



THE SCHOOL  
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# Student Profiles

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MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY  
2018/2019

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# Master of Public Policy Class of 2019

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

# Alyssa Anderson

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BSc (with Distinction), Plant Biology, University of Calgary
- Certificate in Environmental Management, University of Calgary

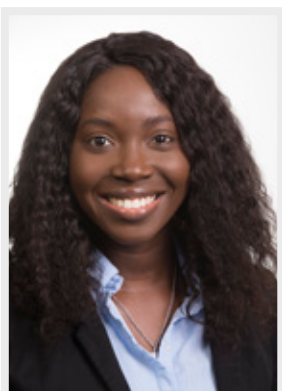
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Administrative Assistant, Pinnacle Tree Care, 2010-2012 and 2016-2018
- Policy Research Volunteer, Alberta Wilderness Association, 2017-Present

**Direction of Capstone:**

Policy options to accelerate Canada's shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

# Temitope Asa

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BBA, Specialization in Human Resource Management, Minor in Information Systems, Trent University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Financial Services Representative, TD., Nov 2014 – July 2017

**Direction of Capstone**

A critical analysis of the impact of strategic management practice on public sector spending.

# Tanzeel Bhaidani

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Kinesiology (Honours), University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- President; Prairies Ismaili Students' Association, University of Calgary, 2017-2018
- Student Researcher; Alberta Health Services Seniors Health SCN Studentship, 2017
- Tutor; JEI Learning Centre Inc., Calgary Tutoring Centre, and private tutor, 2014-Current

**Direction of Capstone:**

The introduction of health policies encouraging healthy aging in seniors, using exercise technology. An analysis of the misuse and exploitation of certain health policies in Alberta.

# Stacey Black

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BN (with Distinction), University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Registered Nurse, Alberta Health Services, Labour and Delivery, Rockyview General Hospital, November 2014 - Present
- Areas and location of Nursing: Queensland Health - Emergency; Affinity Nursing Agency (AUS) - Emergency; Alberta Health Services - Trauma/Surgical; Alberta Health Services - Influenza
- Research Assistant - Foothills Medical Centre

**Direction of Capstone**

How could artificial intelligence influence healthcare delivery and how can public policy be prepared?

# Anna Bogatyrev

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, International Relations, Minor in French Language and Culture, University of Calgary
- BA, Spanish, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Student Advisor and Student Support Coordinator, Schulich School of Engineering, University of Calgary, 2016 – Present
- Immigration Legal/Administrative Assistant, Athabasca Immigration, 2013 – Present

**Direction of Capstone:**

Investigate the feasibility of including social (human) service recipients and front-line staff in the policy-making process to ensure adequacy of services and ease of access, focusing on low income families, people with disabilities and newcomers to Alberta.

# Mitchell Boyne

**Hometown:**

Sherwood Park, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Mechanical Engineering, University of Alberta

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Reservoir Engineer-in-Training, ConocoPhillips Canada, 2015-2017

**Direction of Capstone**

Examining the competitiveness of Alberta's energy sector in a global market.

# Jared Brown

**Hometown:**

Oro Station, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BA, International Relations, Minor in Management and Society, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- University of Calgary Varsity Track and Field Team, 2014-2018
- Dino Youth track coach, 2016-2018

**Direction of Capstone:**

An examination of possible countermeasures to protect Canada against methods of hybrid warfare, including foreign electoral intervention, fake news, and terrorism.

# Phil Brownsey

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Policy Studies, Mount Royal University

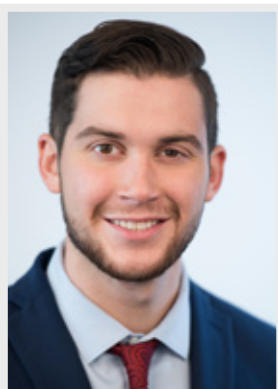
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Brookfield Residential, Intern, Sustainability, March 2018 – August 2018
- Janet Brown Opinion Research, Summer Student, May 2017 - August 2017
- MRU Economics, Research Assistant, January 2017 – April 2017
- Calgary Counselling Centre, Policy Intern, May 2016 – December 2016

**Direction of Capstone**

Social systems and supply chains. Blockchain in healthcare, oil and gas, utilities in Canada and the risk/rewards of different approaches.

