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# Student Profiles

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## Master of Public Policy Class of 2015

The goal of the Master of Public Policy program is to train policy professionals who will find leadership positions in government and the private sector.

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# Adam Anderson

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Calgary: Major in Political Science

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

TransCanada Pipelines, Supply Chain Management, Canadian Operations, 2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

Stakeholder relations within the natural resource industry or regulatory policy within the natural resource industry.

# Matthew Berry

**Hometown:**

Canmore, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, University of British Columbia

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Strategic Advisor, External Relations, The Banff Centre
- Former Director of the Office of Senator Doug Black (AB)
- Former Senior Policy Analyst, Economics and Markets, Alberta Energy

**Direction of Capstone:**

A comparative analysis of issue advocacy campaigns, with a focus on the role of digital technologies.

# Randi Berting

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Calgary: Major in General Studies, Minor in Communications

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Senior Intergovernmental Affairs Consultant, City Manager's Office, City of Calgary, present
- Business Strategist, Transportation Department, City of Calgary, 2009-2012
- Senior Intergovernmental Affairs Consultant, City of Calgary, 2011-2012
- Consultant, Community Services and Protective Services Department, City of Calgary, 2002-2007
- Manager, Public Affairs Unit, Calgary Police Service, 1995-2001

**Direction of Capstone:**

Understanding how public policies may impact citizens as part of evidence-based decision-making in the public sector.

# Alisha Bhura

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Honours Bachelor of Environmental Studies, Environment and Business Co-operative, Diploma Environmental Assessment, University of Waterloo

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- CGI Group Inc- Toronto Ontario, 2011-2012
- Pivotal Labs, Toronto Ontario, 2012-2013
- Volunteer Experience:
- Jim Prentice Campaign, 2014
- Ismaili Council for Canada, Conciliation and Arbitration Board, 2013-2014
- Ismaili Council for Canada, Canadian Immigration Program, 2013-2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

Energy policy and government relations.

# David Bray

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

Volunteered in Calgary's arts community

**Direction of Capstone:**

Canadian foreign policy and the Arctic.

# Camilo Andrés Camacho Escamilla

**Hometown:**

Bogotá, Colombia

**Educational Background:**

Political Science, National University of Colombia

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Research Assistant, Colombian refugees in Calgary and political affairs, 2014
- Assistant Observatory on Migration, Fundación ESPERANZA, International Non — Governmental Organization, Bogotá, Colombia, March 2011-March 2013
- Research Assistant, National University of Colombia. Bogotá, Colombia
- Research Assistant, Integration process in Latin America through the Andean Community (CAN) and the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR), National University of Colombia. Bogotá, Colombia
- Researcher, helmets for peace, a view from the Colombian academy, United Nations and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia
- Research Assistant, migrations and displacements, National University of Colombia

**Direction of Capstone:**

Colombian migration in Canada and the existing policies both in Canada and Colombia, including the current situation, issues and possible suggestions.

# Katherine Connolly

**Hometown:**

Ottawa, ON

**Educational Background:**

Combined Honours in Environment, Society, and Sustainability (ESS), and International Development Studies (IDS) joint degree, University of King's College and Dalhousie University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

Co-founder/Contributor, Divest Dalhousie (divestdal.ca), May 2013-May 2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

An analysis on the current policies revolving around the development of the Alberta Oil Sands.

# Hélène M.E de Beer

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Masters in Language and Literature, Free University of Amsterdam

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Alberta Energy Regulator, 2012-present
- EnCana, 2009-2012
- Woodside Energy, 2006-2009
- EnCana, 2000-2006
- Shell International Exploration & Production, 1990-2000
- Three years of volunteer work with the Public Petroleum Data Management Association

**Direction of Capstone:**

Closure and liability challenges and opportunities for energy development in Alberta.

