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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 seen yet another unique beginning to the internship with Premier Dalton McGuinty announcing his resignation and the Legislature proroguing. 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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The most oft-repeated phrase we have heard since arriving at Queen's Park has been: "What an exciting time for you interns to be at the Legislature!" From the first minority government since 1985, to the fascinating by-elections, through to Premier McGuinty's surprise resignation and the prorogation announcement, there have been a number of historically significant events during our short time at the Pink Palace. In the midst of this political whirlwind, we, the OLIP class of 2012-13, have become fast friends. Whether exploring the city or enjoying a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal together, I am grateful to have such a friendly, caring and interesting group of people with whom to share the internship experience.

We want to thank our Programme Director, Dr. Henry Jacek, for his guidance and sharing his keen political insights. Eithne Whaley the Programme Assistant does a great deal for us behind the scenes, and we are grateful for her help in keeping OLIP running smoothly. Lorraine Luski and Will Short complete our administrative team and provide us with advice and support that helps the internship run as smoothly as possible. What a wonderful team to facilitate our experience at Queen's Park.

In this magazine you will get to know the interns through yearbook-style profiles and learn about our first term MPP placements. Read about our orientation to Queen's Park, with articles dedicated to our meetings with the three party leaders, the current and immediate past Speaker, all seven of Ontario's Independent Officers, and our generous sponsors. Check out our alumni spotlight, featuring three alumni who are academics and one who is an actor, and get updated on career changes of other OLIP alumni. Finally, learn more about the sponsors who help make this program possible.

And if this magazine is not enough OLIP for you (and trust me, it barely scratches the surface), stay up-to-date with the interns by reading our blog at www.olipinterns.wordpress.com, liking OLIP Interns on Facebook and following @olipinterns on Twitter.

Happy Reading! *Leanna Katz*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DR. HENRY J. JACEK, PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

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I am now in my ninth 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.

This year, the new interns had a very different experience, namely the resignation of a premier and the prorogation of the Legislative Assembly. All of that happened on the very first day of their first term placements.

We did have, though, our normal September orientation although with some new additions. 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 September orientation. Sponsors who took part in the orientation include Ipsos Canada, the Certified General Accountants of Ontario, Advocacy Solutions, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, and the Royal Bank of Canada.

In addition, the interns had some special meetings. Paul Yeung of the Royal Bank took us on a tour of RBC's Global Trading Floor followed by discussion with Paul and two former interns, Chris Holz and Daniel Malik. The interns also attended a reception held by the Vice President for Government Relations of sponsor CIBC in honour of the new American Consul General, Jim Dickmeyer. Another special meeting was the Bank of Montreal (BMO) Vice-Chair Kevin Lynch who is also the immediate past Clerk of the Privy Council in Ottawa. Finally the interns are grateful to have attended a special lunch reception hosted by Hill & Knowlton for China Unicom America.

Other meetings included Paul Macmillan of Deloitte who spoke on the work of consulting firms and government. Immediate past Speaker Steve Peters, now CEO of the Ontario Food Processors Association, provided an interesting presentation on the role of the Speaker. Former Environment and Revenue Minister John Wilkinson talked about the role of a cabinet minister. *Toronto Star* writer, Jim Coyle, a former Queen's Park columnist and now an OLIP honorary intern gave a great talk, as usual, as did past Chief of Staff to the Premier and former intern, Chris Morley.

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 meetings with the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth Irwin Elman, Integrity Commissioner Lynn Morisson, Information and Privacy Commissioner Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Ombudsman Andre Marin, Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller, Chief and Assistant Chief Electoral Officer Greg Essensa and Loren Wells and Auditor General Jim McCarter.

We thank four key members of the Legislative Assembly for making themselves available for meetings. Our patron is the Speaker, Dave Levac. Then there are the three party leaders, Premier Dalton McGuinty, Official Opposition Leader Tim Hudak and Third Party Leader Andrea Horwath who took time from their busy schedules to meet with the interns.

Of course many of the members of the Assembly staff gave great help and information to the new interns during orientation and beyond. A partial list includes Clerk Deborah Deller, Deputy Clerk Todd Decker, Clerk of Procedural Research Services Tonia Grannum, Director of Human Resources Nancy Marling, Director of Hansard Reporting and Interpretation Services Deborah Caruso, Sergeant-At-Arms Dennis Clark and Director of Research and Information Services Susan Swift.

Finally, I want to acknowledge that the success of our Programme is the result of a great team effort. First and foremost is Eithne Whaley, our Programme Assistant who solves so many of our problems. Legislative Research Officer Lorraine Luski is one of the two Queen's Park coordinators. As a former intern, Lorraine has our best institutional memory and acts informally as our review editor on all written communication.

I am very sorry to see our other Queen's Park Coordinator, Anne Stokes, leave the Programme as a result of her promotion to Senior Clerk, House Documents. She added a great deal to our Programme over the last several years. But at the same time, I am happy to welcome Will Short as a Programme Coordinator. I am sure he will be a great asset to OLIP.

Dr. Henry J. Jacek



MEET THE 2012-2013 INTERNS

BETH ELDER & ANDREA ERNESAKS

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Beth Elder was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta. She completed a BA in Social Science with a specialization in International Development and Globalization at the University of Ottawa. This degree included a field course at

Kenyatta University in Nairobi, and a volunteer internship researching gender advocacy strategies in Northern Ghana. Beth worked in the private sector for two years before returning to school to pursue an MA in Public Policy at the University of Toronto. As part of this program, Beth completed an internship with the federal government (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development). While pursuing graduate work, Beth remained active in her Students' Union and was a Resident Junior Fellow at Massey College. Her professional interests include natural resource development and Indigenous self-government, among others.

Hometown riding: Calgary Mountain View, Alberta

Favourite place in Ontario: Algonquin Park

Dream job at the Legislature: Committee Clerk

Favourite aspect of Queen's Park: The grand staircase. I feel important when I walk up those steps!

Favourite reception snack: Cheese platter

Survival tips for working at the Legislature: Keep breath mints and band-aids in your bag at all times (band-aids to make high heels bearable for eight hours a day and breath mints, because no one likes coffee breath!)

Andrea on Beth: Most likely to diplomatically resolve tensions between Madonna and Elton John...with a smile

Beth is the epitome of class. She comes into work expertly groomed and prepared, her agenda prepped to a 'T'. Not only is she one of the most organized of our bunch, she also has an uncanny ability to navigate difficult situations with diplomatic ease. She has never offended or upset anyone, largely because she is one of the most genuinely nice people you will meet at the Park (aided in part by her small and unaggressive stature). Beth has got quite a future ahead of her and I am excited to see where the program leads her.



Andrea Ernesaks was born and raised in downtown Ottawa. In 2007 she began her studies at the University of Western Ontario, and recently completed both her BA (Honours) and a Master's degree in Political Science. Andrea's academic interests include defence, peace and conflict management, Canadian governmental studies and international relations. Andrea's experience as a competitive athlete has fostered within her a love for working in a team environment. As a long-time rowing counsellor and director, Andrea enjoys interacting with others and actually thrives under stress. She is proud to be a part of the 2012-13 OLIP family.



