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# Student Profiles

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MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY  
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# Master of Public Policy Class of 2018

The goal of the Master of Public Policy program is to train policy professionals who will find leadership positions in government, private and not-for-profit sectors.

# Akash Asif

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BComm, Petroleum Land Management, University of Calgary
- BSc, Psychology, University of Calgary

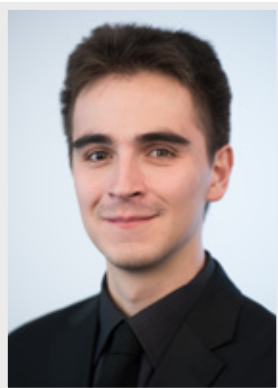
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- President, SupportWorks, 2015-Current, Calgary
- Communications Coordinator, Institute of Public Administration of Canada, 2017-Current, Calgary
- Account Manager, Quorum Business Solutions, 2015-2017, Calgary

**Direction of Capstone:**

An evaluation of Alberta's Human Rights Act and the duty to accommodate in the energy sector.

# Kai Valdez Bettcher

**Hometown:**

Edmonton, AB and Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Economics and Political Science, University of Alberta

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Research Analyst, China Institute, University of Alberta, 2014-2017
- Planning and Reporting Assistant, Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations, Government of Alberta, 2014
- Administrator, London Drugs, 2012-2014
- Co-Founder and Board Member, Arts for Young Stars, 2012-2017
- Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Edmonton Relay for Life, 2013-2014

**Direction of Capstone**

Trends in policy responses to Chinese outbound foreign direct investment

# Schenley Brown

**Hometown:**

Oakville, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BJ (President's List), University of King's College
- BMgmt (Honors), Public Administration, Dalhousie University

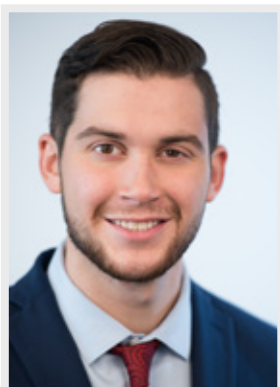
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Account Manager, Corus Entertainment, Barrie, ON 2012-2016
- Public Relations Coordinator, Barrie & District Christmas Cheer, Barrie, ON, 2013 - 2015
- Volunteer, Christmas Food Drive, Barrie Food Bank, Barrie, ON, 2012 - 2015
- Research Assistant, Dept. of Investigative Journalism, University of King's College, Halifax, NS, 2011

**Direction of Capstone:**

Drug and health approval including regulation in Canada.

# Frano Cavar

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Public Affairs and Policy Management, (B.PAPM), Honors, Carleton. Specialization in Strategic Public Opinion and Policy Analysis

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Junior Policy Advisor, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada , 2017
- Chief Electoral Officer, Carleton University, 2017
- Community Advisor, Carleton University, 2016-2017
- Procurement Assistant, Public Service and Procurement Canada, 2016
- Field Unit Assistant, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, 2014-2016

**Direction of Capstone:**

Best practices and policies regarding the duty to consult Indigenous communities following the Clyde River and Chippewas of the Thames decisions.

# Ashima Chandan

**Hometown:**

Edmonton, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BComm, Business Economics & Business Law, University of Alberta

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- National Student Recruiter, Office of the Registrar, University of Alberta, July 2016 – August 2017
- Customer Service Representative, TD Canada Trust, May 2015 – July 2016
- Summer Administrative Assistant, Government of Alberta, April 2014 – August 2014
- STEP Intern, Government of Alberta, May 2012 – August 2012
- VP Events, Bhartiya Cultural Society of Alberta Youth Group, July 2013 – August 2017
- Student Councilor for School of Business, University of Alberta, April 2015 – April 2016

**Direction of Capstone**

Challenges and best practices of cities implementing age-friendly strategies with a focus on Edmonton.

# Jacky Chow

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- MSc, Physical Therapy, University of Alberta 2008
- BSc, Software Engineering, University of Calgary 2003

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Physical Therapist, Foothills Medical Center, 2008-current
- Assistant Manager of Allied Health, Foothills Medical Center, 2011
- Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, University of Alberta, 2011-current

**Direction of Capstone:**

Financial sustainability of the Canadian healthcare system.