# Alexandra Eakins

**Hometown:**

New Westminster, BC

**Educational Background:**

- Bachelor of Commerce, University of Alberta
- Joint MBA/MPP Candidate, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Communication & Integration Intern, Sobeys- Safeway Operations, May 2014-present
- President, MBA Society, 2014-present
- Governance Committee Member, Cliff Bungalow Community Garden, 2014-present
- Public Affairs Coordinator, Alberta- Canada Safeway, 2010-2013
- Community Outreach Coordinator, MBA Society, 2014
- Sponsorship Coordinator, Sled Island Music & Arts Festival, 2011-2013
- Calgary Humane Society, Opening Gaits, Safeway Foundation, AIM & ARF

**Direction of Capstone:**

Investigating the sustainability of current Canadian Food Policy with a focus in labelling policies and procedures.

# Brendan Frank

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, Queen's University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Kingston Sustainability Centre, 2010-2012
- Environmental Coordinator at ATCO Energy Solutions, 2012-present

**Direction of Capstone:**

Sustainability policy and the significance of environmental liabilities in the natural resource sector.



# Lindsey Garner-Knapp

**Hometown:**

Airdrie, AB

**Educational Background:**

- Master of Arts Anthropology and South Asia Studies, University of Toronto
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Anthropology and Philosophy, University of Lethbridge

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Research Assistant, Faculty of Medicine, Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging, University of Calgary, April 2013-March 2014
- Researcher, Diachronic Analysis in Health Practices in India, Anthropology Department, University of Toronto, May 2011-July 2012
- Researcher, Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Alberta, Anthropology Department, University of Lethbridge, May 2008-April 2009
- Member, American Anthropology Association, 2013-
- Volunteer, Treasurer, Anthropology Graduate Student Union, September 2010-August 2011
- Volunteer, President, University of Lethbridge Anthropology Club, September 2008-August 2009

**Direction of Capstone:**

The effects of immigration policies on economic growth in Alberta, paying specific attention to long-term growth forecasts and market diversification possibilities.

# Anwar Haq

**Hometown:**

Calgary, Alberta

**Educational Background:**

- Doctor of Philosophy, University of Liverpool: Major in Genetics & Microbiology
- Master of Science, University of Agriculture: Major in Pathology & Microbiology
- Master of Business Administration, Wilfred Laurier University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Executive Director, Snyder Institute at the University of Calgary, 2007-2013
- Business Planning Manager, University of Prince Edward Island, 2006-2007
- Research Scientist, McMaster University, 2001-2006
- Research Assistant, University of Liverpool, 1999-2000
- Technical Marketing Manager, Cyanamid Pak., 1996-1997
- Assistant Manager, Bayer Agrochemicals, 1993-1996

**Direction of Capstone Project:**

Health policy.



# Alexa Hutchinson

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Western Ontario: Major in Political Science and French

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Analyst, Public Safety Canada, 2007-2013
- English Language Assistant, College Jean Vilar & College Les Iris — Académie de Lyon, 2005-2006
- Guide — Interpreter, Rideau Hall, 2003-2005

**Direction of Capstone:**

Foreign policy and social policy.

# Joseph Paul Hutter

**Hometown:**

Brooks, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (With Distinction), University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Outreach Leader for Students Offering Support U of C Chapter, 2013-present
- Participated in outreach project to Honduras (2013), organized, fundraised, and co-lead May 2014 project to Sibilila, Guatemala. Currently planning 2015 project
- Participated in Friends Helping Friends program with the Calgary Inter-faith Food Bank, 2013

**Direction of Capstone:**

A comparative study of Alberta and Newfoundland's energy policies.

# Emily Jackson

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**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Science, Dalhousie University: Honours in Economics

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Fiscal Economics Research Assistant, Scotiabank, Summer 2011, 2012, 2014
- Research and Statistics Officer, Nova Scotia Department of Education, Summer 2010
- President of Dalhousie Undergraduate Economics Student Association, 2011-2013

**Direction of Capstone:**

Energy royalties in Alberta.