Hometown riding: Ottawa-Vanier

Favourite place in Ontario: I absolutely love Ottawa, but there is something comforting about frequently driving between cities on the 401

Dream job at the Legislature: Executive Assistant to an up-and-coming MPP

Favourite aspect of Queen's Park: All the interesting people with diverse backgrounds that one gets to meet

Favourite reception snack: The chocolate mousse at the Glengarry-Prescott-Russell reception. I have been searching for something similar ever since. At a very distant

last place (for obvious reasons) is BBQ chicken cotton candy.

Survival tips for working at the Legislature: Always remember names! It is so easy to get caught up in what you are doing that you can forget people's names. Find a memory trick to use when remembering peoples' names and stick with it!

Beth on Andrea: Most likely to want to go to Question Period

Andrea is outgoing, sharp, and fun to be around. She's always making the other interns laugh, but there is a lot more to Andrea than her bold personality. Andrea has a thoughtful side, with keen insight on subjects ranging from international affairs to women's issues to the latest insider scoop at Queen's Park – yet another reason to stick by her side!



MEET THE 2012-2013 INTERNS

GILLIAN HANSON & LEANNA KATZ

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Gillian Hanson was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She completed a BA (Honours) in Political Studies with a minor in Sociology from the University of Manitoba. Her research interests include international human rights law and defence policy. Among several positions she held at the U of M during her undergraduate career, Gillian worked as a Research Assistant for U2011 - Understanding the Manitoba Provincial Election community Café Politique series, and worked with the Manitoba Institute for Policy Research. Having studied governance at a global level as well as indigenous governance systems, Gillian is looking forward to gaining firsthand experience and learning more about parliamentary governance in Canada.

Hometown riding: Charleswood in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Favourite place in Ontario: Lake of the Woods

Dream job at the Legislature: Clerk, Chief of Staff, maybe even “head honcho”

Favourite aspect of Queen’s Park: Being where politics is happening in the country, and attending receptions

Favourite reception snack: Canned pork belly or the cheese curds from Glengary-Prescott-Russell

Survival tips for working at the Legislature: keep a pair of heels in the office, hang out by MPP Vic Fedeli at receptions to find out about the best food, and visit MPP Michael’s Prue’s office to get some of his maple sugar pie

Leanna on Gill: Most likely to be the first official citizen of Mani-tario (because of her roots in Manitoba and how quickly she’s adapted to living in Ontario).

Whether impressing with her sweet dance moves or cooking a turkey, Gill is bright, energetic and friendly, making her fellow interns glad she moved one province over to be an Ontario Legislative intern this year.



Leanna Katz is from Toronto, but spent the last four years in Hamilton studying in the Arts and Science Program at McMaster University. There she completed an Honours BA Sc with a specialization in Political Science and a minor in French. Leanna’s interests include immigration issues, gender politics and pedagogy. At McMaster, Leanna worked as a teaching assistant for courses in Writing and Western Civilization. As part of her interest in development, Leanna traveled to South Africa as an Art for AIDS ambassador and on to Burkina Faso to volunteer in a holistic AIDS clinic. Leanna serves on the editorial board of *Undercurrent: the Canadian Undergraduate Journal of Development Studies*. Among her many interests, Leanna loves sampling new foods, cooking, biking and hiking. She is enjoying working with her new OLIP colleagues.

Hometown riding: Thornhill

Favourite place in Ontario: Three-way tie between biking the Rail-Trail, exploring Evergreen Brick Works, and indulging at any one of the many build-your-own ice cream shops in Toronto.

Dream job at the Legislature: Minister of Education

Favourite aspect of Queen’s Park: Never knowing who you can run into in the halls of the Legislature

Favourite reception snack: Chocolate fountain

Survival tips for working at the Legislature: Walk authoritatively into any event (reception, media scrum, press conference, anywhere!) and no one will question whether you should be there

Gill on Leanna: Most likely to know all the good podcasts.

Leanna is smart, funny, caring and humble. She’s a great conversationalist, a keen cyclist and knows the best hot chocolate and ice cream spots in town. An avid reader, she can recommend the best books, and this quality has certainly helped her become the finest magazine editor the interns could have hoped for.



MEET THE 2012-2013 INTERNS

HIBAH SIDAT & LAUREN TARASUK

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Hibah Sidat was born and raised in Toronto. Having graduated from York University with a BA (Specialized Honours) in Public Policy and Administration, Hibah's research interests include identity poli-

tics and the political discourse of the media. As part of her undergraduate studies, Hibah was involved in the program evaluation of the first Ontario Public Service Quiet Room with the OPS Diversity Office. Beyond her academic endeavours, Hibah has held various positions with the Government of Canada. Apart from politics, she enjoys learning new languages, meditation, and watching classic films. An avid learner, Hibah is thrilled to be situated close to the action at Queen's Park while observing how Ontario's decision making process unfolds.

Hometown riding: Scarborough Rouge-River

Favourite place in Ontario: The Art Gallery of Ontario

Dream job at the Legislature: I am excited to find out!

Favourite aspect of Queen's Park: The artistic and historic grandeur of the Legislative building

Favourite reception snack: mini quiche

Survival tips for working at the Legislature: The highest form of wisdom is kindness – The Talmud



Lauren on Hibah: Most likely to know the best take-out close to QP.

Hibah always brightens the room with her smile. Hibah may be quiet, but her quick wit should not be underestimated!

Lauren Tarasuk was born and raised in Sault Ste Marie. She graduated from Carleton University in Ottawa earning a Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management with a specialization in Social Policy. While working on her undergraduate honours research essay,

Lauren cultivated a broad interest in social policy including housing, labour, education, health policy, and home care systems. At Carleton, Lauren furthered her interest in politics by volunteering on Parliament Hill. Lauren is grateful for the opportunity to participate in the OLIP program and looks forward to having a firsthand look at the policy process.

Hometown riding: Sault Ste. Marie

Favourite place in Ontario: Lake Superior Provincial Park

Dream job at the Legislature: Speaker of the House

Favourite aspect of Queen's Park: The fact that every day is different and exciting

Favourite reception snack: Cheese trays

Survival tip for working at the Legislature: Google people before you meet them!

Hibah on Lauren: Most likely to make a killer Italian dish.

Our very own girl from the Soo is reppin' the North with a charming wit and a great sense of style. Lauren has a fantastic sense of humour and an engaging personality. Not only can she talk to just about anyone, but she seems to have no trouble making everyone she meets laugh.