# Frano Cavar

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- B.PAPM (Honors), with specialization in Strategic Public Opinion and Policy Analysis, Carleton University

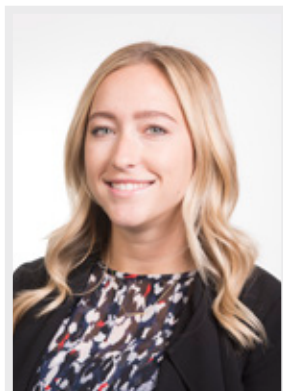
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Communications and Policy Liaison to Councillor Jeff Davison, Ward 6 – the City of Calgary
- Junior Policy Advisor, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, 2017
- Chief Electoral Office, Carleton University, 2017

**Direction of Capstone**

Best policies and practices for Cities that pursue Municipal Charters.

# Janay Chamberlain

**Hometown:**

Calgary, Alberta

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Health Sciences and Health Psychology, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Research Assistant, Department of Bioethics, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences - Implications of autism diagnosis for individuals in the legal system
- Student Volunteer, The Dana Farber Cancer Centre, Brigham and Women's Hospital, New England Baptist Hospital

**Direction of Capstone**

Evaluating and improving the accessibility of mental health resources for Albertans.



# Mirella Chiappe

**Hometown:**

New York City, NY

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Geography, McGill University
- MPlan, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Academic Advisor and Support Coordinator, Schulich School of Engineering, 2014-2018
- GRC Rep, Graduate Student Association, University of Calgary, 2016-2017
- Vice President, Environmental Design Students' Association, University of Calgary, 2017-2018

**Direction of Capstone**

Natural resource management (specifically water) and international trade.

# Jacky Chow

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

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

**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.



# Michelyn Dion

**Hometown:**

Kingston, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BSocSc (Honours), International Development and Globalization, Minor in History, University of Ottawa

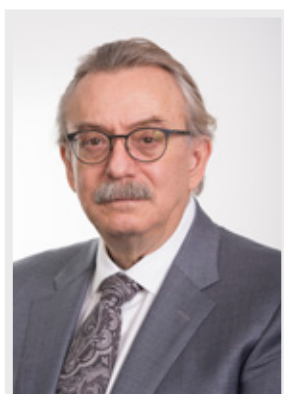
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Strategic Engagement Specialist, Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies, 2016-2017
- Sustainability Coordinator and returning Consultant, Shaw Conference Centre, 2015-2017
- Community Partnership Coordinator, Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta, 2014-2015

**Direction of Capstone**

Exploring possibilities for extended government involvement in corporate social responsibility.

# James Dunphy

**Hometown:**

Granby, Québec

**Educational Background:**

- BBA, University of New Brunswick
- MBA, University of Calgary
- LLB, University of Calgary
- LLM, Osgoode Hall, York University
- CPA, (Previously CGA) (Fellow and Life Member)

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- CRA Auditor, Audit Supervisor and Audit Manager St. John's NL, Saint John NB and Calgary AB, 1977-1989
- Corporate and Tax Lawyer, 1992-Current. Currently Tax Counsel at Warren Benson Amantea LLP

**Direction of Capstone:**

Health care investment in the pharma sector by the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, as a way to mitigate health care costs in a single payer system.

# Brandie Feeney

**Hometown:**

Hamilton, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Nursing, Western University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Undergraduate Research Assistant, Western University, 2017-2018
- Indigenous Engagement Committee, Western University 2017-2018
- Pediatric Global Health Nursing Care, Rwanda, 2017

**Direction of Capstone:**

Measuring the factors that influence Canada's healthcare wait times and how differing foreign methods minimize these influences to improve population health outcomes.