# Steven Jarvis

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**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Alberta: Major in Political Science (International Relations) and Major in History

**Direction of Capstone:**

The increase of Chinese investment in Alberta's energy sector and the implications for Canadian foreign policy.

# George Johnson

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts, Concordia University: Major in Environmental Health

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Public Health Inspector, Alberta Health Services, 2010-present
- Environmental Health Officer, Health Canada, 2010
- Investment Representative, TD Waterhouse, 2009

**Direction of Capstone:**

Health policy.

# Laura Johnson

**Hometown:**

Arnprior, ON

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Applied Science, University of Waterloo: Honours in Chemical Engineering, Minor in Economics, Management Sciences Option

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Finance Lead, Engineers Without Borders Calgary Professional Chapter, 2012-present
- Application Engineer EIT, Spartan Controls, 2012-2014
- International Assistant, Shusaku Yamamoto Patent Attorneys, 2010-2011

**Direction of Capstone:**

The relationship between resource extraction and income distribution.

# Musa Keita

**Home Country:**

Liberia

**Educational Background:**

Master of Social Work, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

Social Worker, Critical Care, Alberta Health Services

**Direction of Capstone:**

Health and social welfare policy.

# Mukesh Khanal

**Hometown:**

Biratnagar, Nepal

**Educational Background:**

- Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Economics, Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Master of Arts in Applied Economics, University of Cincinnati

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Guest Lecturer of Economics of Conflict, Tribhuvan University, 2014
- Consultant Economist, Routledge Publication UK, 2014
- Program Officer, The Asia Foundation-Nepal, 2011-2014
- Lecturer of Microeconomics, Kathmandu University, 2010-2014
- Research Team Leader, Japan International Cooperation Agency, 2012-2013
- Research Advisor, Small Arms Survey Group, 2013
- Consultant Economist, Nepal Economic, Agriculture and Trade Activity funded by USAID, 2011
- Economist, Institute for Integrated Development Studies, 2010-2011
- Teaching Assistant for Department of Economics, University of Cincinnati, 2007-2009

**Direction of Capstone:**

Economic and social policy.

# Sunjeet Kullar

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Commerce-Finance

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Government of Alberta, office of the Minister of Human Services, May 2014-Aug 2014
- Director, Kullar Investments, 2011-2014
- Financial Consultant, AXA Advisors NY, NY
- Co-founder, Carefest Charity Soccer Tournament
- Volunteer PC Leadership Campaign

**Direction of Capstone:**

Innovation and investment in the Alberta energy market.

# Anisha Lagah

**Hometown:**

Victoria, BC

**Educational Background:**

- Bachelor of Arts in Economics (With Distinction), University of Victoria: Minor in Business
- Business Administration — Finance Option, Internship Designation Diploma, Camosun College

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

Legal Assistant, Manhas Mar Lawyers, February 2012-July 2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

Is implementing a carbon tax in Alberta a good idea?

# Blake Leew

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Queen's University
- Joint MBA/MPP Candidate, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Project Manager at Eighth Avenue Place, EllisDon Construction, 2008-present
- Project Engineer on various geotechnical construction projects in Canada, Australia, the Caribbean and the South Pacific, Golder Associates Ltd, 2003-2008

**Direction of Capstone:**

Interests include innovation policy, sustainability, aboriginal affairs, middle eastern politics, and the interface between public policy and business.

# Thor Lindstrom

**Hometown:**

Penticton, BC

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts, University of British Columbia Okanagan: Major in Political Science, Specialization in International Relations

**Direction of Capstone:**

A critical analysis of Canada's temporary foreign worker program and the potential for long- term immigration.