MEET THE 2012-2013 INTERNS

CONNOR BAYS & ANTHONY BOLAND

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Connor Bays Originally from Cochrane, Alberta, Connor is a recent graduate of McGill University where he earned a double major in economics and history. In addition to his studies, Connor competed nationally for McGill's varsity track

and field team, travelled on an exchange to the Netherlands and co-founded a community bike co-op. Outside of McGill, Connor has worked as a policy intern with the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association in Calgary and as a corporate strategy analyst with Loblaw Companies in Ontario. In 2010, he initiated and completed a three-month internship with a grassroots micro finance NGO in rural Bangladesh. Building on an academic foundation in public sector economics, Connor hopes to eventually contribute to the formulation of public policy in either a political, academic or advocacy role.

Hometown riding: Banff-Cochrane, Alberta

Favourite place in Ontario: The Galleria Italia at the Art Gallery of Ontario

Dream job at the Legislature: Cannoneer

Favourite aspect of Queen's Park: Its abundant natural lighting

Favourite reception snack: Brie-spring-roll-fried-shrimp sliderburgers (requires some self-assembly)

Survival tips for working at the Legislature: Strategically positioning oneself in front of the kitchen doors at receptions guarantees you'll never miss a platter.

Josh on Connor: Most likely to become a world-wide trivia/Jeopardy champion.

If you ever need to know the name of a documentary about history, politics, economics, or anything at all, just ask Connor; he's probably watched it! Connor is a great conversationalist who is always happy to share his wealth of knowledge. Connor's bon vivant spirit makes him fun to be around and he is always up for an adventure. While exploring the city with Connor and engaging him in conversation are good ideas, challenging him to a race or a trivia competition is probably not.



Anthony Boland Born in Kingston and raised in Oshawa, Anthony Boland served as a Legislative Page ten years ago, and is thrilled to return to Queen's Park. Anthony recently completed his B Sc. in Energy and Environment

Physics at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). While conducting undergraduate research, Anthony launched an awareness campaign about the environmental and socio-economic impact of bottled water. Subsequently elected as Student Association President, Anthony worked with students, administration officials, and local governments to advance student services. In his final year, Anthony served as Vice-President of the College Student Alliance, promoting solutions for an accessible and quality post-secondary education system across Ontario. Anthony likes to swim, travel, and hopes to ultimately combine his interest in sustainable energy development with his passion for politics.

Hometown riding: Whitby-Oshawa

Favourite place in Ontario: Kingston by the Lake, or, any Swiss Chalet

Dream job at the Legislature: Environmental Commissioner

Favourite aspect of Queen's Park: Watching Question Period from the public gallery

Favourite reception snack: The varieties of cheese

Survival tips for working at the Legislature: Take the top bun off the sliders to avoid consuming too many calories at receptions. Enjoy one glass of white wine only. Pack lunches the night before -- it's impossible to do so the morning of. Wear striped ties that are positioned like check marks (bottom left to top right) to give off a positive vibe; and wear sunscreen.

Connor on Anthony: Most likely to duck out of meetings to order Swiss Chalet

Whether in English, German, French, ridiculously authentic French-accented English, or even through song, Anthony is an inveterate charmer.



THE 2013 INTERNS & PLACEMENTS

JOSHUA BORDEN
CONNOR BAYS

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Joshua Borden grew up in Cornwall, Ontario and graduated with a BA (Honours) in Political Science from Queen's University and an MA in Political Science from Wilfrid Laurier University. Joshua's research interests include matters of representation and political participation. He is also fascinated by public political involvement generally, as well as electoral processes and systems. Aside from politics, Joshua enjoys reading, playing games of pick-up basketball or hockey, and engaging in the misery of being a Toronto sports fan.



Hometown riding: Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry

Favourite place in Ontario: The waterfront in Kingston

Dream job at the Legislature: Speaker of the House

Favourite aspect of Queen's Park: The asymmetry of the Legislature Building

Favourite reception snack: BBQ chicken-flavoured cotton candy

Survival tips for working at the Legislature: Go to bed with your security badge on so you don't forget it in the morning; and, invest in comfortable shoes because you won't spend much time sitting around

Anthony on Josh: Most likely to earn a PhD and eventually become a Faculty Dean

Kind, thoughtful and principled, Josh's persona suits his career ambition of becoming an academic. But probe a little deeper and you'll find a die-hard Toronto sports fan with a sassy side!



OLIP PLACEMENTS

In October, the OLIP interns and staff chose the intern placements for 2012-13. We would like to thank the MPPs who applied to host interns - we just wish we could give all MPPs an intern.

The placements for 2012-13 are:

Connor Bays: Yasir Naqvi
Anthony Boland: Rosario Marchese
Joshua Borden: Kevin Flynn
Beth Elder: Lisa Thompson
Andrea Ernesaks: Gilles Bisson
Gillian Hanson: Steve Clark
Leanna Katz: Mike Colle
Hibah Sidat: Bob Bailey
Lauren Tarasuk: Donna Cansfield

The interns will cross the floor to another party in February.



Connor Bays: My first OLIP term is in the office of Yasir Naqvi, MPP for Ottawa Centre and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance. I am looking forward to working on longer-term legislative projects in addition to immersing myself in the daily operations of a high-profile office. I feel excited at the prospect of travelling to Ottawa to see first-hand the work of a Member renowned for his dedication to his constituency and his network-building acumen. I hope to learn much from Yasir, a hard-working

MPP who has risen quickly in Ontario politics and continues to demonstrate great future potential.

PLACEMENTS

ANTHONY, JOSHUA, BETH & ANDREA'S PLACEMENTS

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Anthony Boland: I landed my first placement with opposition New Democrat, Rosario Marchese. Rosario has served as an MPP for 22 years, representing the riding of Trinity-Spadina in downtown Toronto, which also happens to be the riding in which I am currently renting a condo unit. Rosario has served in both government and opposition, and is currently the critic for urban transportation. Having specialized in energy and environment in university, I am looking forward to working with Mr. Marchese on this exciting interdisciplinary portfolio. The Member is working on improving urban public transit, and reforming condominium legislation in Ontario. The House may be prorogued, but I am happy that there is still much to do and much to learn over the next few exciting months.



Joshua Borden: My first placement is in the office of Kevin Flynn, the Liberal MPP representing Oakville. Kevin is currently the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities (TCU). First elected in 2003, Kevin has a wealth of experience and knowledge that I feel lucky to draw upon over the next few months. Our office is located within the ministry offices in the Mowat Block, and I still get a thrill when I see the Minister, Glen Murray, walk through the building while speaking to Mr. Flynn about various policies. As to workload, there's no shortage as Mr. Flynn has been keeping me busy researching and understanding the College of Trades portfolio he's been working on. I cannot wait for the rest of the placement!



Beth Elder: For my first placement, I have the pleasure of working with Lisa Thompson, the PC MPP for Huron-Bruce and Deputy Critic to the Ministry of Energy, which is an exciting file. Getting involved with Lisa's constituency and learning more about the issues that matter to rural Ontarians has been a great experience. My role in the office includes assisting with communications and research. I am learning a lot from observing Lisa interact with stakeholders and I admire her passion and dedication when advocating for her constituents. I am also grateful to Lisa's Executive Assistant, Ashley, who has taken me under her wing. Both Lisa and her staff are welcoming, and working with them has been a real learning opportunity.



