



THE SCHOOL
OF PUBLIC POLICY

Student Profiles

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY
2020/2021

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Canada's Leading Policy School

Master of Public Policy

Class of 2020

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.

LIN AL-AKKAD

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. in Economics

Professional Experience:

- Finance at Calgary Economic Development

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

I am particularly interested in the study and harness of behavioral patterns related to market failure for more informed economic diversification and prosperity sustaining policy.

Why the MPP?

I am drawn to this program because of its interactive, professional, interdisciplinary nature with a diverse group of researchers from business, economics regulatory affairs, and academia.

ARSHIA ALAM

Previous Degree(s):

- B.A. in Law and Society, University of Calgary

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

I am interested in further exploring policy work around legal accessibility, diversity, and inclusion.

Why the MPP?

I chose to pursue a Master's in Public Policy at the University of Calgary because the parameters of the program fit well with my interests in policymaking.

BLAKE BABIN

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.H.Sc. Honours Specialization in Health Science with Biology, Western University

Professional Experience:

- Research Assistant, Western University (Lab for Knowledge Translation and Health)
- Research Assistant, Western University (Organismal Physiology Lab)

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

I intend to leverage my background in health and biology to explore the unique niche between health security and national defense issues. Interests include: Health Security, National Defense, Foreign Policy, and Pandemic Preparedness.

Why the MPP?

I chose to pursue my Master's in Public Policy at The School of Public Policy, University of Calgary because of the esteemed faculty and diverse electives.

AIMEE BOWDEN

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. in International Relations and Political Science, University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

- Intern, Navigator Ltd
- Research Assistant, University of Calgary
- Talent Management Intern, Canada Revenue Agency

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

I have a strong interest in both social policy as well as foreign policy and will always look for opportunities to participate in these disciplines. I'm interested in exploring how legalization of, and policy development around, sex work domestically is related to human trafficking mechanisms and global demand for illicit sex workers.

Why the MPP?

The MPP program grabbed my attention as a very practical and direct program that imparts applied skills to its students, primes them for a fulfilling career in policy work, as well as providing a multitude of opportunities for learning and networking outside the class.

Social Media

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DARREN CHUA

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.Sc. Honours in Geology and Minor in Geophysics, University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

- Taxpayer Services Agent, Canada Revenue Agency
- Student Border Services Officer, Canada Border Services Agency
- Undergraduate Researcher, University of Calgary

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

I am interested in finding ways on how fiscal and regulatory policies can be created or further improved to help alleviate challenges Canadians face in contemporary times.

Why the MPP?

The MPP program at the University of Calgary provides an opportunity to learn from a multidisciplinary environment to understand and solve the current issues we face today. Additionally, the program encourages collaboration with other students to diversify and broaden ideas in order to formulate the best policies.

ROBERT CHWYL

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. in Policy Studies, Mount Royal University

Professional Experience:

- Logistics, Polycor
- Self Employed, Owner
- Consultant, Experion Holdings

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

I am interested in a wide variety of policy areas including communications, lobbying, research, and think tank work.

Why the MPP?

I chose the MPP program at the University of Calgary because of the range of policy courses offered, along with knowledgeable professors. The networking opportunities also stood out for me.

AMBER CLARK

**Previous Degree(s):**

- Bachelor of Child Studies in Child and Youth Counsellor, Mount Royal University

Professional Experience:

- Adult Care Worker, Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre Society
- Speaker, SAMRU Student Governing Board
- Volunteer Coordinator, Otahpiaaki Indigenous Fashion Week

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

I aspire to make positive changes in policy and legislation that impact Indigenous peoples, frontline workers, and the clients they serve.

Why the MPP?

Much of my undergrad involved hands-on learning through practicums teaching me how much systems, policy and legislation impact Indigenous peoples, frontline staff, and their clients. I later took a social policy course where I learned about the program. I realized a Master of Public Policy would give me the tools to fulfil my aspirations to better the experiences of Indigenous peoples, frontline staff, and their clients.

