

## WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A SJPS DEGREE?



Employers are looking for people who can think critically, solve problems, and **develop innovative ways** to create a more just and peaceful world.

The Social Justice and Peace Studies program prepares students for a wide variety of careers or graduate study fields. Our graduates are working in a variety of fields, including the following:

### Non-Governmental Organizations

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Specialist
- Environment
- Food Security
- Immigration Resettlement
- First Nations
- Faith-Based Organizations

### Social Services

- Social Work
- Homelessness
- Mental Health
- Addictions Counseling

### Law

- Crown Attorney
- Lawyer
- Mediator/Negotiator
- Law Clerk

### Education

- Teachers, Professors
- Career/Academic Counselors
- Librarian
- Researchers/Policy Advisors

### Business

- Human Resources
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Marketing
- Investment
- Social Media

### Health Care

- Naturopath
- Midwife
- Occupational Therapist
- Public Health

## GRADUATE PATHWAYS



### GRAD SCHOOL

- Master of Arts in Social Equity, Brock University
- Masters of Philosophy in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation, Trinity College Dublin
- Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy, University of Toronto
- Masters of Social Work, Wilfrid Laurier University
- JD, University of Ottawa Law School
- PhD in Political Science, Queen's University

### EMPLOYMENT

- Criminal Defense Lawyer, CD Law (London, Ontario)
- Conflict Analyst and Mediator, York Street Resolution Group
- Child Protection Worker, Family and Children Services (Kitchener/Waterloo, Ontario)
- Cultural Justice Coordinator, Althosa Native Family Healing Services Inc. (London, Ontario)
- Director of Partnership, The Minery Ltd (London, Ontario)
- Marketing Manager for Gatorade, PepsiCola (Mississauga, Ontario)

### INTERNSHIPS

- Citizens for Public Justice, Ottawa
- Romero House, Toronto
- L'Arche, Cape Breton
- Global Affairs International Youth Internship Program, Uganda

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Cross-disciplinary** academic program
- **Community Based Learning** that provides community engagement and deepened understanding of local and regional issues.
- **Global Learning Opportunities** that include optional short term experiences in the Dominican Republic, Arizona/Mexico border, Italy and First Nations Communities in Canada.
- **Certificate and Diploma in Refugees, Migration and Forced Displacement**
- **Capstone course** that provides students with the experience to synthesize their SJPS experience in a major research paper and community symposium.
- **Activism and community peace building** opportunities in the work for social change.
- **Leading researchers in the field**, and dedicated and committed teachers who mentor students to work together to create a more just and peaceful world.
- Opportunities to engage research and activism at local and global level with **The Centre for Social Concern** and **The Gender and Justice in the Community Summit**.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge that our campus at King's University College is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lenapeewak, and Attawandaron peoples, all of whom have longstanding relationships to the land of Southwestern Ontario and the City of London. The First Nations communities of our local area include Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee Delaware Nation.

# Social Justice & Peace Studies

## Transform The World: Justice, Peace, Action



## What is SJPS?

Social Justice and Peace Studies is an interdisciplinary academic program committed to experiential education and inspired by the Catholic Social Teaching tradition. It encourages critical reflection on oppression and injustice, locally and globally, and examines theoretical and practical approaches to justice and peace. SJPS calls students to social action that transforms the world in the interests of human dignity, equality, sustainability, and peace.

# EXPERIENCE GUIDE

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**THE SJPS PROGRAM**  
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## THE SJPS PROGRAM IS FOR STUDENTS:

- Who want to develop critical research and analytical skills
- Who believe in becoming inclusive change agents in their community and around the world
- Who are interested in expanding their awareness of social justice and peace issues
- Who are interested in understanding the interlocking nature of poverty, violence, racism, sexism, environmental degradation and other forms of oppression
- Who wish to participate in local and international experiential learning opportunities
- Who want to think innovatively about how to create a more just and peaceful world

## LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Academic and practical learning in SJPS will have lifelong application. Students who complete a SJPS degree will be well-prepared, informed and active citizens. Their knowledge, insights and experiences are especially valuable in careers in civic engagement and social innovation, such as law, social work, education, government, medicine, environment, development, the non-profit sector and business.

On completion of a degree in SJPS, students will have the following knowledge, skills and experience:

### KNOWLEDGE:

- Analyze systems that give rise to oppression, injustice, and violence
- Strategies to increase justice, social innovation, peace, and conflict resolution
- Recognize contemporary concerns for First Nations in Canada from a variety of perspectives and know how to address these issues
- Propose innovative alternatives to address injustice and violence and apply them to real situations

### SKILLS:

- Conflict resolution through non-violent means
- Critical thinking
- How to participate and organize in activism
- Oral presentation skills honed by leading seminars, presentations, public lectures and debates
- Qualitative and quantitative research skills
- Social media
- Strong engagement as global citizens
- Synthesis to bring multiple perspectives together in creative ways
- Teamwork and independent work
- Writing skills in a variety of forms, including critical reflections, policy briefs, blogs, and essays