Andrea Ernesaks: I have been placed with MPP Gilles Bisson, who represents Timmins-James Bay and is the House Leader of the New Democratic Party. Gilles is known for being an outspoken and compassionate representative of Northern Ontario. I can now attest to the fact that he is one of the most down to earth people you will meet in the Legislature. To date, I have been given responsibility for researching various northern projects, as well as writing press releases and drafting letters. Gilles has generously invited me to accompany him to different meetings and lunches, allowing me to experience the many facets of life at Queen's Park. I am very excited about my placement and look forward to the months ahead with Gilles and his staff!

GILLIAN, LEANNA, HIBAH & LAUREN'S PLACEMENTS

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Gillian Hanson: I am pleased that my first term placement is with Progressive Conservative MPP for Leeds-Grenville, Steve Clark. With prorogation, the nature of projects that I will be working on has changed. I will be helping with research on future Private Members' Bills as well as constituency projects. I am looking forward to learning from a Member who, at my age, was elected Mayor of Brockville, I very much hope to visit both the City and this Eastern Ontario Riding during my placement. Steve's Legislative Assistant, Dianne, is very helpful and has a wealth of knowledge on how Queen's Park works. I look forward to working with both Steve and Dianne throughout the rest of my placement!



Hibah Sidat: From the first morning I walked into the office of MPP Bob Bailey (Sarnia-Lambton), I was greeted with friendliness and enthusiasm by Bob and his staff, Anthony and David (a former OLIP intern!) A jolly, humble, and overall good guy, I can instantly see why Bob is keen to represent the interests of this southwestern Ontario riding. I am learning about Bob's dedicated involvement in serving his local community since his 2007 election. To assist Bob as the Official Opposition Deputy Whip, and Critic of Correctional Services, I am immersing myself in a number of activities, including researching Private Members' Bills, attending stakeholder meetings, responding to constituency concerns, and preparing Bob to speak at conferences. I look forward to finally visiting Sarnia-Lambton!



Leanna Katz: My first placement is with Mike Colle, MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources. As one of the longest-serving members of the House, Mike has a wealth of knowledge to offer an intern. Right now we are working on Jayesh's Law and the campaign to Save Historic Postal Station K. The fact that the riding is so close to Queen's Park means I am able to get involved with both constituency matters as well as work generated from Queen's Park. Mike's Executive Assistant, Dustin Cohen, has enthusiastically shown me the ropes and both Dustin and Legislative Assistant, Sarah

Teichman, have been a pleasure to work with. I am eager to continue working with them over the next few exciting months.



Lauren Tarasuk: For my first placement I am working with Ms. Donna Cansfield, MPP for Etobicoke Centre. Donna is a very experienced Member who was first elected in 2003, served as Minister in various portfolios, and now serves as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance. Although I have been in the office for only a short time, I can tell that this placement will be an excellent learning experience. Donna and her staff have been welcoming, and have already provided me with interesting research tasks, including allowing me to sit in on some stakeholder meetings. I am looking forward to the coming months and the exciting opportunities this placement will provide!

YOU HAD ME AT HELLO

ORIENTATION 2012

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OLIP orientation is a means to many an end, from allowing us to overcome the tendency to get star-struck when meeting important public figures, to becoming stars ourselves during our ten seconds of fame on the Ontario Parliament Television Network while being officially introduced in the House. During orientation, in addition to a busy schedule of meetings, we found time to get our bearings on the reception circuit, watch hours of Question Period, and become fast-friends as the 2012-2013 class of Ontario Legislative Interns. Who are the people helping to get us acquainted with the inner-workings of the Legislature, as well as the Legislature's relationship to public and private sector offices in and around Toronto?

Legislative staff, OLIP alumni, and friends of the Programme have all been invaluable in helping us learn the inner workings of the Legislature as well as gain an understanding the relationships among the government, the media, and the private sector.



Clerk Deborah Deller

Legislative Staff: We were welcomed with warmth and enthusiasm by a host of key Legislative actors. The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Deborah Deller, Todd Decker, Deputy Clerk and Executive Director, and Tonia Granum, Clerk of Procedural Services answered our many questions about procedure and interpretation of the rules and practices of the House. Wendy Reynolds, Manager, Client Services, and Rosie Salvo, Supervisor of Press Clippings in the Legislative Library as well as Susan Swift, Director, Legislative Research, and Philip Kaye, Manager, Research Services, outlined the comprehensive information and research services that we would have

access to. Deborah Caruso, Director of Hansard Reporting and Interpretation Services, explained how Hansard reports and publishes a Member's remarks in the language they are delivered (either English or French) but without translation. Her branch also offers French and English interpretation services. Sergeant-at-Arms, Dennis Clark, charmed us with his witty sense of humour and a presentation of the one and only ceremonial mace. Director Nancy Marling and HR Manager Mary Keogh explained the function of the Legislative Human

Resources Branch as well as the employment services that would be available to us as interns.

OLIP Alumni:

The current interns are grateful for the generous advice they received from OLIP alumni: Daniel Malik, Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives at Toronto Financial Services Alliance, Christopher Holz, Campbell Strategies, Chris Morley, former Chief of Staff to Premier McGuinty, David Donovan, Assistant to MPP Bob Bailey, and Katie Preiss, Assistant to MPP Donna Cansfield.



Dennis Clark, Sergeant-At-Arms



Director of Hansard, Deborah Caruso

Friends of the Programme:

The interns were fortunate to meet many prominent individuals working in government, business, banking and journalism, whom we refer to as “Friends of the Programme.” Paul Macmillan, Global Industry Leader of the Public Sector division at Deloitte, taught us valuable lessons about the necessity of government consultants. Kevin Lynch, Vice-Chair of BMO Financial Group, explored in-depth matters regarding the global economy. Paul Yeung, Senior Manager of Regulatory and Government Affairs at RBC, and David McGown, Vice President of Government, Regulatory and Public Affairs at CIBC, graciously invited us to a reception featuring US Consul General Jim Dickmeyer. We were also invited to attend the Hill and Knowlton Reception which celebrated the entrance of China Unicom, a telecommunications company, into the Canadian market. John Wilkinson provided candid insight into his experiences as a former MPP who has served as Minister of Research and Innovation, Minister of Revenue, and Minister of Environment. Toronto Star Feature Writer Jim Coyle regaled us with stories of working in the press gallery at Queen’s Park. Patrick Kennedy, Senior Director of Government Relations at CIBC, spoke at length about his experiences on the “Hill” as former Chief of Staff to Speaker Peter Milliken and his transition to the banking industry.

From learning the procedural inner workings of the Legislature, to receiving invaluable advice from esteemed OLIP alumni, to meeting major political and business personalities, the interns are grateful to all those who met with us for this thoroughly enjoyable and informative orientation.