JANE COOK

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B. Comm., University of Saskatchewan
- CPA CA

Policy Interests:

Interested in social and health policy, particularly regarding physical and mental health.

Why the MPP?

I chose the MPP so that I can work in a field where I can make a meaningful contribution to our community.

AVA DANYLUK

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.H.Sc. First Class Honours Specialization in Anthropology, University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

- Law Student, Vogel LLP
- Researcher, Department of Family Medicine, Cumming School of Medicine

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interested in the intersections between Health, Law, and Policy. Hoping to promote equity through legislation.

Why the MPP?

Dual degree offering (MPP/JD) & I love Calgary.

Social Media

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KAYLA DOODY

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. with distinction in Political Science, Human Rights and Minor in International Relations, St. Thomas University

Professional Experience:

- Advisor, Philanthropy and Engagement, United Way of Calgary and Area
- Community Liaison, United Way of Central NB

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interested in researching policy problems and solutions in our social sector, specifically as they relate to intersectionality and upstream approaches.

Why the MPP?

After working in a sector that is deeply impacted by policy decisions, I wanted to take the next step in my career and develop my skills, enabling me to play a larger role in policy development and implementation. Calgary has been a leader in creating new approaches to complex social issues, so I knew the Master of Public Policy Program at the University of Calgary would be a great fit.

Social Media

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RYAN DORMER

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. in Political Science and Minor in Economics, University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

- Environmental Policy Co-op, Suncor Energy Inc.
- Senior Delivery Operations, Calgary, Tesla Inc.

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interested in the policies that are influencing the transition to low-carbon technology in the energy sector, and how the industry is responding and adapting to those policies.

Why the MPP?

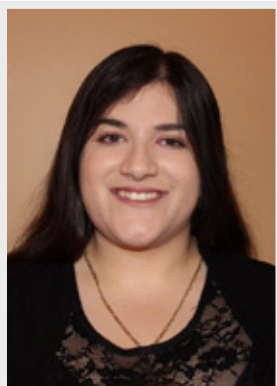
I wanted to study energy and environmental policy and learn the skills needed to influence policy during an era of major transition for the energy industry so that I could one day make a positive impact on the transition.

Social Media

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STEPHANIE DURANTE

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. Sociology, Mount Royal University

Professional Experience:

- Store Administrator, La-Z-Boy Home Furnishings & Decor

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

I have a strong interest in exploring social and health policies around population and aging. I am interested in exploring the potential impacts of Canada's aging population and increasing rates of Dementia on our healthcare system and society as a whole.

Why the MPP?

I believe my background in Sociology has given me a deep understanding of social structures and where policies relating to such structures lack inclusivity and adaptability to current issues. I chose to pursue a Master of Public Policy to find ways to enable policies and social structures to be more inclusive and able to adapt to our ever-changing society.

Social Media

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NOELLE GOUCHIE

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. Honors in Spanish, Major International Relations, St. Thomas University

Professional Experience:

- Intern, Acting Executive Assistant, A Better World Canada

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interested in exploring policy work related to homelessness and addiction.

Why the MPP?

The reasons I applied to the School of Public Policy were the hands-on learning approach to public policy and the chance to network with professionals in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. I was also intrigued by The School's six-month paid internship program with the provincial government and their condensed one-year program.

AMNE HAIKAL

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.N. Nursing, University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

- Registered Nurse (R.N), Foothills Medical Centre
- Research Assistant, Department of Sociology-University of Calgary
- Vice President & General Secretary, The Common Denominator-University of Calgary

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interested in further examining the ways health policy work can help diminish health inequities and improve health outcomes.

Why the MPP?

As a Master of Public Policy student, I would bring in my nursing expertise and learn to work with different sectors to see a holistic picture of how we can design and implement the correct strategies for policy reform. It is often thought that one's health can be improved simply through the prick of a needle. However, what is a needle when the overarching healthcare environment is not conducive to good health? In my opinion, health outcomes cannot be maximized without the implementation of policy, and for this reason, I chose the MPP program.