# Kay Linley

**Hometown:**

Nelson, BC

**Educational Background:**

- Bachelor of Natural Resource Science, Thompson Rivers University
- Diploma of Recreation, Fish and Wildlife, Selkirk College

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Founder and writer for environmental awareness group, Growing Commons, 2013-present
- Environmental Coordinator, SNC Lavalin, 2013-2014
- Plant Ecologist and Greenhouse Coordinator, Tipi Mountain Native Plants, 2010-2011
- Research Assistant, Thompson Rivers University, 2009
- Teacher in Environmental Awareness and Conservation in Kenya, Village Volunteers, 2008
- Research Assistant, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, 2007-2008

**Direction of Capstone:**

Environmental insurance and risk analysis for large scale projects involving high environmental risk.

# Sara Lukmanji

**Hometown:**

Mississauga, ON

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Applied Science, Arts and Science Program, McMaster University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Student Scholar, McMaster Institute for Innovation and Excellence in Teaching and Learning (MIETL), Dec. 2013-June 2014
- Research Assistant, McMaster University Department of Medicine (Dr. Karen Beattie) Aug. 2013-present
- Research Assistant at the McMaster University Department of Medicine (Dr. Michael Gupta), May 2013-present

**Direction of Capstone:**

Determining what extent wait times for various healthcare treatments contribute to premature death and suggest potential preventative policies.



# Melissa Mathieson

**Hometown:**

High River, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (With Distinction), University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Researcher, The Conference Board of Canada, 2014
- Issues Management and Parliamentary Affairs, Office of the Honourable Ted Menzies, Minister of State (Finance), 2012-2013
- Assistant to Issues Management, Office of the Prime Minister, 2011-2012
- National Campaigns Director, CanLeads, 2014
- Federal Nomination Candidate for the Conservative Party of Canada, 2014
- Board Member and Volunteer, Macleod Electoral District Association, 2010-2013
- Volunteer on various campaigns on behalf of Conservative candidates both provincially and federally, 2001-2014

**Direction of Capstonet:**

A focus on community and stakeholder relations in the extractive resource sector.

# Brian R. McCann

**Hometown:**

Lower Sackville, NS

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

Has conducted research on the advancement of democracy in the world

**Direction of Capstone:**

International Policy.

# Curtis McKinney

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Concordia University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Cost Control Analyst, Shell, 2012-present
- Board of Governors Calgary-Varsity Progressive Conservative Association, Volunteer Coordinator, 2011-present
- Big Brothers Big Sisters, In-School program, 2013-2014
- VP Sustainability, Loyola International College, 2010-2011

**Direction of Capstone:**

A comparative analysis between First Nation groups in Alberta and British Columbia, identifying differences in how each negotiates land use with private firms as a result of policy set by the respective provincial governments.

# Jihan Muhamad

**Hometown:**

Winnipeg, MB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts (Advanced), University of Manitoba: Major in Political Studies, Minor in History

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Co-Chair, Amnesty International University of Manitoba (AIUM), May 2012-May 2013
- Editor, The Newsbeat, University of Manitoba Native Studies Department, October 2012-January 2013
- Co-Founder, Kurdish Youth Organization of Winnipeg (KYOW), May 2012-March 2013
- Events Planner, Amnesty International University of Manitoba, September 2011-May 2012
- Volunteer Writer, The Manitoban, September 2011-May 2012
- Volunteer, Third and Fourth Annual Kurdish Youth Festival, January 2012 and January 2013
- News Reporter, The Uniter, September-December 2009

**Direction of Capstone:**

Comparative analysis of federal and provincial environment and energy policies.

# Kelly O'Neill

**Hometown:**

Sault Ste. Marie, ON

**Educational Background:**

- Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours), Marketing Specialization, Laurentian University
- Mutual Fund Dealers Association licensed (Ontario) — IFSE institute

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Volunteer, bitcoinbrains.com
- Customer Service Agent, Sportsbet.com.au & Computershare Limited
- Financial Consultant, Investors Group Financial Services
- 49th Field Regiment, Canadian Armed Forces — Gunner

**Direction of Capstone:**

Creating a regulatory framework for internet usage in Canada, with a focus on avoiding censorship, maintaining the decentralized nature of the internet and protecting Canadian citizen's online privacy.