Preston Manning At Churchill Society Dinner



Interns Meet Polkaroo



Kevin Lynch, former Clerk of the Privy Council



Chris Morley, OLIP Alumnus

THE BIG CHEESES

MEETING THE THREE PARTY LEADERS

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Party leaders are an elusive bunch. Between events, meetings, and House duties, leaders can be difficult to keep tabs on. Luckily for us, party leaders Dalton McGuinty, Tim Hudak, and Andrea Horwath took time to sit down with the newest OLIP cohort.

Ontario Premier and Liberal Leader, Dalton McGuinty

As we walked up to Premier McGuinty's office, we could barely contain our excitement. How often do fresh university graduates get face time with the Premier? We were greeted at the door and led into the Premier's personal boardroom where we awaited his arrival. Next thing we knew, in came Dalton McGuinty himself. He shook each of our hands and asked us to introduce ourselves before sitting down to thoughtfully answer our questions. Our discussion covered topics ranging from policy to leadership, but he truly hit his stride when conversation turned to his family and the personal values he holds dear. We appreciated Premier McGuinty's sincere advice in helping us to navigate Queen's Park.

Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Tim Hudak

While waiting for Mr. Hudak to enter the boardroom of our meeting venue, we were eager to find out what the Leader of the Official Opposition would be like in person. We were immediately struck by Mr. Hudak's desire to get to know us individually as he asked each of us about our hometown and our studies. Mr. Hudak spoke comfortably about leadership and candidly reviewed some of his political missteps. We left Mr. Hudak's office having learned something new about politics at Queen's Park.

Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, Andrea Horwath

Our meeting with Ms. Horwath took place in the early days of our orientation. We had not yet fully adjusted to our surroundings at the Park, and had only experienced our first Ontario Question Period a few days earlier. Lucky for us, we had seen Ms. Horwath around the House and knew that a great meeting was in store for us. Ms. Horwath's personable and down-to-earth nature was apparent from the moment she stepped into the room. We appreciated learning about her political roots in community organizing in Hamilton. And we were particularly interested in the female perspective she brings to the table. At the end of the meeting, we could not help but feel fortunate to have had the chance to meet Andrea Horwath.

For political junkies like us, meeting the party leaders was like meeting celebrities. We want to graciously thank Dalton McGuinty, Tim Hudak, and Andrea Horwath for taking the time to meet with us.



SPEAKING TO THE SPEAKERS

MEETING THE CURRENT AND IMMEDIATE PAST SPEAKERS

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During our orientation, we had the opportunity to meet many of the people involved in keeping the legislature running smoothly. As we learned during our meeting with the Honourable Dave Levac, there is perhaps no role more important in achieving that goal than the Speaker of the House. This is true on a strictly symbolic level, since the House cannot sit without a Speaker present. Beyond that, Mr. Levac explained how the Speaker is responsible for much more. He told us about the over 400 employees and \$300 million dollar budget he is responsible for, as well as his role as the procedural arbiter of the House. Functionally, this makes the Speaker the servant of the House, as Mr. Levac emphasized that the legislature always comes first. This helps to explain the location of the Speaker's apartment inside the building: the Speaker must always be available, and the best way to ensure that availability is to reside steps away. We were captivated as Mr. Levac explained that he is loyal foremost to the House, and that this is further reflected in the non-partisan nature of the Speaker. He described his belief that the Speaker must be firm and fair, and treat all sides equally. We appreciated the hour he took out of his busy schedule and the better understanding of the role of the Speaker he imparted to us.

Not even 24 hours later, we had an opportunity to meet Mr. Levac's most immediate predecessor, Steve Peters, who was Speaker between 2007 and 2011. This granted us a terrific opportunity to compare and contrast the styles of two different Speakers, with the first interview still fresh in our minds. We found little substantive differences between the ways they treated the office, as Mr. Peters also emphasized the non-partisan nature of the job. Mr. Peters echoed the belief that the Speaker must treat everyone equally, regardless of where they sit in the House. The differences between these two Speakers were slight; for example, Mr. Peters described the job as the de facto mayor of Queen's Park, which indicated a slightly more proactive stance than his successor. Nevertheless, it was clear that both believe that the Speaker's only agenda is to ensure the functioning of the legislature. As Mr. Peters aptly put it, if both the government and opposition are upset with the Speaker, then they can consider the day a success. Meeting Mr. Levac and Mr. Peters in our first days of orientation was an excellent experience, and we thank them for their time.



Speaker as the Servant of the House

In the Ontario government, the Speaker is considered the Servant of the House, as opposed to the servant of the Crown, the Government or a particular Party. A dramatic historic incident illustrates what this means. In 1642, King Charles I, accompanied by armed guards, entered the House of Commons and demanded the surrender of five Members on charges of treason. The House refused to give them up despite persistent pressure from the King. Although more than one previous Speaker had paid with his life for angering the Crown, Speaker William Lenthall answered the King by declaring where his allegiance lay: *May it please Your Majesty, I have neither eyes to see, nor tongue to speak in this place, but as the House is pleased to direct me, whose servant I am here; and I humbly beg Your Majesty's pardon that I cannot give any other answer than this to what Your Majesty is pleased to demand of me.*

Source: The Speaker's Page of the Ontario Legislative Assembly website: www.speaker.ontla.on.ca

KEEPING 'EM HONEST

MEETING ONTARIO'S INDEPENDENT OFFICERS

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During orientation, we were lucky to meet with the seven Independent Officers of the Legislature. The meetings helped us to understand how these watchdogs function and hold government bodies accountable.

We visited the bright, cheery Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth to meet Child Advocate Irwin Elman and his staff. Mr. Elman's stories were touching and emphasized the importance of the Advocate's work in empowering youth and ensuring their voices are heard.



We heard from the Office of the Integrity Commissioner, Lynn Morrison, and the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Ann Cavoukian. Ms. Morrison acquainted us with the five-fold nature of her mandate. Among other things, her work supports high ethical standards, trust and confidence among MPPs and Ministers' staff. The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is a world-leader in Privacy Enhancing Technologies and Dr. Cavoukian has been recognized internationally for her Privacy by Design framework.



In our meeting with Environmental Commissioner, Gord Miller, the interns learned about the Environmental Bill of Rights as well as environmental challenges facing Ontario and the global community.

Auditor General, Jim McCarter, is the only Independent Officer with a standing legislative committee (Public Accounts). Among his other functions, the Auditor focuses a great deal of the office's efforts on Value-for-Money Audits in his Annual Reports, to determine how efficiently and effectively a government program or entity operates.



Provincial Ombudsman Andre Marin outlined his role examining issues of maladministration under his mandate to investigate over 500 provincial bodies. And finally, with Chief Electoral Officer, Greg Essensa, and Deputy Chief, Loren Wells, we discussed the work of Elections Ontario, and the special challenge of operating during a period of minority government.

We thank all the Independent Officers for meeting with us and helping us to better understand the roles and functions of these important accountability officers within Ontario's parliamentary system.