# Mikaela Shae Doyle

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Political Science, Minors in Geography and Philosophy, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Constituency Assistant, Calgary-Buffalo, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Oct. 2016 - Present
- Ministerial Intern (Premier's Office Calgary), Government of Alberta, May - Aug 2017
- Team Lead, Government Relations, SupportWorks, 2016
- EcoStore Coordinator (Paid), Green Calgary, 2015 (Volunteer 2013 - 2015)
- Media Coordinator, Sustainability Conference, UCalgary, 2015

**Direction of Capstone**

What is the potential role of microgeneration in Alberta to meet the provincial goal to ensure that 30% of electricity generation will come from renewable sources by 2030?

# Brady Edwards

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Economics with a concentration in Applied Energy Economics, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- National Energy Board: Summer 2017-present

**Direction of Capstone:**

The public interest implication of indirect greenhouse gas emissions on federal impact assessments.



# Robert Falconer

**Hometown:**

Creston, BC

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Honors, Anthropology, University of Toronto

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Client Support Worker, Community Support Services Program, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, 2016-2017
- Social Media and Calgary Events Coordinator, Alberta Party, 2017-Present, Calgary
- Chief Financial Officer, Calgary-Acadia and Calgary-Varsity Alberta Party Constituency Associations, 2017-Present
- Branch Chair, Monarchist League of Canada, 2017-Present, Calgary

**Direction of Capstone**

A comparative analysis of the impact on non-profit and provincial services stemming from refugee claimants in Canada.

# Jake Fuss

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BComm, Finance, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Teaching Assistant, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, University of Calgary, 2016
- Residential Servicing Summer Student, CMLS Financial, 2016
- Volunteer at Habitat for Humanity, 2016

**Direction of Capstone:**

An evaluation of the ability of the current equalization system to promote fairness and fiscal responsibility among Canadian provinces.

# Victor Gallardo

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB and Mexico City, Mexico

**Educational Background:**

- MA, Economics, University of Alberta, 2008
- BComm, ITAM, Mexico, 2004

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- FTR & Energy Congestion Trader – MISO SPP PJM, TransAlta, May 2016 – Current
- Financial Analyst – Liquid Pipelines, TransCanada Pipelines, Dec 2012 – Dec 2015
- Power Market Analyst – Northeast U.S. Power Markets, Capital Power, July 2010 – Nov 2012
- Real-Time Energy Trader – Northeast U.S. Power Markets, Twin Cities Power, April 2009 – May 2010

**Direction of Capstone**

The regulated rate option and the efficiency of electricity consumption in Alberta.

# Samuel Green

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, (Honors), Policy Studies, Mount Royal University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Policy and Market Development Analyst, Alberta Wheat and Alberta Barley, 2017, Calgary
- Policy and Government Relations Intern, The Alberta Wheat Commission, 2016, Calgary
- YMCA SWSE Support Coordinator, 2013-14, YMCA of Greater Toronto Area, Toronto

**Direction of Capstone:**

Should Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, and its provincial equivalents, include funding under future iterations of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) program to support research and development of new technologies and applications of distributed ledger technology in agricultural markets?



# Hanna Jevne

**Hometown:**

Wetaskiwin, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Political Science and Canadian Studies, McGill University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Research Assistant, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Montreal, McGill University, 2016-2017
- VP Finance, Canadian Studies Association of Undergraduate Students, McGill University, 2016-2017
- Research Intern, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, 2016

**Direction of Capstone**

Examining the current state of affordable, reliable internet access in remote and northern communities and evaluating options for progress in telecommunications service provision.

# Riley Kendrick

**Hometown:**

Ajax, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BComm, Business Economics and Law, University of Alberta

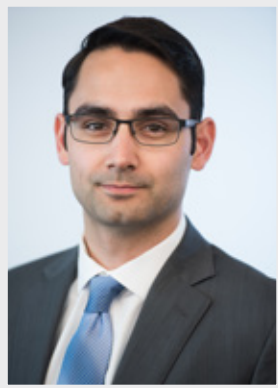
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Board Member, Eating Disorder Support Network of Alberta, April 2017 – Current
- Partner Services Representative, TD Canada Trust, Edmonton, 2017
- Volunteer Social Media Coordinator, Edmonton Community Legal Centre, 2016 – 2017
- Contributing Author, International Business Transactions Textbook, University of Alberta; Alberta School of Business, 2016

**Direction of Capstone**

An examination of the potential threat of the U.S. withdrawing from NATO and the impact this will have on Canadian foreign policy.