EGAN HAMILL

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.Comm. Specialization in Risk Management: Insurance and Finance and Minor in Psychology, University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

- Inside Sales, Mackenzie Investments
- Accounting Area Intern and Accessibility Case Co-Author, University of Calgary
- Heart and Stroke Foundation Community Fundraising, Heart and Stroke Foundation
- Research Assistant- International Policy and Trade, University of Calgary

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Foreign Policy, Intellectual Property Policy, and Securities Regulation Policy.

Why the MPP?

Based on recommendation and the opportunity to learn from and work with a number of policy professionals.

AMELIA HARMAN

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. in Law and Society, University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

- Legal Summer Student, Inter Pipeline Ltd.
- Crown Witness Coordinator, Public Prosecution Service of Canada
- Aviation Dispatcher, Government of the Northwest Territories
- Executive Assistant, Government of the Northwest Territories

Nationality:

Canada

Policy Interests:

My areas of interest are energy policy and regulatory frameworks, and Indigenous policy.

Why the MPP?

I chose the UCalgary MPP program because of the opportunities that are available to learn from leading public policy scholars and practitioners. I wanted to further develop and strengthen my ability to analyze, evaluate, and solve complex policy problems. I want to use my MPP to help inform my legal practice.

SELWYNNE HAWKINS

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.Sc. in Physiology and Physics, McGill University
- J.D. Candidate 2022, University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

- Research Assistant, University of Calgary Faculty of Law
- Research Assistant, Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

I am interested in the intersection between human rights and environmental justice.

Why the MPP?

I came to the University of Calgary for the joint JD/MPP program.

Social Media

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KESHIA HOLLOMAN-DAWSON

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. Honours Specialization in Law & Society and Minor in Psychology

Professional Experience:

- President, UCalgary Black Law Students' Association
- Summer Student, Maurice Law
- Caseworker, Calgary Alpha House
- Administrative Coordinator, Calgary Police Service Respectful Workplace Office

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Career aspirations include practicing law or providing legal counsel in the City of Calgary. Interested in developing social equity policies, especially within legal, municipal, and academic institutions.

Why the MPP?

It is important to be able to analyze an issue from multiple angles for the best solutions. I chose the MPP to further hone my skills and better serve clients and the public with effective strategies and tools from a policy lens.

Social Media

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K. MIKAYLA HOUGHTON

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. in Law and Society, University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

- Constituency Assistant, Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interested in international relations, with particular emphasis on the Arctic, comparative politics, and Canada's energy industry.

Why the MPP?

I chose to apply for U of C's MPP program because of the networking opportunities, the calibre of professors, and the array of courses.

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BEN HUANG

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. in Honours in Economics, Acadia University
- B.A. in Sociology, Acadia University
- B.A. in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, Beijing Normal University, Zhuhai

Professional Experience:

- Teaching Assistant, Acadia Economics Department Investment
- Intern, Donghai Securities

Nationality:

Chinese

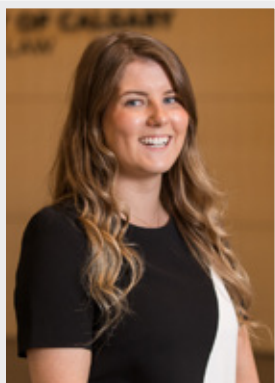
Policy Interests:

Interested in social insurance, security policy, and poverty. Eager to explore more about the energy industry and its social/economic outcome.

Why the MPP?

It is one of the leading policy schools in Canada. I am also interested in collaborating with students from different backgrounds.