A WORD FOR OUR SPONSORS

MEETING OUR SPONSORS

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OLIP is fortunate to have the support of generous sponsors. Beyond their much-appreciated financial contributions, many sponsors also share their experiences and insights with us during meetings. Below is a snapshot of intern-sponsor interactions to date:

John Wright, Ipsos Public Affairs

John Wright gave us a look behind the numbers underpinning the key decisions made by governments and businesses. As Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Ipsos' Public Opinion Polling Division, Mr. Wright spoke about how his company attempts to measure peoples' beliefs, emphasizing the importance of accurate data in politics.



Ted Wigdor and Puneet Luthra, Certified General Accountants of Ontario

At CGA Ontario, we heard from a high-profile industry association about its place in the political process. It was enjoyable hearing from Ted Wigdor and Puneet Luthra, respectively Vice-President of Government, Regulatory and Corporate Affairs and Director of Public Policy and Government Relations about their experiences in helping CGA Ontario to shape public policy.



Ryan Clarke, Advocacy Solutions

In our meeting with Ryan Clarke, President of Advocacy Solutions, we learned important insights about the political process and the role played by effective advocacy. As a professional consultant who teaches organizations how to make their voices heard by decision-makers, Mr. Clarke gave us a highly practical crash course in effective advocacy.

Patrick Kennedy, CIBC

As Senior Director of Government Relations, Mr. Kennedy shared his perspective on the issues central to CIBC as a major financial institution. We learned the importance to businesses of having experts who understand the policy process. With experience as a government relations expert, political staffer and civil servant, Mr. Kennedy spoke engagingly on all aspects of political life.

Paul Yeung, RBC

As RBC's Senior Manager of Regulatory and Government Affairs, Paul Yeung had a wealth of knowledge to share with us about not only his current job, but also insights drawn from his wide-ranging professional background. In addition to Mr. Yeung's words of advice, we were treated to a tour of RBC's trading floor, getting a tangible sense of the speed and level of intensity at which the financial markets operate.



It is easy to see why meeting with sponsors is one of the most enriching components of the OLIP intern experience. We would like to thank all of our sponsors for enabling OLIP to seek those experiences which will make for a successful upcoming year.

FROM SCHOLARS TO STARS

OLIP ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS

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Since its inaugural year in 1976, OLIP alumni have followed interesting career paths. For the fall edition of our magazine, we checked in with some of our alumni who are working outside the political sphere in academia and the arts. We wanted to see what they've been up to since their internship, how OLIP affected their careers, and what advice they have for current interns. Here's what we found.

David Docherty, Mount Royal University, Calgary

David Docherty was an intern in the OLIP class of 1984-1985. As such, he was present at Queen's Park for



a historic election that produced one of Ontario's few minority governments.

Ironically, he had been warned prior to OLIP of the "dullness of Ontario politics." Working at Queen's Park he witnessed quite the opposite: there were three different

premiers over the course of his internship. David's internship experience fostered his love for politics and his desire to participate in a non-partisan fashion. This led David into teaching, and the path eventually led to Mount Royal University where he currently serves as president.

Mount Royal University is the oldest post-secondary institution in Calgary, yet its newest university. As the president of an educational institution in transition, David says there are still some challenges facing the university around new program offerings and preparing students for post-graduate education. David says this is his dream job, although running a breakfast diner when he leaves academic life remains a close second.

David maintains strong ties to OLIP, having served as a member of the board and the hiring committee of the Canadian Political Science Association. As a former intern, David offers this wisdom: it is important to recognize that everyone comes into politics with the same honourable intention of advancing the greater good; they just disagree on what the greater good is and how to achieve it. Despite this, it is important to appreciate and respect the good will that everyone brings to the job.

Samantha Majic, John Jay College, City University of New York



Samantha Majic hails from the OLIP class of 2001-2002. As part of the program, Samantha wrote a research paper on female representation in the Legislature—a decision which would ultimately focus her career on gender issues in politics. Samantha's experience as an intern confirmed that she was not interested in running for politics but she was passionate about research. Rather than attending law school like she had originally

planned, Samantha went into the academic sphere. She completed Masters' degrees at both York and Cornell and a PhD at Cornell in American politics and gender politics. OLIP also taught Samantha how to be politically neutral and professional - a handy skill when dealing with ideologically opposite colleagues.

Today, Samantha is an Assistant Professor in Political Science at John Jay College in the City University of New York. Her research focuses on rights and protections for sex-trade workers as well as initiatives focused on men to reduce the demand for prostitution. Samantha enjoys the self-directed component of the job and that fact that she is constantly intellectually engaged.

Her advice to current interns is not to go to law school, which a number of interns are considering. Sorry guys! But more seriously, she hopes interns will be open to new opportunities. She advises us to think about what we want from our career and the day-to-day activities of a job in order to find something that matches our interests.

Looking Back: What Did our Alumni Write their Intern Papers About?

David Docherty: *The Effectiveness of Question Period in the Ontario Legislature*

Chris Waddell: *Minority Government and the 37.5 Per Cent Increase in OHIP Premiums*

Samantha Majic: *Women's Issues - Representation in the Ontario Legislature*

Graham Abbey: *Rethinking Political Education in Canada*

Christopher Waddell, Carleton University, Ottawa

Chris began his foray into politics as a part of the OLIP class of 1977-1978. After finishing placements with Conservative MPP Robert Elgie and Liberal MPP Sean Conway, Chris went on to complete his PhD before beginning his career in journalism and academia. As a journalist, Chris has worked for a number of notable news outlets including The Financial Post, The Economist, CBC, and The Globe and Mail.



Chris joined the faculty at Carleton University in July of 2001 and is currently an Associate Professor and the Director for the School of Journalism and Communication. He appreciates that his job gives him both the opportunity and the ability to observe the role played by the media in politics and business over time. His work allows him to see issues from the perspective of his students, and he relishes that as a professor.

His fondest memory as an intern was seeing that his work had a tangible impact on a decision to not increase OHIP premiums. The internship directly affected Chris' career by leading to a job as a Legislative Assistant in Robert Elgie's office. Chris' experiences as an intern have also shaped his work as a journalist, as it has provided him with a practical understanding of politics that most people don't have the opportunity to experience.

Chris offers the current interns this advice: get involved in everything that you can in your placements, whether it is riding visits, attending events, or meeting new people. Take advantage of everything you can in the short time that you are at Queen's Park because it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Graham Abbey, Politics and Theatre

Many people would agree that politics involves a certain amount of theatre. No one knows this better than OLIP alumnus, Graham Abbey, from the class of 1994-95. Graham kindly shared his experience in both spheres and talked about how art can change the world.

Graham made his theatrical debut at Stratford when he was 11. The initial appeal of acting was free donuts and an excuse to skip school, but acting soon became his passion. Following roles in *The Border*

and *Degrassi*, Graham Abbey has become a household name both in theatre and television. His love of Shakespeare ultimately lured him back to Stratford in 2011 to act in *Cymbeline*. More recently, Graham appeared in *Take This Waltz*, *Elektra* and the musical *Snow White* currently playing in Toronto. Word has it that Graham will be back at Stratford in 2013 with roles in *The Three Musketeers* and *Othello*.