# Daymond Khan

**Hometown:**

Edmonton, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Political Science, Grant MacEwan University

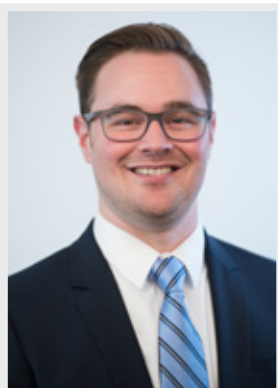
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Project Officer, Disability Supports Division, Government of Alberta, 2016-2017
- Distress Line Volunteer, Edmonton and Area Distress Line, Canadian Mental Health Association, 2016
- Business Case Coordinator, Policy Division, Alberta Emergency Management Agency, 2015-2016
- Planning System Analyst, Integrated Land-Use and Resource Division, Government of Alberta, 2014-2015

**Direction of Capstone:**

An assessment of Alberta's inclusive education policy for students with disabilities.

# William Kluska

**Hometown:**

Wolfville, NS

**Educational Background:**

- BA, (Honors) in Economics and Business Administration, Acadia University

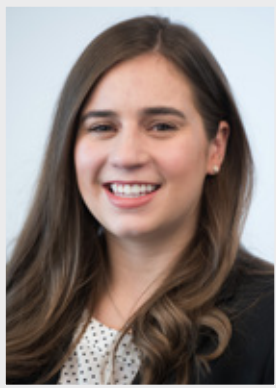
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Volunteer, SOS Children's Villages, 2017, Calgary
- Undergraduate Presenter, Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, 2017, Antigonish
- Organizer, 6th Annual Acadia Economics Student Conference, 2017, Wolfville
- President, Acadia Economics Society, 2016-2017, Wolfville
- Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Economics, Acadia University, 2015-2017, Wolfville

**Direction of Capstone**

Does financial literacy legislation work in the payday loans market?

# Keyli Kosiorek

**Hometown:**

Okotoks, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Natural Sciences, University of Calgary
- BA, Economics, University of Calgary

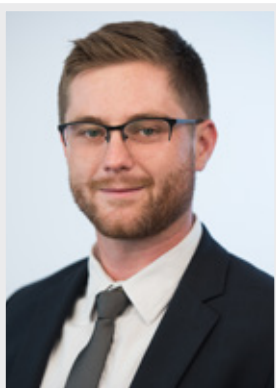
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Program Coordinator, University of Calgary Students' Union, 2013-2017
- NCCP Level 1 Skating Instructor, Skate Canada, 2010-2017
- Volunteer, University of Calgary Campus Food Bank, 2012-2017

**Direction of Capstone:**

An examination of the impacts an increasing minimum wage has had on employment and poverty in Alberta.

# John Lathrop

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Political Science, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Crude Oil Scheduler, Enbridge Pipelines. 2013-Present
- Volunteer, Calgary Public Library Homebound Readers Program

**Direction of Capstone**

How will Canadian energy resources evolve, and gain market access in the future?

# Michael Lim

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, (First Class Honors), Chemistry, 2015, University of Calgary

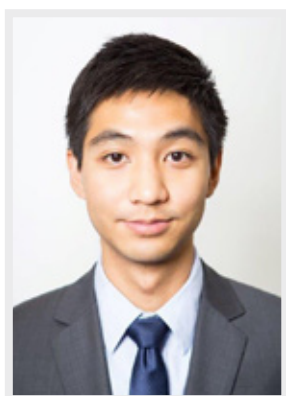
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Research Assistant, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Calgary, 2012-2017
- Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Calgary, 2015-2016

**Direction of Capstone:**

An analysis of different orphan well policy options in Alberta.

# Harrison Lin

**Hometown:**

Taipei, Taiwan

**Educational Background:**

- BA, University of Calgary: Economics (Applied Energy Specialization), Minor in Business Management and Society

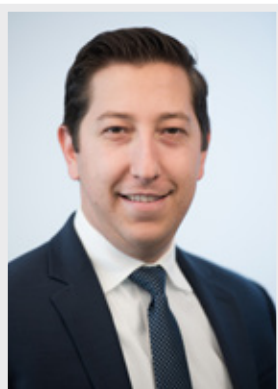
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Supply Management Analyst, Canadian Natural Resources Limited, 2016-Present
- Executive VP, Society of Undergraduates in Economics, 2014-2015
- Intern, Canadian Natural Resources Limited, 2014
- Intern, Zippy Technology Corporation, 2013
- VP of IT, Society of Undergraduates in Economics, 2012-2013