# Blake Gallacher

**Hometown:**

Oakville, Ontario

**Educational Background:**

- BA (Honours), Political Science, University of Guelph

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Banking Advisor, Royal Bank of Canada, 2015-2018
- Mutual Fund Representative, Royal Mutual Fund Inc, 2015-2018
- Classroom Volunteer, JA Canada, 2017

**Direction of Capstone**

Understanding Financial literacy in Canada and the impact of financial literacy education.

# Victor Gallardo

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB and Mexico City, Mexico

**Educational Background:**

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

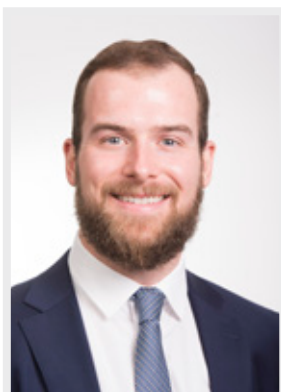
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- 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.

# Nicholas Godwin

**Hometown:**

Toronto, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BSc (Honours), Earth System Science, Queen's University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Environmental Advisor, TransCanada, 2014 – Current
- Environmental Technician, LandSolutions LP, 2011 – 2014
- Emergency Responder (Volunteer), Canadian Red Cross, 2017 – Current
- President (Volunteer), Queen's University Alumni Calgary Branch, 2016 – 2018

**Direction of Capstone:**

An examination of the need for a national energy strategy that ensures the export competitiveness of Canada's energy industry.

# Ryan Green

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Specialization in Environmental Earth Sciences (with Distinction)

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Environmental Scientist at Ecoventure Inc., 2014-2017
- Intermediate Project Manager at Terralogix Solutions Inc., 2017-2018

**Direction of Capstone**

Effects of the “Redwater Decision” on how the AER manages liability within the oil and gas industry.

# Eshleen Kaur Grewal

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Exercise and Health Physiology, Minor in Health and Society, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Volunteer, Peter Lougheed Centre, Alberta Health Services, 2007-Present
- Patient and Family Advisor, Patient and Family Engagement, Alberta Health Services, 2016-Present

**Direction of Capstone:**

Examining how the health and social policies that inform harm reduction strategies impact vulnerable populations.

# Margo Hamilton

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Sociology, Mount Royal University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Swim Instructor/ Lifeguard/ Junior Lifeguard Club Head Coach/ Glenmore Reservoir Rescue Boat Operator, City of Calgary Recreation, Calgary, AB, September 2012- Present.
- Volunteer, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter, Calgary, AB, September 2014- Present.
- Volunteer, Volunteer Eco Students Abroad, Naduri Village, Fiji, July

**Direction of Capstone**

An evaluation of the social programs implemented by the City of Calgary targeting the issue of homelessness within the city over the past decade.

# Shamus Hardie

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA (Honours), Applied Energy Economics, Minor in History (Military and Strategic Studies), University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Economist - Energy Forecasting, Alberta Energy Regulator, 2014 - Present
- Analyst - Market Intelligence & Regulatory Affairs, Energy Resources Conservation Board, 2013 - 2014
- PASS Leader - *Use of Statistics in Economics*, University of Calgary, 2012 - 2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

Investigation of the International Maritime Organization's 2020 sulfur standards on Alberta's future upstream development, responses in the North American refining sector, and pricing implications to provincial budgets.

# Sarah Hertz

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- MPHIL Renaissance Literature, University of Cambridge
- BA English Honours, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Swim Instructor, Lifeguard, and Boat Patrol Operator, City of Calgary, 2009-2013 and 2015-2018
- Marketing Administrator, University of Calgary Press, 2016-2017
- Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Calgary, 2011-2013
- Environmental Advocate, Cape Farewell Youth Expedition, British Council Canada, 2008

**Direction of Capstone:**

The relationship between privacy and private property: are our images, reputations, or personal information a form of currency for exchange?

# Taylor Hides

**Hometown:**

Chestermere, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA (with Distinction), Economics and International Relations, University of Calgary
- International exchange, Political Science, Sciences Po Lille

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Junior Land Analyst, Cardinal Energy Ltd., February 2014 - Present

**Direction of Capstone**

The ramifications to the Canadian economy due to the lack of export capacity of Canadian oil and gas to world markets, other than to the United States.