AIMÉE HUNTINGTON

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.Sc. Honours Double Major in Biodiversity and Conservation Biology and Sociology, University of Toronto

Professional Experience:

- Summer Student, Gowling WLG
- Immigration Case Processor, Canada Immigration Experts
- Research Assistant, University of Toronto

Nationality:

Canadian and British

Policy Interests:

I am interested in exploring policy work around conservation and environmental issues. I am particularly interested in the intersection between science and policy.

Why the MPP?

It was through my undergraduate degree and research that I recognized the necessity of policy in addressing environmental change. I have seen that while scientific research is vital, we need people who are able to translate this knowledge into policy action. The unique JD-MPP dual program offered at the University of Calgary offers specialized courses and understanding in this sphere.

Social Media

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SARAH JACKNIFE

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. Double Major in Indigenous Studies and Gender and Women Studies, University of British Columbia Okanagan

Professional Experience:

- Career Development Specialist, Indigenous-University of Calgary
- Student Recruiter, Indigenous University of Calgary
- Aboriginal Engineering Co-op Program Analyst, University of British Columbia Okanagan

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

I am interested in working in Indigenous policy, as well as diversity and inclusion policy work. I would also like to explore facilitating and teaching Indigenous policy and Indigenous contemporary trends.

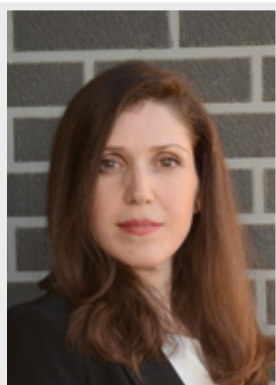
Why the MPP?

I choose this school because of the small class sizes, networking opportunities and The School's focus on career development.

Social Media

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SOGHRA (SORA) JALIL POUR



Previous Degree(s):

- B.Sc. in Chemistry, University of Kashan, Iran
- M.Sc. in Inorganic Chemistry, Isfahan University of Technology (IUT), Iran
- Ph.D. in Electrochemistry, University of Ottawa

Professional Experience:

- Visiting Researcher, National Research Council of Canada (NRC), Ottawa
- Teaching Assistant, Chemistry Department, University of Ottawa
- Lecturer, Chemistry Department, University of Lahijan, Iran

Nationality:

Iranian/Canadian

Policy Interests:

I am looking forward to using my science background to promote evidence-based policy development in the area of environment and energy to create a sustainable future.

Why the MPP?

I believe that public policy has a significant impact in the quality of people's lives. I chose the MPP program, as it provides me with the opportunity to develop various skillsets necessary to understand complex issues facing our society and how to address these challenges.

JILLIAN KOFTINOFF



Previous Degree(s):

- B.A. in Gender Studies, University of Victoria
- Russian Language Certificate, Smolny Institute St. Petersburg State University

Professional Experience:

- Victim Services and Safe Kids and Youth (SKY) Coordinator, ASLCS
- Equity and Outreach Coordinator, University of Victoria's Department of Gender Studies
- Museum Attendant, Nakusp & District Museum
- Visitor's Centre Attendant, Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Passionate about exploring a career in social policy, human rights, Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+), children's rights, and criminal justice policy.

Why the MPP?

I chose to pursue my Master of Public Policy at the School of Public Policy after hearing phenomenal reviews of the program.

NATASHA KORNAK

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.Sc. Honours Major in Life Sciences and Minor in Health Studies, Queen's University

Professional Experience:

- Research Analyst, Venture Communications
- Communications Officer; Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Passionate about policy work in health, particularly related to access to care for women, Indigenous peoples, and other marginalized communities.

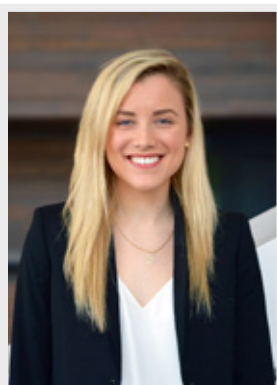
Why the MPP?

As a born-and-raised Calgarian, I want to find policy solutions to problems facing our city and province. The MPP is home to many dedicated professors and researchers who are trying to do just that. I wanted to be part of finding and advancing these solutions, and the MPP was the perfect place to do that.