**Direction of Capstone**

The significance of the Trans-Pacific Partnership to Canada and benefits and concerns pertaining to major industries in Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

# Mark E. Lipson

**Hometown:**

Winnipeg, MB

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, University of Winnipeg
- BSc, Medicine, Max Rady College of Medicine, University of Manitoba
- Doctor of Medicine, Max Rady College of Medicine, University of Manitoba
- General Surgery, Postgraduate Medical Education, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- General Surgery Resident, Postgraduate Medical Education, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary, 2012-2017
- President, Professional Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta, 2015-2016
- President, Manitoba Medical Students Association, 2011-2012

**Direction of Capstone:**

The lack of price signals in Canadian health care illustrated through a case study of a medical procedure intervention of some cost.

# Brooke Lister

**Hometown:**

Regina, SK

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Policy Studies, Minor Economics, Mount Royal University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Mount Royal University Women's Varsity Basketball Team, 2013-2016
- Summer Insurance Assistant, Marsh Canada Limited, May 2015-August 2015
- Assistant Director, Lakeshore Tennis Club, May 2016-August 2016

**Direction of Capstone**

An assessment of Saskatchewan's agricultural products greenhouse gas emissions impacts and examining methods of mitigation to decrease the environmental impact. A comparison to other fertilizer production countries may be undertaken.

# Paige MacPherson

**Hometown:**

Pickering, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BA Political Science, Dalhousie University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Alberta Director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation, 2015-2018
- Elections Reporter, Weekend Anchor and Videojournalist, Sun News Network/Vancouver 24 Hours, 2012-2015
- Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee, various volunteering, 2012-present
- Editorial Board, C2C Journal, 2014
- Communications Officer and AIMS on Campus (student outreach program) Founder, Atlantic Institute for Market Studies, 2011-2012
- Intern, Manning Centre for Building Democracy, 2009

**Direction of Capstone:**

Exploring the impact of charter schools on student performance in Alberta as compared to other schools in the province.

# Marisa Makin

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Communications and Culture, University of Calgary
- International exchange, Political Science, Sciences Po Lille

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Personal Shopping Assistant, Holt Renfrew, Calgary, 2016
- Set Coordinator, SSENSE, Montreal 2015
- Business assistant, Lauren Bagliore Design House, Calgary 2014-2015
- Assistant to the editor-in-chief internship, Novembre Magazine, Paris 2014
- Marketing and creative intern, SSENSE, Montreal 2012
- Assistant, Frilly Lilly Beauty Boutiques, Calgary, 2012-2014

**Direction of Capstone**

The revenue potential of nurturing a Canadian fashion industry with fine arts, small business, and manufacturing funding.



# Neuczki Mathurin

**Hometown:**

Ottawa, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Mechanical Engineering, University of Calgary

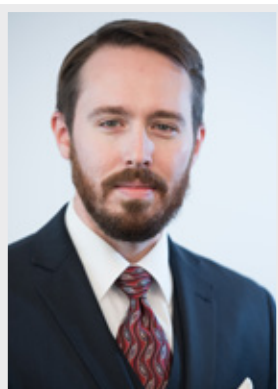
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Engineer-in-Training, Liquids Pipelines, TransCanada PipeLines Ltd., 2014-2017
- Vice-President Academic, University of Calgary Engineering Students' Society, 2010-2011

**Direction of Capstone:**

Comparison of carbon pricing policies in fossil fuel-heavy jurisdictions including Alberta, Norway and California.

# Alexander McColl

**Hometown:**

Toronto, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BComm, DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University

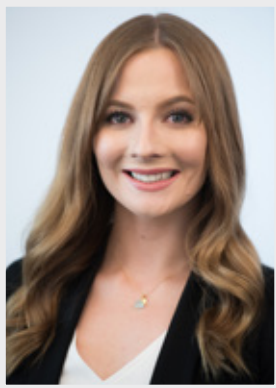
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Account Manager, TeraGo Networks, Calgary, 2016-2017
- Storage Sales Specialist, Hewlett-Packard Enterprise, Calgary, 2013-2015
- Server Sales Specialist, Hewlett-Packard Enterprise, Calgary, 2011-2013
- Inside Sales Representative, Hewlett-Packard Enterprise, Mississauga, 2008-2011
- Ski Instructor, Raven/Snow Hawks Ski School, Collingwood, 2003-2011

**Direction of Capstone**

An evaluation of Canada's public sector procurement methods with a specific focus on the Royal Canadian Air Force and the CF-18 replacement program.