# Tegan Hill

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Economics, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Intermediate Underwriter, Commercial Lines, Intact Insurance, Calgary AB, 2017-2018
- Development Program, Commercial Lines Underwriter, Intact Insurance, Calgary AB, 2015-2017
- Student Representative, University of Calgary, Calgary AB, 2012-2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

An analysis of the long-term effects of provincial deficit spending on the Albertan economy in relation to limiting stability and capacity for effective economic recovery.

# Lee Hofmeister

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- Majors in International Development and Political Science, Dalhousie University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Invited attendee of Atlantic Institute of Market Studies Debates, Feb - current 2018
- Downtown Halifax Business Commission, Enviro-team member, May - August 2016 & 2017
- Student Works Painting, Painter, May - August 2015
- Heritage Reforest Inc., Tree Planter, May - August 2014
- Al Jude for Scientific Care Foundation, Amman, Jordan (Volunteer), June - August 2013
- Aware Centre, Kuwait City, Kuwait (Volunteer), Sept 2012 - May 2013

**Direction of Capstone**

Canadian Foreign Policy and Conflict resolution in the Middle East.



# April Kargard

**Hometown:**

Bassano, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BBA, Supply Chain Management, SAIT

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Consultant - Strategy & Operations, Deloitte, 2018
- Student Support Centre Coordinator, SAITSA, 2017
- Airfield Operations Specialist, Calgary Airport Authority, 2016/2017
- President, Fuse Collective, 2017

**Direction of Capstone:**

An analysis of the long-term social, environmental, and economic benefits and consequences of resource development in both rural and Indigenous communities.

# Rabia Ladha

**Hometown:**

Edmonton, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Chemical Engineering, University of Alberta

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Strategy & Operations Chair and Partnerships Chair, The City of Edmonton's NextGen, 2015 - 2018
- Local Partnerships Lead, xChange 2017 Conference, Engineers Without Borders Canada, 2016 - 2017
- Distribution Design Engineering Co-op, ATCO Gas, 2015
- President and Vice President External, Chemical Engineering Students' Society, 2014 - 2016
- Project Engineering Student, Enbridge Pipelines, 2014
- Air Specialist, Environment & Sustainable Resource Development, Government of Alberta, 2013

**Direction of Capstone**

Impact on energy policy development and climate action in Alberta in response to the global Paris Agreement made at COP21 with the new political dynamics in the USA and other Canadian provinces.

# Thomas Lange

**Hometown:**

Regina, SK

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Microbiology and Political Science, University of British Columbia Okanagan
- EMR, Emergency Medical Responder, Justice Institute of British Columbia

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Administrator – Safety Audits & Certifications, Energy Safety Canada, 2018
- Teaching Assistant – Cellular Biology, University of British Columbia Okanagan, 2018
- Health Research Assistant, UBCO Health & Wellness, 2017-2018
- Volunteer – Health Promotion & Community Research, Canadian Cancer Society, 2015-2018

**Direction of Capstone**

An analysis of incentive-based models for workplace injury reduction and disease prevention through OH&S compliance.

# Michael Laszlo

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Policy studies, Minor in Economics, Mount Royal University

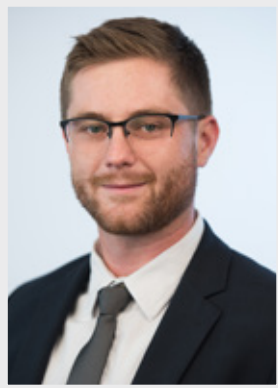
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Canada Border Services Agency – Senior officer of trade compliance, January 2017 – present

**Direction of Capstone**

An examination of alternative energy sources in the Canadian context.

# 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**

Research focus on the ongoing pipeline debate in Canada.

# Ai-Men Lau

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BSW (with Distinction), University of Calgary
- BA, Psychology, Minor in Sociology, University of Alberta

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Employment Coordinator, Meticulon Consulting Incorporated, May 2018 - Current
- National Data Manager, Meticulon Consulting Incorporated, April 2018 - Current
- Research Assistant, University of Calgary, October 2017 - January 2018
- Court Support Volunteer/Child Advocate, Zebra Centre, January 2016 - June 2017
- Group Leader, Between Friends' Camp Bonaventure, June 2013 - August 2013

**Direction of Capstone**

A policy review of the Excessive Demand Provisions in Canada's Refugee and Immigration Protection Act and the impact for people with disabilities within Canada and globally.