### EXPERIENCE:

- Working with community-based organizations during placements
- Living in a global context through optional experiential learning internationally or a semester exchange abroad
- Creating a policy brief analyzing a local and regional issue of injustice or violence
- Participating in a community-based learning symposium
- Capstone research project that brings together theory and method, practical experience from placements, and innovative actions to build justice and peace

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The SJPS program at King's is one of the only programs in Canada that combines the study and work of both justice and peace. This program critically examines the root causes of social injustice and violence in society, in our community and in the world. And it innovatively explores alternatives to injustice and violence by focusing on how to build peace and justice. It does this through rigorous academic training, combined with community based learning and numerous optional experiential learning opportunities. SJPS is the hub at King's University for engaged, innovative and active learning in the creation of a more just and peaceful community and world.

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE



## WHY STUDY

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# Your Social Justice and Peace Studies Experience Guide

## THINK Imagine, Create

### FIRST YEAR

- Meet with Faculty during office hours
- Join KAMP to meet upper year student mentors
- Consider joining the Social Justice and Peace Club
- Review your program progression requirements and plan for a successful degree path
- Sign up for the Co-Curricular Record
- Check out our services offered by Counselling and Student Development

## DISCOVER Possibilities

### MIDDLE YEARS

- Attend summer academic orientation
- Check out programs offered by Campus Ministry Development and Peace Group
- Make an appointment to meet with the Indigenous Knowledge Keeper
- Attend Orientation Week Activities at King's and at Western
- Visit the Career Counsellor at King's to Review potential career opportunities with your degree
- Sign up for intramurals, join a club at King's and check out the Western Mustangs games

## ENGAGE In Local and Global Community

### GRADUATING YEAR

- Attend King's International inter-cultural events
- Volunteer for events such as St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre, The Centre for Social Concern, or The Gender, Justice and Community Summit
- Consider joining the KUCSC as a first year or program rep
- Apply for residence and participate in the living learning communities

### FIRST YEAR

- Check out the wealth of undergraduate research opportunities on campus
- Meet with SJPS Community Based Learning Coordinator
- Consider taking a SJPS Global Experiential Learning course and put your theory into practice
- Be a note taker through the King's Accessibility Services
- Attend the Learning Skills Services Drop in Sessions
- Make sure you do your Intent To Register (ITR)

### MIDDLE YEARS

- Check out the Life after King's Series
- Become a Soph or Off-Campus Don to support fellow students at King's
- Explore your interests by volunteering on campus
- Meet with your academic counsellor to make key academic decisions
- Think about writing for the Regis or the Western Gazette
- Review leadership roles offered by King's and Western

### GRADUATING YEAR

- Explore opportunities such as research assistants and scholarships
- Consider different ways to build engaged learning and international experience into your degree
- Get involved with Social Justice and Peace Club executive positions
- Visit and take in opportunities offered by Innovation Works
- Consider volunteering with the Inter-faith Peace Camp

### GRADUATING YEAR

- Attend Graduate School Education Sessions
- Sign up for the Life After King's Mentoring Program
- Attend the employer information sessions and Career Fairs
- Finalize your portfolio to share with graduate schools and employers

- Participate in local, national and global challenges and competitions (Map the System, World's Challenge)
- Meet with faculty to talk about graduate school and reference letters
- Check out Pillar Nonprofit Network "Nonprofit Career Talks"
- Meet with career services to review resume and job search tools

- Check out internships offered by local and global NGOs and organizations
- Contribute to the King's Undergraduate Research Journal
- Meet with alumni for informational interviews
- Participate in City Studio Course offered by King's
- Conduct informational interviews with organizations you would like to work for

## THE KING'S ANNUAL CHECKLIST

- Meet regularly with the Academic Dean's Office to ensure you are on track towards your degree requirements
- Utilize the various services offered by Student Services
- Continually review your financial aid
- Check out opportunities to work on campus or off-campus throughout your degree
- Volunteer and support your community at King's
- Use the library resources offered by the Cardinal Carter Library
- Check out Career Connect on a regular basis
- Meet with Faculty during their office hours

## ALUMNI PROFILE



**Alana Pawley**  
*Honours Specialization Social Justice and Peace Studies and Global Development*  
**Graduation Year: 2017**

“ SJPS prepared me for work in conflict resolution by better understanding power dynamics and systemic oppression at a societal, community, and interpersonal level. ”

## CURRENT CAREER

Cultural Justice Coordinator, Atlohsa Native Family Healing Services Inc.

## CAREER OVERVIEW

I was hired to develop and oversee a new Indigenous restorative justice program for families experiencing violence. I work in a project management capacity designing the program and doing research within the community to ensure the program will be effective in the local context. I will be meet with clients to plan conflict resolution circles, assist in facilitating circles, and provide further supports such as cultural healing ceremonies, referrals, and aftercare.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ALUMNI

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