# Chidom D. Otogwu

**Hometown:**

Ihuowo, Nigeria

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts in Economics (Honours) and Bachelor of Business Administration (Minor), Simon Fraser University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Financial Secretary, Ihuowo Student Union, 2005-2006
- Research Assistant, 2013
- Teaching Assistant, 2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

Determining whether certain sources of revenue cause the government to act less rational in their spending behaviour, looking specifically at the resource curse and the Dutch diseases hypotheses, and their implications for Alberta.

# Harvey Rabin

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- Medical Degree, University of Western Ontario
- Internal Medicine, FRCPC
- Special Competency in Adult Infectious Diseases

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Professor, Departments of Medicine and Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary
- Formerly the Head, Division of Infectious Disease, Department of Medicine
- Formerly the Director, Adult Infectious Diseases Subspecialty Training Program, Department of Medicine
- Currently the Director of the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Clinic, University of Calgary Medical Clinic of the Foothills Medical Center

**Direction of Capstone:**

The current policy structure of disability insurance benefits for Canadians, in comparison to other countries, and identifying differences in disability requirements for persons with hidden versus overt disabilities. Advocacy by patients and on behalf of patients is also hoped to be included.

# Allison Robins

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations (With Distinction), University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Director/Co-Founder, Baiona Inc., January 2013-present
- Business Analyst, Government of Alberta Department of Energy, May 2010-January 2013

**Direction of Capstone:**

Examining the divide between current energy policy development and the social and environmental considerations necessary to ensure sustainable energy development in Canada.

# Cameron Rose

**Hometown:**

Mississauga, ON

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts, McMaster University: Major in History

**Direction of Capstone:**

The impact of production sharing agreements on Canadian drilling interests.

# Samantha Sexsmith

**Hometown:**

Mississauga, ON

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts, Honour's Degree in Criminal Justice and Public Policy,  
The University of Guelph

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Vanier Centre for Women, Milton — Community Engaged Learning Project
- Community Justice Initiatives (Non-Profit Organization), Kitchener

**Direction of Capstone:**

Working towards a reduction in crime rates as well as an improvement in health and wellness in disadvantaged communities by providing flexible incentives for recreational involvement amongst at-risk youth. Will also determine the effectiveness of play and community belonging as a proactive approach to preventing crimes committed by young Canadians. More specifically, an attempt will be made to facilitate new and relevant policy solutions to crime in the young Aboriginal community.

# Brady Stadnicki

**Hometown:**

Jenner, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Calgary: Major in History

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Summer Student, Operations, Pengrowth Energy Corporation, 2011-2014
- Volunteer on Outreach Trip with Students Offering Support: University of Calgary Chapter, 2014
- Volunteer with United Way of Southeast Alberta, 2013-2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

Agricultural policy or energy regulation policy.

# Natasha Steinback

**Hometown:**

Brooks, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Arts and Science: Major in Sociology, Minors in Crime, Law and Justice, Women and Gender Studies

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Office Coordinator — Schizophrenia Society of Saskatchewan — Saskatoon Chapter, 2013-2014
- Director of Fundraising and Events — Schizophrenia Society of Saskatchewan — Saskatoon Chapter, 2013
- Director of Operations and Logistics/ Finance — Women in the Legislature, University of Saskatchewan, 2012-2013

**Direction of Capstone:**

Looking towards restorative justice practices as a viable alternative to high levels of incarceration, while subsidizing applicable community based organizations to regulate and reintegrate criminal offenders, as a means to offset the high monetary costs incurred by housing provincial and federal inmates within Canada.