# Jennifer Ling

**Hometown:**

Charlottetown, PE

**Educational Background:**

- BScN (with Distinction), Dalhousie University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- RN, Alberta Health Services, Sheldon Chumir Urgent Care, 2017-Present
- RN, North Zone Locum Program, Alberta Health Services, 2017-Present
- RN, Saskatoon Health Region, St. Paul's Emergency, 2013-2017
- RN, Muskoka Algonquin Health Care, Huntsville, Ontario, 2012
- RN, Alberta Health Services, Grande Cache Community Health Complex, 2011-2012

**Direction of Capstone:**

An evaluation of the current nursing shortage in Alberta and Canada, the policies and practices that contribute and effective strategies to reverse the trend.

# Christian Loudon

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Philosophy, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- University of Calgary Students' Union: Academic Commissioner, 2009-2010 and Research Assistant, 2010-2011
- University of Calgary: Administrative Assistant, 2011-2012; Co-operative Education and Academic Program Assistant, 2012-2013; and Program Advisor, Academic Review Specialist, 2013-2018

**Direction of Capstone**

Poverty, mental health, and the criminal justice system, particularly the extent to which poverty and mental illness are de facto criminalized behaviour.

# Marissa Makin

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

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

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Business Coordinator, Womenswear and Menswear, Holt Renfrew Calgary (2016 - Present)
- Set Coordinator, SSENSE, Montreal 2015
- Marketing and creative intern, SSENSE, Montreal 2012
- Assistant to the editor-in-chief internship, Novembre Magazine, Paris 2014
- Creative assistant, Frilly Lilly Beauty Boutiques, Calgary, 2012-2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

International trade and the negotiation of trade deals.

# Dercia Materula

**Hometown:**

Maputo, Mozambique

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Communication Sciences, Polytechnic University of Mozambique

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Co-founder and Executive director, Associação H2N, March 2018
- Health, gender and media specialist, IREX, June 2016 to February 2018
- Gender/Gender Based Violence and Media Program Coordinator, IREX, February 2015 to May 2016
- Journalism education program assistant and external relations officer, IREX, July 2014 to January 2015

**Direction of Capstone:**

An assessment of the effectiveness and sustainability of Canada's foreign aid policy in Mozambique, Malawi and Swaziland.

# Jordan Neff

**Hometown:**

Langley, BC

**Educational Background:**

- BA (Honours), Economics, University of Calgary
- BHSc, Health Science, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Compliance Analyst - Alberta Electric System Operator, 2014 - Present

**Direction of Capstone:**

Study how the implementation of new transmission connection tie lines between Alberta and its neighbouring jurisdictions would impact the economic and social objectives of the Alberta government.

# Isatou Njai

**Hometown:**

Banjul, The Gambia

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Honors, Information Studies with English Language, University of Ghana

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Communications and Partnerships Officer, World Food Programme, Gambia, 2017-Present
- Communications Assistant, World Food Programme, 2012-2016, Gambia
- Senior Communications Coordinator, Africell Gambia limited, 2011-2012, Gambia
- Administrative Assistant - Health advocacy, BAFROW Medical Centre, Banjul, 2005-2007

**Direction of Capstone:**

Can fiscal space for social protection reduce poverty and inequality by 2030 in The Gambia.

# Halie Osmar

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Policy Studies, Mount Royal University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. — Canadian Regulatory Compliance
- TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. — Canadian Regulatory Compliance
- Ministry of Justice — Legislative Assembly of British Columbia Victoria, BC
- Ministry of Finance — Legislative Assembly of British Columbia Victoria, BC
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters
- Youth Coordinator Volunteer

**Direction of Capstone**

How poverty is linked to other social problems such as violence towards women and racism.

