on message management. Tim Naumetz from the Hill Times newspaper spoke about the Ottawa scene from a media perspective.

We would like to extend a big thanks to all the Parliamentary interns for their hard work hosting and organizing a successful visit!



Interns with the Parliamentary Interns



Interns with Minister Jason Kenney



Sylvia with Justin Trudeau



Interns with Kevin Page



Interns with Senator Eggleton



Interns with Stephane Dion

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As the Ottawa trip was fantastic, the second leg of our whirlwind study tour had a lot to live up to. Luckily, that second leg took us to one of the most beautiful cities in the world (and I say that without hyperbole). Driving to our hotel at Place D'Youville Sunday evening, we were confronted by the gates to the old city, beautifully illuminated, serving as a backdrop to a charming skating rink while Quebec's proud, old buildings, bedecked in Christmas decorations, gathered around, and Christmas carols filled the air. It was a scene right out of a Hallmark greeting card, or a holiday television special—a perfect

winter moment—and it set the tone for our next few days, beautifully.

We were, of course, in Québec City on official business, and magical moments aside, Québec is also home to a political institution as unpredictable and fascinating as any in the world. The interns at the Assemblée Nationale were extremely gracious hosts, providing us with a deep and meaningful glimpse into this institution, and making us feel welcome and cared for every step of the way. Our first morning began with a hot, delicious breakfast served in the Assembly's stunning dining room, provided by the Quebec internship programme and the Fondation Jean-Charles Bonenfant.

A welcome like that set the bar high for the remainder of the visit, and the meetings that followed did not disappoint. We met with Globe and Mail journalist Rhéal Seguin and Laval professor Éric Montigny, both of whom offered crash courses on the provincial political landscape and its rapidly shifting party tectonics. Government MNAs with whom we met included Deputy Speaker François Ouimet, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Geoffrey Kelley, and Minister of Immigration and Cultural Communities Kathleen Weil. On the Opposition side, we met with Parti Québécois (PQ) Whip Nicole Léger. Each of these portfolios exist in Ontario, but transplanted into the Quebec political and cultural context, they take on a very different flavour.

In addition, we met with François Bonnardel, a Member from the Action démocratique du Québec, who spoke candidly and openly about the state of Quebec politics and the future of his party. Louise Beaudoin, a former PQ Member who now sits as a sovereigntist independent, offered a fascinating and sympathetic glimpse into the sovereignty movement, both its motivation and its future. Other meetings included a discussion of Parliamentary procedure with Nancy Ford and a visit to the Directeur Général des Élections du Québec to discuss changes to political party financing. Each meeting offered a new perspective on a different and fascinating political world. And, the fact that we emerged from the doors of the Assemblée each evening and were greeted by the magical streets of Quebec City, was just icing on the cake.

We want to offer our deepest thanks to the Quebec interns for their hospitality, and we look forward to returning the favour and hosting them in May.





Interns with the Quebec Interns



Interns with Francois Bonnardel



Interns at the Quebec National Assembly



Interns with Louise Beaudion



Interns with Minister Geoffrey Kelley



Interns with Minister Kathleen Weil

ALUMNI APPOINTMENTS

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Tejas Aivalli (2008-2009), Master of Public Administration, London School of Economics, and Master of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

Emily Bain (1999-2000), Senior Research and Policy Advisor, Colleges Ontario, Toronto

Maegan Baird (2009-2010), Advocacy Coordinator, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, Toronto

Sarah Baker (2003-2004), Director, Regional Operations at Free the Children, Toronto

Bryan Bossin (2010-2011), Assistant Consultant, Hill and Knowlton, Toronto

Mel Cernigoy (2010-2011), Research Officer, National Association of Friendship Centres, Ottawa

Chris Charlton (1989-1990), Re-elected as Member of the House of Commons, Hamilton Mountain, and Chief Opposition Whip, Ottawa

Ran Cookson (2007-2008), Articling Student, Goodmans LLP, Toronto and J.D. (Law), the University of Western Ontario, London

Ana Curic (2005-2006), Director of Parliamentary Affairs and Issues Management, Federal Immigration Minister Jason Kenney, Ottawa

Leslie de Meulles (2009-2010), Policy Advisor to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Michael Gravelle, Toronto

David Docherty (1984-1985), installed as President, Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on Friday, November 4th, 2011

Bohdana Dutka (1987-1988), Manager, Entrepreneurship, Partnership and Program Services, Western Economic Diversification Canada, Government of Canada, Edmonton, Alberta

Robin Esco (1985-1986), Manager, Investment Programs Unit, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Government of Ontario, Toronto

Ted Flett (2000-2001), Manager of Public Relations and Communications, Visit Britain Canada, Toronto

Ruth Flynn (1985-1986), Director, Inclusive Education Branch, Instruction and Leadership Development Division, Ministry of Education, Government of Ontario, Toronto

Brandy Miller Giannetta (1999-2000), Manager of Government Relations, Ontario Restaurant, Hotel and Motel Association, Mississauga, Ontario

Nicole Goodman (2005-2006), Discussant on "The 'New' Politics" on The Agenda with Steve Paikin, TVO, and Season Lecturer in Political Science, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

Peter Hargreave (2001-2002), Director, Policy and Strategy, Ontario Waste Management Association, Toronto

Anders Hayden (1992-1993), Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University, Halifax

Kim Hokan (2008-2009), Policy Analyst, Labour Relations and Governance Branch, Ministry of Education, Government of Ontario, Toronto

Sabrina Hoque (2007-2008), Acting Deputy Director for the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University, Halifax

Aviva Levy (2009-2010), Research Assistant, Tower Renewal Office, City of Toronto and Master of Public Policy Candidate, University of Toronto.