# Purvi Thaker

**Hometown:**

Ahmedabad (Gujarat), India

**Educational Background:**

Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts, Gujarat University: Major in Economics

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Academic Associate, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, June 2012-2014
- Voluntary Research Intern, Saath Charitable Trust, January 2012-April 2012
- Manager, MIS and Documentation, Saath Charitable Trust, July 2009-August 2010
- Volunteer, SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association), October-November 2008 and April-June 2009

**Direction of Capstone:**

A comparison of probable markets for child savings accounts in India and Canada.

# Sydney Thomson

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelors of Arts (Honours), Queen's University: Major in Political Studies, Minor in History

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Stakeholder Information Management Analyst, Communica Public Affairs September 2013-present
- International Production and Development — Summer Student, Nexen Inc. May 2012-August 2012
- Youth Service Officer, Government of Canada, Citizen Services, May 2011-August 2011
- Queen's Foreign Policy Conference, 2012
- Queen's Interactive Crisis Simulation, 2010

**Direction of Capstone:**

Sustainability, regulation and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the Alberta Energy Industry.



# Robert Townsend

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Commerce, University of Saskatchewan

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Vice President, Investment Advisor, Richardson GMP, 2009-present
- Investment Advisor, BMO Nesbitt Burns, 2008-2009

**Direction of Capstone:**

Canada's foreign investment policy.

# Kirsten Varsek

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Calgary: Major in History, Minor in Sociology

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Chair of Newsletter Committee; Former Editor, Chinook Country Historical Society, 2013-present
- Member-at-Large; Former Director and Chair of Communications Committee, Ghost River Theatre, 2012-present
- Student Advisor, University of Calgary Werklund School of Education, 2013-2014
- Editorial Assistance, Where Canadian Rockies Magazine, 2013
- Recruitment Officer, Mount Royal University Admissions and Recruitment, 2012-2013
- Review Contributor, Fast Forward Weekly Magazine, 2010-2012
- Records Coordinator, Calgary Community Heritage Roundtable, 2011
- Director, Verb Theatre, 2009-2011

**Direction of Capstone:**

Investigating how the arts can be better supported by public and private partnerships; exploring corporate shared value models and the growth of benefit corporations in Canada.

# Ashley Vogeli

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Acadia University: Minor in Philosophy
- Graduate, Leadership and Public Affairs Program, Laurentian Leadership Center

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Worked for the Honorable Raynell Andreychuk doing research for the Senate Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, 2012
- Established and implemented a compliance policy in response to Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation for Palliser Regional Schools, 2013-2014
- Learning Assistant for students with developmental disabilities, 2013-2014
- Member of the Calgary Youth Employment Center Youth Advisory Committee, 2013-2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

Investigate the impact of an increase in students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders on Alberta's social assistance programs.

# Zechen Wang

**Hometown:**

Beijing, China

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Commerce, Grant MacEwan University: Major in Management

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Vice President, Grant MacEwan University Chinese Students and Scholars Association, 2011-2012
- President, Grant MacEwan University Chinese Students and Scholars Association, 2012-2013
- Vice President, Alberta Chinese Alumni Association, 2014
- Research Assistant, Grant MacEwan University, Institute of Asia Pacific Studies, 2013
- Volunteer, Edmonton Mayoral Election, 2013; Alberta Provincial Election, 2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

Financial market regulation, policies regarding supervision of banks and financial service providers.

# Steven Wilson

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**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- Bachelor of Arts in General Humanities, University of Calgary
- Bachelor of Arts in Law and Society (Honours), First Class

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Closer To Home Community Services — Behavioural Youth Counsellor, 2003-2006
- Bow Valley College — Purchasing Agent, 2007-2010
- Alberta Committee of Citizens With Disabilities — Authorized Fundraiser, 2013-2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

Investigate the level of impact the Alberta oil sands have had on the environment and surrounding communities, focusing on the adequacy of current environmental policy and regulation, with a view to offering alternative strategies that satisfy both environmental and economic concerns.





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