



# The York Collegium for Practical Ethics Newsletter

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## The New Order

As of July 1, 2013, the York Centre for Practical Ethics became the York Collegium for Practical Ethics.

YCPE will continue as an informal research group within McLaughlin College, York University's Public Policy College. One of the important functions of YCPE during the past few years has been to organize a lively seminar series, and the seminar series will continue in 2014-15 in association with McLaughlin College. Our members and affiliates who wish to submit research grant applications are encouraged to consider submitting them through the York Centre for Public Policy and Law, which also has an ethics mandate.

**Governance:** YCPE has an executive that reports to its members and affiliates and to the Master of McLaughlin College. As of July 1, 2014, the executive consists of Philip MacEwan, Naomi Couto, Ian Greene, Idil Boran, Alice MacLachlan, David Wiesenthal, Gregory Levine, and Garrett MacSweeney. During 2014-15, Philip MacEwan and Naomi Couto have volunteered to serve as co-Coordiators. (\*Garrett is stepping down to complete his PhD, and we need another grad student to replace him.)

## The Collegium's Mandate

The York Collegium for Practical Ethics facilitates networking opportunities for York University faculty and graduate students in all faculties with an interest in practical ethics. YCPE organizes a seminar series which addresses issues related to practical ethics on a monthly basis. It may also work with other organizations to organize workshops and conferences on practical ethics.

One of the Collegium's goals is to raise awareness of practical ethics and to facilitate the integration of ethics into the everyday life of the surrounding communities, including businesses, government, and the professions.

## YCPE Events in the fall of 2014

**November 5: Justice Sidney Linden,** Conflict of Interest Commissioner of Ontario, "Keeping Public Servants Ethical."



**November 12: Ian Stedman,** recently of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, "Encouraging Integrity and Accountability from Ontario's Elected Officials: Whose Job is it Anyway?"

**November 13: Panel Discussion** on the Municipal Elections, 2014, with Robert Drummond, Ian Greene, Naomi Couto, Ken Ogata, and Dennis Pilon.

**November 19: Valerie Jepson,** Integrity Commissioner, City of Toronto: "Ethics and Toronto City Council: Things are Improving."



**November 20: Ian Greene,** "The Courage to Pursue your Academic Dreams with Plan B as a Backup"

**November 25: Ian Greene,** Book Launch: *The Charter of Rights and Freedoms: 30+ Years of Decisions That Shape Canadian Life* (Toronto: Lorimer, 2014)

## Winter 2015 Events:

**January 14 (Wed, 12 noon 140 MC): Garrett MacSweeney,** "Corporate Social Responsibility in the Developing World: Understanding Responsibility"

**January 15 (Thurs, 12 noon, 140 MC): Wes Cragg,** "Is it time to resurrect social contract theory?"

**March 26: Ellen Gutterman,** topic TBA

Other events in the planning stage:

- panel discussion on the role of the Ombudsman
- presentation on the ebola crisis
- the Syrian refugee crisis

## Milestones:

- Ken Ogata, Naomi Couto, and Ian Greene, "Rob Ford and the End of Honour," 19(3) 2014 *The Innovation Journal: The Public Sector Innovation Journal*: [http://www.innovation.cc/discussion-papers/19\\_3\\_5\\_ogata\\_ford-manuscript499i.pdf](http://www.innovation.cc/discussion-papers/19_3_5_ogata_ford-manuscript499i.pdf)

## The Newsletter

This is the first edition of the York Collegium for Practical Ethics Newsletter. It is intended to keep affiliates of the Collegium apprised of events and happenings. If you would like to contribute an item to the next edition, please send your contribution to Vicky Carnevale: [vcarneva@yorku.ca](mailto:vcarneva@yorku.ca). In particular, we'd like news of your accomplishments and milestones.