At the outset of his career, Graham's obsession with drama as well as his intellectual and analytical nature had him considering a future in acting, politics, or law, each of which have elements of performance and a connection with humanity. During his internship in 1994-1995, Graham observed the political process first hand. Graham believes that the introduction of television in the legislature blurred the line between acting and politics, but this is not necessarily negative. At their best, both political rhetoric and art is about communicating a message that resonates and inspires people. However, he became disillusioned with politics when he perceived a disconnect between what happens at the Legislature and the reality of peoples' lives.



For Graham, acting is a way to affect people and he relishes the opportunity to connect with his audience. Graham speaks of a memorable event on September 11, 2001. After performing *Henry V*, he asked the audience to observe a moment of silence to commemorate the victims of the attacks. Afterward, an American from the audience insisted on coming backstage and tearfully thanked Graham for his words. This man said that in the wake of the

events, the only thing he could think of to do was turn off CNN and come to hear some Shakespeare. Graham explains "that's why I do what I do."

Graham enjoyed his time with OLIP, in particular, seeing the drama of a political campaign up close. He also saw the year as a time to explore and reflect on what he wanted out of his career. Graham's advice to current interns is to follow our hearts to step outside Queen's Park. Politics is much bigger than the legislature and there are many ways to use our passion and energy to change the world.

ALUMNI UPDATES

RECENT ALUMNI APPOINTMENTS & UPDATES

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Tejas Aivalli (2008-2009) Research Analyst, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Toronto

Nick Ametrano (1994-1995) Vice President and Owner of MonsterMortgage.ca

Maegan Baird (2009-2010) Policy Advisor, Horizon Utilities Corporation, Hamilton

Karim Bardeesy (2001-2002) Executive Director, Policy, Premier Dalton McGuinty, Queen's Park

Annette M. Boucher, Q.C. (1983-1984) Legislative Counsel and Assistant Clerk, Legislative Counsel Office, Nova Scotia House of Assembly

Philip Bousquet (1993-1994) Manager, Industrial and Government Relations, Ontario Mining Association

Ian Burns (2006-2007) Curator, Website, Ontario News Watch

James Cairns (2001-2002) Co-author, *The Democratic Imagination: Envisioning Popular Power in the Twenty-First Century*, University of Toronto Press, 2012

Melissa Cernigoy (2010-2011) Policy Analyst, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Ottawa

Guy Charlton (1990-1991) Associate Professor of Law, City University, Hong Kong

Lisa Clements (1995-1996) Director, Corporate and Public Affairs, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto

Shaun Cody (1989-1990) Founder and Lawyer, New Horizon Law

Ryan Cookson (2007-2008) Law Clerk at the Court of Appeal for Ontario

Tim Culbert (2004-2005) Associate Lawyer, Purvis Law, Woodstock, New Brunswick

Roderick Cumming (1993-1994) Senior Director, Communications & Public Affairs, CIBC Marketing

Leslie de Meulles (2009-2010) Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of Natural Resources, Government of Ontario, Toronto

Julia Deans (1985-1986) Chair, Expert Roundtable on Immigration, Province of Ontario, Toronto

Ann De Rabbie (1994-1995) Director, Public Affairs, Scotiabank, Toronto

Laura Dougan (2006-2007) Law Clerk, Federal Court of Appeal, Ottawa

Jon Feairs (2005-2006) Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Toronto

Patrick Fafard (1985-1986) Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa

Karli Farrow (1998-1999) Executive Director, Integration, The Credit Valley Hospital and Trillium Health Centre, Mississauga, Ontario

Nathan Fisher (2001-2002) Doctor of Philosophy Candidate in Modern History, University of Oxford

Nicole Goodman (2005-2006) Part-time instructor, Dept. of Political Science, McMaster University

Lauren Hanna (2011-2012) Audit Researcher, Office of the Ontario Auditor General, Toronto

Nicola Hepburn (2004-2005) Doctoral Student, Dept. of Political Science, University of Toronto

Angela Hersey (2008-2009) Master's Candidate, Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Sabrina Hoque (2007-2008) Co-editor, *Debating a Post-American World: What Lies Ahead?*, Routledge Press, London, England, 2012.

Kimlan Hokan (2008-2009) Policy Analyst, Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Toronto

Waqas Iqbal (2008-2009) Research Assistant and Candidate for Juris Doctor, Faculty of Law, University of Calgary

Elizabeth Keller (1995-1996) Director, Product Management, OntarioMD, Toronto

Sylvia Kim (2011-2012) Social Enterprise Manager, Native Women's Resource Centre, Toronto

Kimberley Kirkup (1987-1988) President, London Staybridge Suites, London, Ontario

Tristan Landry (1997-1998) Director, Media Relations Office, Dept. of Foreign Affairs & International Trade, Ottawa

Aviva Levy (2009-2010) Research Associate, Tower Renewal Office, City of Toronto

Sara Lyons (2001-2002) Director, Strategic Initiatives, Community Foundations of Canada, Montreal

Michelle MacDonald (2000-2001) Senior Economist, Finance Department, Regional Municipality of Durham/Economic Analyst, Durham, Ontario

Sine MacKinnon (1986-1987) Director, Communications and Community Engagement, The Change Foundation, Toronto

Thomas Maidwell (2010-2011) Vice President, Operations, Lende and Associates, Toronto

Gerard McDonald (1990-1991) Vice-President & Program Director, Financial Crisis Management, BMO Financial Group, Toronto

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

Catherine McKellar (1994-1995) Consultant, CAM Consulting, Halifax, Nova Scotia

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Dan O'Brien (2005-2006) Deputy Chief of Staff, Caucus of New Democratic Party, Queen's Park, Toronto

Charles Vincent (1996-1997) Senior Director, Automotive and Transportation Industries, Ottawa

Nanda Purandare (2000-2001) Senior Policy and Research Analyst, Office of Francophone Affairs, Toronto

Erica Rayment (2010-2011) Associate Editor, *Academic Matters, A Journal of Higher Education*

Sarah Roberts (2002-2003) Policy Researcher, Climate Disclosure, Climate Disclosure Standards Board, The Carbon Disclosure Project, London, UK

Benjamin Rossiter (2004-2005) Labour Relations Officer, the Association of Management, Administrative and Professional Crown Employees of Ontario

Craig Ruttan (2011-2012) Consultant, Counsel Public Affairs, Toronto

Rebecca Scott (2004-2005) Regional Director, Extendicare Assist, Extendicare, Toronto

Mike Smith (2010-2011) Policy Advisor, Transmission and Distribution Policy Research, Energy Supply, Transmission and Distribution Policy Division, Ministry of Energy, Toronto

Rachel Stack (2006-2007) Student-at-Law, Bruce Power, Tiverton, Ontario

Lauren Starr (2006-2007) Career Services Officer, Industry Specialist, Faculty of Science, Western University.