# Rejimol Perika

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BHSc (Honours), Biomedical Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

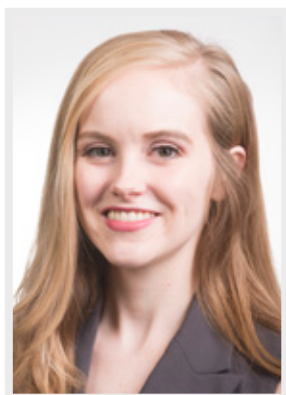
- Undergraduate Researcher, Developmental Neurosciences, University of Calgary, 2017-2018
- Funding Request Committee Board Member, Cerebral Palsy Association of Alberta, 2016-Present
- Emergency Information Volunteer, Rockyview General Hospital, 2014-2018

**Direction of Capstone:**

Evaluating the current Canadian policy framework regarding involvement of vulnerable persons in physician-assisted dying.



# Isabelle Puppa

**Hometown:**

Tampa, FL, U.S.

**Educational Background:**

- BSBA (Honours), Finance, University of Florida

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Marketing Specialist, TEAM Enterprises, 2018
- Program Analyst, University of Florida Career and Leadership Programs, 2015–2016
- Research Scholar, University Scholars Program, Levin College of Law, 2016
- Assistant Student Body Treasurer, University of Florida, 2015–2016

**Direction of Capstone**

Comparative analysis of GDP spending in the United States versus Canada and the resulting economic impact of private sector versus public sector job creation.

# Jagdev Shahi

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB and Ladysmith, BC

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Environmental Planning, University of Northern British Columbia
- BSc, Natural Resources Management, University of Northern British Columbia
- Diploma, Forest Resources Technology, Vancouver Island University

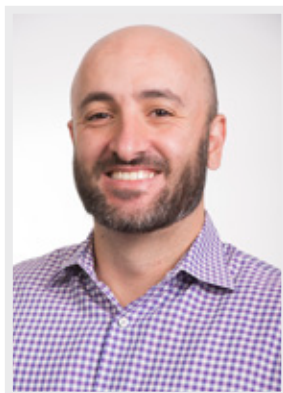
**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Senior Project Manager, Strategy & Regulatory Division, Alberta Energy Regulator, 2015 - present
- Senior Land Use Planner, Operations Division, Alberta Energy Regulator, 2013 - 2015
- Associate + Environmental Planner, Government Sector, Dillon Consulting Limited, 2008 - 2013
- Land Use/Policy Planner, Strategic Planning & Policy Division, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, 2004 - 2008

**Direction of Capstone**

A comparative analysis of national and transnational environmental policy and strategies for effective implementation.

# Hadi Slyman

**Hometown:**

Adelaide, Australia

**Educational Background:**

- BSc (Honours), Geology, University of Adelaide

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Geomodeler, Murphy Oil Corp., 2013-2016
- Senior Geologist, Penn West Exploration, 2011-2013
- Geologist, Fekete Associates, 2008-2011
- Geoscientist, Schlumberger, 2003-2007

**Direction of Capstone:**

International Relations.

# Patrick Smith

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BCOMM, Finance, Dalhousie University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Senior Analyst, North American Crude Oil Markets, IHS Markit, 2016 - 2018
- Analyst, Market Fundamentals and Hedging, Cenovus, 2017

**Direction of Capstone**

An evaluation of the impact Canadian climate change policy has on the financial health of Canadian oil sands companies.

# Pavanpreet Singh Sodhan

**Hometown:**

Surrey, BC

**Educational Background:**

- BA, History, Simon Fraser University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Canvasser and Strategist, Ravi Kahlon, Delta North MLA, 2016- 2018
- Canvasser, Harjit Sajjan, Liberal Candidate for Vancouver South MP, 2015
- Data Analyst, External Relations Department, Metro Vancouver, 2014-2015

**Direction of Capstone:**

An analysis of how multiculturalism in Canada affects Energy and Social Policy and the interconnections between the two.