Social Media

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ANGELA KRSTOVIC

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. Honours Specialization in Applied Economics, Queen's University

Professional Experience:

- Summer Student Enterprise IT, Nutrien Ltd.
- Summer Student Internal Controls, Nutrien Ltd.
- Summer Student Financial Controls, Agrium Inc.

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interested in further exploring policy work around energy, international trade, security, and defence.

NGOZI-EMMANUELA MADUKA

Previous Degree(s):

- LLB Specialization in General Law Practice, Abia State University
- LLM Specialization in Corporate Law and Finance, University of Derby

Professional Experience:

- Research Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Nationality:

Nigerian/Citizenship; Canada/Permanent Resident

Policy Interests:

Interested in furthering policy research, development and analysis in FinTech.

Why the MPP?

Always loved legal and policy research and developing policy advice and directives in different areas in the public sector.

Social Media

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CATHERINE MCDOWELL

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. with Distinction in Health and Community Services, School of Public Health and Social Policy, University of Victoria

Professional Experience:

- Policy and Advocacy Research Assistant, Canadian Cancer Society, BC and Yukon Division
- Research Assistant, Canadian Blood Services
- Summer Program Coordinator, Kids Up Front Foundation

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

My professional areas of interest include health promotion and health equity, for all Canadians. I have a keen interest in the rates of return on health promotion and population health initiatives, and I believe that there is much work that can be accomplished through policy advocacy.

Why the MPP?

I have grown to recognize the importance of policy, and the impact that policies have on each and every Canadian. Born and raised here, I recognize the unique landscape of the Calgary community. The MPP program offers a wonderful opportunity to combine my love of this community, with the chance to understand and influence the policies that affect us, as Canadians and Calgarians.

JOEL MONTAGNES

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. Honours Specialist Degree in History, Minor in Canadian Studies, University of Toronto
- MA in Canadian Military History, University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

- Central Poll Supervisor, Elections Canada
- Ballot Officer, Clerks Office of the City of Toronto
- Supervising Deputy Return Officer, Elections Ontario
- Teaching Assistant, University of Calgary

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interested in Canadian Defence and National Security Issues with a focus on how to rapidly mobilize human and material resources during a crisis.

Why the MPP?

The School of Public Policy has a Canadian-centric focus which appealed to me. The MPP program also allows me to use my knowledge of Canada's past to find solutions for the present and future.

Social Media

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ANDREAS MURPHY

**Previous Degree(s):**

- Certificate in Public Policy, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- B.Comm. Honours (Co-operative), Memorial University of Newfoundland

Professional Experience:

- Employer Accounts Agent, Canada Revenue Agency
- Business Co-op Student, Canada Revenue Agency
- Cultural Exchange Participant, The Walt Disney Company

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interested in energy and environmental policy work, specifically oil and gas, and transitions to renewable energy sources.

Why the MPP?

The School of Public Policy was a clear choice after growing up in the resource-based economy of Newfoundland and Labrador. The research on energy and environmental policy, combined with the focus on career development attracted me to the MPP program.

Social Media

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PANTEA NIKSIRAT

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.Sc. in Chemistry, University of Tehran
- M.Sc. in Chemistry, University of Calgary
- M.Sc. in Chemistry, University of Tabriz

Professional Experience:

- Foreign Policy Research Assistant, Grande Prairie Regional College
- Quality Management System Professional, Bureau Veritas
- Continuous Improvement and Sustainability Coordinator, Bureau Veritas,
- Analyst, Bureau Veritas
- Research and Teaching Assistant, University of Calgary

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interested in international and foreign policy, for example, the effects of international standards on trade.

Why the MPP?

Working in an environmental lab and scientific background made me interested in environmental policy. In addition, I have a diverse interest in multiple areas of policy, including foreign, health and safety, and fiscal policies.