Olga Szkabarnicki (1992-1993) Lawyer, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Legal Services, Specific Claims Section, Ottawa

Aamir Taiyeb (2007-2008) Analyst, Imagine Education in Canada, Council of Ministers of Education, Toronto

David Taras (1976-1977) and Christopher Waddell (1977-1978), co-editors, *How Canadians Communicate IV*, Athabasca University Press, 2012

Charles Thompson (2010-2011) Parliamentary Assistant to Dr. Hedy Fry, Federal Liberal Health Critic and MP for Vancouver Centre

Matthew Thornton (2007-2008) Assistant Director, Government Relations, Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA), Toronto

Sasha Tregebov (2010-2011) Senior Policy Analyst, Jobs and Prosperity Council Secretariat, Ministry of Innovation and Economic Development, Toronto

Jonathan Trentadue (2009-2010) Associate Manager, Social Responsibility, OLG, Toronto

Eleni Tsoutsias (2006-2007) Economic Specialist, Ministry of Finance

Anne Waddell (1977-1978) Vice President, Government Relations, Bio Amber, Ottawa

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

Lisa Marie Williams (2010-2011) Research Assistant at the Wellesley Institute

Gordon Wong (1991-1992) Manager, Public and Government Affairs (Africa), Exxon Mobile Production Company, Houston, Texas, USA

Judith Wong (2007-2008) Senior Policy Analyst, Health Promotion Division, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Government of Ontario, Toronto

John Wright (1980-1981) Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Ipsos Global Affairs at Ipsos Reid, Toronto

Monica Wyrzykowska (2011-2012) Policy Analyst (OIP), Capital Programs Branch, Ministry of Education, Government of Ontario, Toronto

GOODBYE ANNE & HELLO WILL

CHANGES TO THE OLIP COORDINATOR TEAM

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During the 2011-2012 year, it was a pleasure to get to know Anne Stokes. All of the interns came to greatly appreciate the contribution she made to OLIP every single week. Anne brought a fantastic attitude and a wealth of knowledge to her role as program coordinator, and she continues to be a wonderful friend and mentor to us post-internship. It was always a pleasure to catch up with Anne at the weekly meetings, because she took a genuine interest in each intern's experience at Queen's Park. Anne was also a wonderful resource for advice and guidance, and she managed to maintain an unfailingly positive attitude while helping us work through any hiccups that arose throughout the year. Despite a busy workload of her own, Anne was extremely generous with her time and would always share her expertise to help us better understand procedure and precisely how the Legislative Assembly operates. Without Anne, there are valuable lessons that we would have missed out on entirely. Our year was greatly enhanced by Anne's involvement, and she'll be greatly missed as a coordinator. Thanks for all your great work, Anne, and best of luck in the future! - *Belinda Ellsworth (2011-12 Intern)*

We are pleased to announce that William Short has joined our team as OLIP coordinator. Will was born in Toronto and grew up in nearby Mississauga. He graduated from the University of Waterloo with an Honours degree in Political Science. Will explored his interest in politics as a summer student in the Journals branch of the Assembly in his third year of study. From there he took an administrative assistant position, and four years later earned his current position as clerk. His favourite part about his position as clerk is the ability to experience politics as it happens, which keeps each day exciting. Will was interested in joining the OLIP team because he felt he was at a point in his career where he would be able to offer interns advice and knowledge. The interns are grateful to have Will on our team and we have been making use of his wealth of legislative knowledge. The interns have quickly grown fond of Will, and we are all excited to continue working with him. Will looks forward to getting to know the interns better and hearing how our placements go. We are delighted to welcome Will to the OLIP family and look forward to a fantastic year.



Advice for the Interns from OLIP Coordinators

Look on the 10 months you will spend at Queen's Park as a chance to explore many kinds of work avenues to see which ones you are actually suited to and enjoy. In a concentrated period of time, you can gain a lifetime worth of exposure to careers ranging from policy work, research and writing, political analysis and commentary, problem solving, communications, public relations, advertising, networking, event planning, office management and issues management to community activism and constituency issues. You will also get to see real politics from the inside and from both sides of the House. On top of all that you can experience the camaraderie of an impressive group of other bright engaging interns. My advice is to enjoy every minute – good and bad. They will prove to be even better than you think now. - *Anne Stokes*

The advice I would offer the group of Interns this year is to take all experiences, good or bad, and make the most of them. They will assist you in making future decisions in your professional career. - *Will Short*

A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS

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The United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW Canada) is Canada's largest private-sector union and the leading voice for workers in Ontario and across the country. UFCW Canada is a progressive and inclusive organization that is dedicated to workers' rights and a better future for members and their families. As the country's leading democratic workers' organization, UFCW Canada members vote for their local union leaders, the bylaws that govern their locals, and their collective agreements. Political action is an essential part of the UFCW Canada culture, and full engagement in the broader political process is one of the union's guiding principles. UFCW Canada is firmly committed to fully mobilizing its 250,000 members across the country – including more than 100,000 members in Ontario – to support legislation and public policies that assist the union in protecting fundamental labour rights and in creating higher living standards for UFCW Canada members, and all workers in our core industries.



Many people think of UFCW Canada as the food workers' union because it represents members in every sector of the food industry from the field, to the processor, to the warehouse, to the store, to the dinner table. But UFCW Canada is more than that. Throughout Ontario, and across Canada, tens of thousands of UFCW Canada members also work in the in health care, manufacturing, hospitality and many other sectors. The union's membership is diverse and vibrant and nearly half of all UFCW Canada members are under the age of 30. To find out more about UFCW Canada, visit www.ufcw.ca.



The Association of Management, Administrative and Professional Crown Employees of Ontario (AMAPCEO) is a bargaining agent representing 12,000 professional and supervisory public servants, most of whom work in the Ontario Public Service (OPS), i.e., directly for the Government of Ontario in every ministry and in a number of agencies, boards and commissions. AMAPCEO also represents six bargaining units outside the OPS.

AMAPCEO is a recent (and enthusiastic!) sponsor of OLIP. We are pleased to support a program that exposes so many exceptional recent graduates to the work of the legislature and Ontario's public service.

We look forward to helping introduce OLIP interns to our organization, and to the work of the membership we represent.

I began working with AMAPCEO this year as a Labour Relations Officer. My role with AMAPCEO is a varied one, and includes assisting with the negotiation of collective agreements, researching and developing organizational policy, and overseeing litigation conducted on behalf of our membership. I have been very happy to be in a position that draws upon both my experiences as an OLIP intern and legislative staffer, as well as my post-internship work as a lawyer.

- Ben Rossiter, Former OLIP Intern

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The Ontario Legislature Internship Programme is providing first-class experiences to Ontario's best and brightest emerging civic leaders, and Vale is proud to support such a high-quality program that aligns with our commitment to enhancing education in the countries in which we operate. Vale looks forward to watching the program grow over the next several years, and we wish each of the 2012-13 interns the best of luck.



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