# Brianna Solberg

**Hometown:**

Winnipeg, MB

**Educational Background:**

- BA (Honours), Development Studies, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Program Coordinator, Autism and Asperger's Friendship Society (AAFS), Calgary AB.
- Volunteer Tutor, Calgary Reads, Wee Read Program, Calgary AB
- Stepping Out Program, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
- Practicum Student Intern, Cerebral Palsy (CP) Kids Adapted Bike Program, Calgary, AB

**Direction of Capstone**

How can the *National Disability Act* of Canada be improved to ensure the full inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of Canadian Society?

# Brooklyn Sutton

**Hometown:**

Strathmore, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA (Honours), Economics with First Class Honours, University of Alberta

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Research Officer, Government of Alberta, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Access to Capital Branch, Summer 2018
- Introductory Undergraduate Economics Tutor, Department of Economics, University of Alberta, 2017-2018
- Director of Operations, University of Alberta Economics Students' Association, 2017-2018
- Continuing Professional Education Committee for Alberta Women's Gymnastics Judges, 2017-present

**Direction of Capstone:**

Barriers to female participation in sport and its relationship to the gender gap in STEM occupations in Canada.

# Marcus Threndyle

**Hometown:**

Cambridge, ON

**Educational Background:**

- BSc, Biology, Queen's University
- JD Candidate 2020, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Research Assistant, Queen's University Biological Station, 2013 - 2015
- Education and Outreach Coordinator, Experimental Lakes Area, 2016
- Student Caseworker, Student Legal Assistance, 2018

**Direction of Capstone:**

Development of renewable energy resources as a source of job creation and economic development for rural and remote communities.

# Tony Tran

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Economics, University of Calgary
- BA, Sociology, University of Calgary, concentration in Gender, Family and Work

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Volunteer, Calgary Dream Centre, 2017-2018
- Volunteer, Calgary Drop-In Centre, 2015-Present
- Volunteer, Kids Cancer Care, 2016-Present
- Volunteer, Step Forward, 2014-2018

**Direction of Capstone**

Examination of provincial adoption and execution of social programs with regards to successes found amongst neighbouring provinces and territories in policy drafting and creation.

# Devin Tuttle

**Hometown:**

Edmonton, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA (Honours), Political Science, MacEwan University

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Club Liaison, MacEwan Model United Nations Club, 2016-2018

**Direction of Capstone:**

A quantitative analysis of occupational susceptibility to Artificial Intelligence and long term policies to mitigate economic disruption.

# J.C. Vito

**Hometown:**

Calgary, AB

**Educational Background:**

- BA (Honours), Economics, University of Calgary
- MA, Economics, University of Calgary

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- TransCanada, February 2006 – February 2018: Manager – Research & Analysis, Energy East Project; Financial Analyst – Rates & Services, Canadian Mainline; Financial Analyst – Corporate Evaluations; and Business Analyst – Operations Services
- Economist, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB), July 2005 – February 2006

**Direction of Capstone**

Economic regulation of pipelines.

# Mackenzie Walton

**Hometown:**

Sundre, Alberta

**Educational Background:**

- BEd, Secondary Mathematics and Social Studies, University of Alberta

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Vice-Chair, The Learning Centre Literacy Association, 2017-19
- Project Coordinator, Ever Active Schools, 2017-18
- Math Teacher, The Learning Centre Literacy Association, 2016
- Grade 6 Teacher, River Valley School, 2015-16
- Grade 7 and 8 Math Teacher, Tsebar School, Bhutan Canada Foundation, 2014

**Direction of Capstone:**

How would improved infrastructure in Canadian Northern and remote communities affect social and educational outcomes?

# Jairo Yunis

**Hometown:**

Barranquilla, Colombia

**Educational Background:**

- BA, Political Scientist, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

- Public policy analysis as an administrative assistant for the Sixth Commission of the House of Representatives of the Congress of Colombia, September, December 2011
- Public officer of Barranquilla's local government in charge of supervising business strengthening programs for local companies, formulating projects with an impact on World Bank's Doing Business indicators, supervising the creation and dynamization of economic clusters and monitoring economic indicators

**Direction of Capstone:**

Which set of tools and/or incentives does a public policy need to have in order to be a driver of economic development in local territories.







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