CANDACE PARSONS

Previous Degree(s):

- B.S. Honours in Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies, University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

- Research Associate, Cumming School of Medicine- University of Calgary
- Recreation Assistant, Bethany Calgary

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

I am interested in exploring policy work around harm reduction strategies for a range of vulnerable populations across Canada.

Why the MPP?

I believe that the School of Public Policy will be a steppingstone for me to attain my career goals as a community-based researcher. I believe that the program places an emphasis on evidence-based approaches to assess existing and proposed public policies. Using an evidence-based approach, I will work toward providing a better understanding of harm reduction strategies that can hopefully help influence policy.

KALSEY PREECE

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. Major in Anthropology and Minor in Business & Society, Mount Royal University

Professional Experience:

- Recreation Programmer, City of Calgary
- Research Assistant, Mount Royal University

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interested in exploring Social Policy to work in a position where I can help those belonging to the vulnerable sector, including immigration policy, subsidy programming, community resources etc.

Why the MPP?

From working with the City of Calgary for years, in addition to my experience working with children and youth, I want to be part of a positive change where I have both the ability and knowledge to implement lasting change by means of policy reform. While volunteering with the United Way, I met an employee who had completed his MPP at UCalgary and recommended the program based on my interests; this is what sparked my initial interest in implementing my passions and experiences to truly help others.

ANDREA RICCIO

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.Comm. (with Distinction), University of Calgary
- LL.B, University of Alberta

Professional Experience:

- Senior Counsel, MacMillan Knight LLP

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interested in policy work concerning income inequality, housing affordability, access to justice and the role of the private sector in addressing public policy concerns.

Why the MPP?

In addition to The School's reputation and quality of teaching staff, I am attracted to the practical and concentrated program as an excellent way for me to add analytical skills in the public policy field to my legal background.

Social Media

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PIA SILVIA ROZARIO

Previous Degree(s):

- B.B.A., University of Dhaka

Professional Experience:

- Project Manager and Senior Business Consultant, LightCastle Partners

Nationality:

Bangladeshi

Policy Interests:

Aspires to work at the intersection of business and policy while exploring the scope for increased collaboration.

Why the MPP?

I aim to gain a deeper understanding of the relationship between macroeconomic factors and public policy through a practical learning experience.

CAM SORENSON

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. in International Studies, Trinity Western University

Professional Experience:

- Indigenous Policy Analyst, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
- Community Engagement Advisor, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Interest in exploring policy work related to Indigenous relations, especially as it relates to the energy sector.

Why the MPP?

The MPP at the University of Calgary will allow me to further understand the different policy tools available, how stakeholders are impacted by policy decisions, how decisions are made both within government, and in collaboration with private and non-profit groups. I am looking forward to applying my learnings from the workplace and solidifying my educational foundation in this area.

ABBEY SPACKMAN

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. in Political Science, University of Calgary

Professional Experience:

- Literacy Assistant, Calgary Board of Education
- Community Support, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society
- Communications Director, South Calgary Community Basketball Association

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

I am interested in policy formation and implementation in the areas of education, health and newcomer groups and hope to use evidence-based policy to affect change in those areas.

Why the MPP?

In today's social climate, there is an important need to blend accurate evidence with context when discussing policy issues. The School of Public Policy shares my belief that both of these elements are essential in the formation of public policy.

MARIA TOPOLNYSKI

**Previous Degree(s):**

- B.A. in International Relations, University of British Columbia

Professional Experience:

- Community Family Support Worker, The Brenda Strafford Centre
- Sr. Administrative Assistant, Office of the Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Calgary
- Volunteer, Amnesty International Canada

Nationality:

Canadian

Policy Interests:

Exploring policy work focused on responding to and preventing public health crises and the intersection with socioeconomic status and geographic location.

Why the MPP?

The School of Public Policy will help me gain the education I desire while engaging with the community where I want to pursue my career, Calgary and Alberta.





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