# Jade McLean

**Hometown:**

Edmonton, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BComm specializing in Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment, University of Alberta

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Climate Change Liaison, Métis Nation of Alberta, 2017
- Energy and Environment Intern, Embassy of Canada in Washington D.C., 2016
- VP Events for the University of Alberta's Network of Empowered Women, 2015- 2016
- Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Alberta, 2015

**Direction of Capstone:**

Public perceptions of pipeline development in Canada.

# Maria Luisa Mendonca

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Political Science and International Relations, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Program Coordinator for the Survivors of Torture Program, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS), June 2016-Current, Calgary, AB
- Internship at a non-profit organization (Community Based Rehabilitation CBR) in Northern Ghana. May 2015-August 2015
- Assistant to the Members, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB), 2015-2016
- Immigration Assistant Internship, Government of Quebec, May 2013-August 2013

**Direction of Capstone**

Canadian refugee policy: the 2015 humanitarian Syrian refugee crisis and Canada's resettlement program.

# Nicole Morin

**Hometown:**

Fredericton, NB

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Kinesiology, University of New Brunswick
- MSc, Rehabilitation Medicine: Occupational Therapy, University of Alberta

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Occupational Therapist- Inpatient Medicine Program, University of Alberta Hospital, 2014-2017
- Occupational Therapist- Inpatient Medicine Program and Neurology Program, Foothills Medical Centre, 2017
- Chair, University of Alberta Hospital Cognitive Assessment Committee, 2015-2017
- Member and Rehabilitation Representative, General Internal Medicine Quality Improvement, 2015-2017
- Graduate Research Assistant, Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Alberta, 2016

**Direction of Capstone:**

Cancer care inequalities in Alberta as a case study of social inclusiveness and health equity challenges in the delivery of health care.

# Benjamin Neff

**Hometown:**

Langley, BC

**Educational Background:**

- BA, History and Political Science, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Consultant and Director, Hi Ho Resources Inc., 2015, Vancouver
- Humanitarian Aid Worker, BSSM Missions Department, 2015, Redding, CA
- Overseas English Teacher, Pacific Academy Outreach Department, 2009, Vancouver

**Direction of Capstone**

What are the rates of AI-replacement susceptibility in federal government occupations and an examination of the possibilities for efficiency or cost savings.

# Jenna Passi

**Hometown:**

Sudbury, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BA, (Law and Justice, Laurentian University
- MA, Criminology, University of Ontario Institute of Technology

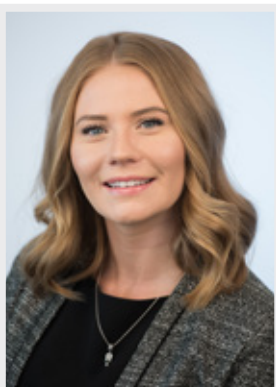
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Research Assistant, Wood's Homes, 2017, Calgary AB
- Youth and Family Counsellor I, Wood's Homes, 2015 – 2017, Calgary AB
- Child Care Counsellor and Day Programmer, MPCSSN, 2014 – 2015, Grande Prairie AB
- Early Childhood Staff Assistant, Homeward Family Shelter, 2013 – 2013, Scarborough ON
- Volunteer Helpline Worker, Distress Centre Durham, 2013 – 2014, Whitby, ON
- Emergency Communications Specialist, Aeromedical Life Flight, 2011, High Level AB

**Direction of Capstone:**

Is Canada's criminal justice system overlooking the importance of trauma-informed policies and practices?

# Jennifer Poppe

**Hometown:**

Barrie, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BA, (Magna Cum Laude) Political Science and History, University of Charleston, West Virginia

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Intervenor, Deafblind Ontario Services, 2015 - 2017
- Respite Services – CHAP Program, Support Worker, 2016 – 2017
- U.S Senator Joe Machin Internship Program, Intern, West Virginia State Office, January 2015- May 2015

**Direction of Capstone**

A comparative analysis of provincial social assistance programs in British Columbia and Alberta.