Tristan E. Landry (1997-1998), Counsellor and Head of Public Diplomacy Program, Canadian Embassy, Kabul, Afghanistan

Tom Maidwell (2010-2011), Consultant, Counsel Public Affairs, Toronto

Daniel Malik (2000-2001), Director, Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Toronto Financial Services Alliance (TFSA), Toronto

Erin McGinn (1998-1999), Director, Office of the President, Ryerson University, Toronto

David Michon (2007-2008), Managing Editor, Monocle Magazine, London, England

Kate Mulligan (2003-2004), Ph.D. Candidate, School of Geography and Earth Sciences, McMaster University, Hamilton

Chelsea Peet (2008-2009), Program Resource Coordinator, Public Policy Committee, University of British Columbia, Vancouver

Katie Robb (2007-2008), Senior Consultant, Fleishman-Hillard, Vancouver

Chris Shantz (2003-2004), Senior Policy Analyst, Renewable Energy Unit, Ministry of Energy, Government of Ontario, Toronto

Michael Smith (2010-2011), Project Assistant, Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Transportation, Government of Ontario, Toronto

Rachel Stack (2006-2007), Candidate, Osgoode Law School, Toronto

Lauren Starr (2006-2007), Academic Counsellor, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario

Aamir Taiyeb (2007-2008), Analyst, Education Data and Research, Postsecondary Education, Council of Ministers of Education (Canada), Toronto

Sasha Tregobov (2010-2011), Policy and Issues Analyst, Office of the Deputy Minister, Ministry of Government Services, Government of Ontario, Toronto

Rosanne Waters (2008-2009), Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

Lisa Marie Williams (2010-2011), Research Assistant, Wellesley Institute, Toronto

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INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST SPONSORS

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OLIP welcomed several new sponsors recently, we would like to thank Investment Funds Canada, Ontario Provincial Police Association and CANDU Industries for their sponsorship and Shoppers Drug Mart and Bruce Power for becoming major sponsors.



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With more than 1,200 Shoppers Drug Mart and Pharmaprix stores, we also license or own 60 medical clinic pharmacies, Shoppers Simply Pharmacy, and 63 Shoppers Home Health Care stores across Canada. Additionally, we operate Shoppers Drug Mart Specialty Health Network Inc., a provider of specialty drug distribution, pharmacy and comprehensive patient support services, and MediSystem Technologies Inc., a provider of pharmaceutical products and services to long-term care facilities in Ontario and Alberta.

As a leader in health and community pharmacy, Shoppers Drug Mart continues to invest in the well-being of Canadians and our communities. In this regard, Shoppers Drug Mart developed the WOMEN program, a commitment to the health of Canadian women in body, mind and spirit. This national initiative connects women to health information and resources that help ensure their health only gets stronger. Our WOMEN program includes our leadership in the Shoppers Drug Mart /Pharmaprix Weekend to End Women's Cancers, facingcancer.ca, the nationally focused Motherisk program and our community oriented Tree of Life Campaign.

In 2011 in Ontario alone the Toronto and Ottawa Shoppers Drug Mart Weekend to End Women's Cancers raised \$9.4 million for the Princess Margaret Hospital and \$1.8 million for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation. This included 671 Shoppers employees who personally raised \$725,000 for these organizations. In addition, the 2011 Tree of Life campaign raised \$1.7 million to support 154 women's organizations across Ontario.

We are very proud to sponsor the Ontario Legislative Internship Programme and congratulate the participants for their commitment to learning first-hand about our parliamentary system and the development of public policy. We look forward to one day partnering with these future leaders who will no doubt help create vibrant, healthy communities. It is money well spent.



Bruce Power Limited Partnership is a Canadian business partnership composed of several corporations. It exists as a partnership between Cameco Corporation (31.6%), TransCanada Corporation (31.6%), BPC Generation Infrastructure Trust (31.6%), the Power Workers Union (4%) and The Society of Energy Professionals (1.2%).^[1] It is the licensed operator of the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station, located on the shores of Lake Huron, roughly 250 kilometres northwest of Toronto, between the towns of Kincardine and Saugeen Shores.

When all eight units are in service, the facility is capable of supplying up to 6,300 MWe of electricity. This would make it the second largest nuclear complex in the world. Presently this is not the case, as Units 1 & 2 are shut down for refurbishment until 2011. Current capacity is approximately 5,120 MWe which is enough to power one fifth of Ontario.

Bruce Power was founded as a Limited Liability Partnership in 2001 between British Energy (82.4%), Cameco Corporation (15%), Power Workers' Union and The Society of Energy Professionals. Following the financial difficulties of British Energy in the Fall of 2002, the LLP became a wholly Canadian-owned Limited Partnership on 14 February 2003.

In May 2001, Bruce Power became the licensed operator of the Bruce A and Bruce B nuclear generating stations in southwestern Ontario, acquiring the sites from the defunct Ontario Hydro. Bruce A and Bruce B are equipped with eight CANDU nuclear reactors (4 at each station). The initial four reactors were commissioned at Bruce A between 1977 and 1979, while Bruce B's were added between 1984 and 1987.

Since its creation, Bruce Power has successfully restarted two reactor units and launched an industry first in restarting two more.

On 7 October 2003, Unit 4 returned to the Ontario grid for the first time since 1998, when it was laid up by the site's previous operators. It was then followed by Unit 3 on 8 January 2004.

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