# Aamir Rafiq

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- MSc, Geophysics, University of Calgary

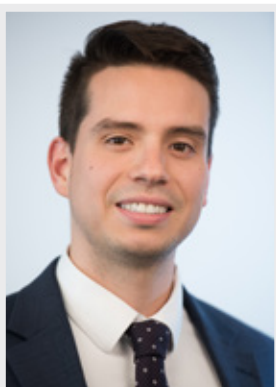
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Director/Founding Partner, 3DGeo Exploration Ltd., Canada, 2013 - 2017
- Research Assistant, Microseismic Industry Consortium, University of Calgary, 2013 - 2015
- Vice President Events, Departmental Graduate Association, University of Calgary - 2014-2015
- Vice President Student-Life, Graduate Students Association, University of Calgary - 2013-2014
- Member Senate, Faculty of Graduate Studies Council and Chair Student Life Standing Committee, University of Calgary - 2013-2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

FTA and multi-level governance: Coordinated trade policy development across federal, provincial, and municipal governments and other stakeholders.

# David Ruiz

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Calgary
- Bachelor of Arts, International Relations, University of Calgary

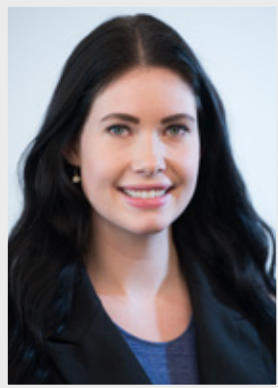
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Policy Intern, Alberta Barley Commission, Winter 2013
- Research Assistant, University of Calgary International, Summer 2013
- Commercial Service Intern, U.S. Consulate General Calgary, Winter 2014
- Major Projects Co-op Student, TransCanada Corporation, 2014-2015
- Immigration Coordinator, Wilson International Immigration Corp., 2016-2017
- Outreach Coordinator, Stephanie Kusie Member of Parliament, 2017-Present

**Direction of Capstone**

A qualitative and quantitative analysis on how the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for the Trans Pacific Partnership will affect the agricultural sector in Alberta.

# Shrianne Ryan

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Neuroscience, University of Lethbridge

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Volunteer, ARBI: Association for the Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured, 2017-Present, Calgary
- Volunteer, TELUS Spark Centre, 2016-2017, Calgary
- Volunteer, ORS Mentorship Program, ULethbridge, 2014-2016

**Direction of Capstone:**

Should the Alberta Government allocate more money to fund additional community long-term rehabilitation centres for people with an acquired brain injury?

# David Sandoz

**Hometown:**

Neuchâtel, Switzerland

**Educational Background:**

- BA, International Relations, University of Calgary
- Study Abroad Program, University of Seoul, Korea
- Information Technology Diploma, Switzerland

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Alberta International Offices Operations Officer, Economic Development & Trade, Government of Alberta, 2017-Present
- Research Assistant, Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary, 2010-Present
- Policy Analyst, Alberta Human Services, Government of Alberta, 2013-2017
- Calgary Regional Lead, Human Services' United Way Campaign, 2014-2017
- Multicultural Counselor, Immigrant Services Calgary, 2013-14
- Volunteer, Operations Manager, International Translation Foundation, 2013-14

**Direction of Capstone**

Advise Alberta on how it may improve the performance measurement policy that is used to measure and report on its international offices' performance.



# Wyatt Schierman

**Hometown:**

Innisfail, Alberta

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Political Science, University of Calgary

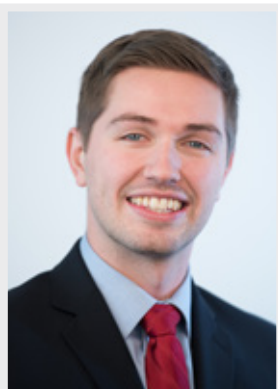
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Volunteer, Feed the Hungry at St. Mary' Church, 2014-Present

**Direction of Capstone:**

The benefits and consequences of the Harper government's shift of focus towards foreign direct investment over overseas development assistance.

# Craig Scott

**Hometown:**

Winnipeg, MB

**Educational Background:**

- BSc Biological Sciences with distinction, University of Calgary
- BA Economics with distinction, University of Calgary

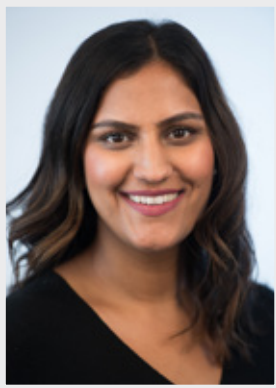
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Research Assistant Zoology Neuroscience, Dept. of Biological Sciences, UCalgary, 2017
- Research Assistant Cellular Molecular Microbial Biology, Dept. of Biological Sciences, UCalgary, 2016-2017

**Direction of Capstone**

An examination of policy instruments for encouraging multi-sectoral collaboration and incentives that may encourage adopting precision medicine within the AHS corporate structure.

# Hamreet Sekhon

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BHSc, Health Promotion and Policy, University of Lethbridge

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Business Analyst, Energy East, TransCanada, 2015 - 2017
- Special Assistant Minister of Health, Government of Alberta, 2014- 2015
- Special Assistant, Premier's Communication, Government of Alberta, 2013- 2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

What Government of Alberta policies currently address child sexual abuse, and how effective are these policies in preventing child sexual abuse in ethno-cultural communities?

# Andrew Sennyah

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Economics, University of Calgary, concentration in Applied Energy Economics
- BA, International Relations, University of Calgary, Minor in Political Science

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Public Policy and Entrepreneurship Intern, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, 2017
- Intern, Office of the Minister of National Defence and Minister for Multiculturalism, Government of Canada, 2015

**Direction of Capstone**

Assessing the fairness of local access fees on residential customers across Alberta municipalities.

# Katrine Sorensen

**Hometown:**

Skive, Denmark

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Communications Studies, University of Calgary
- Journalism Diploma, Grant MacEwan University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Communications Coordinator, Silvera for Seniors, Calgary, 2014-2016
- Strategic Communications Student, Energy Resources Conservation Board, Calgary, 2012

**Direction of Capstone:**

An evaluation of how Alberta's governmental funding to employment programs is best spent, which programs are most efficient, and whether these merit expansion.

# Marina Spahlinger

**Hometown:**

Stuttgart, Germany

**Educational Background:**

- MA, First Class Honors, Languages - Interpreting and Translating (German, French, English) Heriot-Watt University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Manager Regulatory & Stakeholder Relations Canada West, Royal Vopak, 2017 - present
- Manager, Regulatory & Government Relations, Genalta Power, 2016 - 2017
- Regulatory Coordinator, Genalta Power, 2014 - 2016
- Research Assistant, School of Public Policy (Jan. 2016 - May 2016)
- Senior Analyst & Project Lead, Stakeholder Information Management, Communica Public Affairs, 2011 - 2014

**Direction of Capstone**

The impacts of lengthy regulatory environmental assessments on Canadian competitiveness.

# Emma J. Train

**Hometown:**

Halifax, NS

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Applied Human Nutrition, Mount Saint Vincent University
- Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Executive Business Administrator. Dr. Anthony Train Professional Corporation, Nov 2014- Present, Alberta
- Sole Proprietor, Public speaker for non-profits, Dietitian, Writer, EmmaTrain.com, Nov 2014-Present, Alberta
- Clinical and Regional Dietitian. Alberta Health Services, Feb 2012- Dec 2015, Whitecourt, AB
- Health and Wellbeing Counsellor. Sobeys, Aug 2011-Feb 2012, Halifax
- Volunteer, Vice President External Affairs, School of Public Policy, Oct 2017-Present, Calgary
- Volunteer, Marketing Director, Open Arms Patient Advocacy Society Apr 2017-Present, Calgary

**Direction of Capstone:**

A policy review and proposal discussing the basket of insured services and medically necessary care in Canada.

# Claire Vanherf

**Hometown:**

Waterloo, Belgium

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Economics and Management, Université Catholique de Louvain
- MA, Economics, Maastricht University & Université Catholique de Louvain (joint degree)

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Summer internship at DuPont de Nemours, Mechelen (Belgium), 2014-2015
- Student Job at Baptista (chocolate factory), 2015-2016

**Direction of Capstone**

Assessing the cost efficiency of Canadian airports to determine whether the current fee charged to passengers is justified.

# Connor Walsh

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**Hometown:**

Ottawa, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BSW, University of Calgary
- BA, Archaeology, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Social Worker, Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta, Calgary, 2017-Present
- Senior's Outreach Worker, Calgary Seniors Resource Society, Calgary, 2017-Present
- Supply Chain Analyst, ATCO Structures & Logistics, Calgary, 2010-2016
- Zone Leader, Heart & Stroke Foundation, Calgary, 2013-2016

**Direction of Capstone:**

Improving supports for informal caregivers of older adults by addressing the fragmentation of caregiver supports at a system-level.







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