



## Meet Our Authors

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### Adrian Hopici

Adrian Hopici graduated from York university with a double major bachelor of arts in Criminology and Psychology. He is currently in the Socio-Legal master's program, also at York university. His academic research interests are focused on the ways in which we come to understand the lived human experience and the ways in which we seek to govern our own experiences and the experiences of others. More precisely, he is interested in the biochemical governmentality of the psychiatric industry and the potential of such a cultural, social, legal, and medical activity to incubate and generate mass social harms. His future aspirations are to elucidate and mitigate the zemiological impact of the current state of affairs regarding mental health and the treatment thereof through academic research, lectures, and conferences. By doing so, he seeks to assist in the development of a more holistic framework of mental health, illness, and treatment that is more safe and effective now and in the future.

### Cameron Penny

As a member of a tightly knit group of high school hackers with dreams of obtaining every teacher's computer password and downloading all the pirated software and media material possible, Cameron gained an early appreciation for computers and the internet as tools of empowerment. A few years later, during his third year at York University studying Criminology and Sociology, he was considering these activities once again, only this time he was on the outside looking in. Rekindling his early interests, Cameron built on his knowledge of cyber-crime throughout his third and fourth year, his recent publication being the capstone of his work to date. Now as a York alumnus, Cameron has decided to continue his academic career at the University of Essex in England where he will study a master's degree in the sociology department. Upon completion, Cameron intends on pursuing a career in national security or research. Academics aside, when he is not producing research, Cameron enjoys photography, web design, cycling, and playing with his cat Oliver (a.k.a., all-the-fur).

### Mathew Montevirgen

Mathew is a recent graduate from the University of Toronto's Centre of Criminology & Sociolegal Studies. Prior to pursuing graduate studies at the University of Toronto, Mathew graduated from the Criminology program at York University in 2015. His



academic research tends to focus on colonialism in Canada, neoliberal legal governance, urban governance, pacification, cultural representations and spatialization. His work is often informed through the lens of Marxist analyses, postcolonial studies, cultural studies, critical race theory, feminist theory and intersectional analyses. Besides his publication for the York University Criminological Review, this year Mathew has also presented at the 4th Annual Justice, Crime and Deviance Conference on the Canadian Government's #WelcomeRefugees social media campaign, wrote an op-ed for The Varsity critiquing campus revitalization and completed a Master's Research Paper on urban revitalization and colonialism which he plans to publish. In addition, Mathew has a lifelong goal of social justice and believes that it is pertinent to use his knowledge on various subjects to accomplish social change, whether by challenging hegemonic discourses in conversation, joining hundreds at protests and rallies to express dissent or even advocating for changes in policies. Due to the intersection of his academic research interests and with his desire for social justice, Mathew is now considering a PhD.

## **Nabil Bhatia**

Nabil is in his final year of study at York University, where he is double majoring in Criminology and Political Science. His academic interests lie in the intersection of international security, transnational criminology, and international development studies. In his research, he focuses on the rise of violent extremism, the history and geopolitics of the Middle East and North Africa, the international arms trade, and the impacts of armed conflict on marginalized populations. In addition to his feature in the York University Criminological Review, Nabil is co-authoring an academic book chapter on interdisciplinary criminology and transnational crime to be published in 2017. He is a member of the Dean's Circle of Student Scholars and the recipient of the Dr. George Tatham Trophy (2014-2015), the McLaughlin College Council 50th Anniversary Award (2015-2016), and the Certificate of Achievement for Academic Excellence in the Department of Political Science (2014-2015/2015-2016). Nabil has an insatiable thirst for knowledge and an expanding and developing research imagination, two factors which have inspired him to pursue a Master's Degree in global affairs and security after he completes his undergraduate studies. Nabil hopes to establish initiatives focusing on accessible education, development, conflict prevention and peacemaking in troubled regions of the world.



## Saqib Mahmood

Saqib Mahmood earned his BA honors (Criminology) in 2016 and is currently a MA candidate in the Socio-Legal Studies Program at York University. His academic interests lie within the intersection of law, criminality, and popular culture. The question of how our ideas & understanding of crime, criminality, and the law are both shaped by and shape the cultural products we consume is a point of curiosity. Additionally, he is interested in the study of refugees and how their status affects their access to justice. He is currently working on a project that attempts to explore this phenomenon in the face of the current Syrian refugee crisis. His future academic aspirations lie within the legal field as he is planning to attend law school after the completion of his MA. He spends his leisure time watching thought-provoking cinema, reading, volunteering in the community, and traveling.

## Editors-in-Chief

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### Anthony Malone

Anthony Malone is fifth year Criminology and Sociology double major who is going into the final year of his undergraduate degree. During his time at York, he has accumulated a score of awards, including the Provost's Scholarship, McLaughlin College's Helen and Elgin Turner Bursary, York Universities Continuing Student Scholarship x3, the So Pui Ching Award in Sociology and is also a member of the *Golden Key Society*. Since his first year at the institution, Anthony has been involved in many ventures that seek to improve the undergraduate experience of his fellow students, including working alongside Tanika McLeod to create the *Academic Criminology Tutorials (ACT)*, a sister branch of the *Criminology Society at York (CSY)* that is designed to provide academic assistance to all Criminology students. He has also had the opportunity to provide academic services to the surrounding community by way of volunteering as a tutor and peer mentor for *Pathways to Education at Lawrence Heights*, a non-profit organization that is designed to break the barriers to education for children who come from at-risk neighbourhoods. Anthony has a strong desire to pursue a career in law and is currently focused on gaining admittance into law school. The reason that he became involved in the CSRI initiative was because he saw it as an opportunity to better the Criminology program as a whole. It also allowed him to once again work alongside Tanika McLeod with the goal of helping others.



## Shayyan Malik

Shayyan is currently a fourth year student at York University. His academic interests are rooted in critical criminology and focus on a variety of social issues. In particular, Shayyan is interested in the criminalization of deviance, such as drug use and sex work, as well as the study of punishment as a socio-historic phenomenon. He is also very active in the criminology community at York. Last year, as a Director of Academic Affairs for the *Criminology Society at York (CSY)*, Shayyan facilitated weekly study groups for first and second year criminology students, and currently serves as the CSY's Vice-President. He has also acted as the Executive Producer for the CSY's annual Academic Conference for two years, and is an active committee member on the *LA&PS Council of Student Associations/Councils*. He is passionate about enabling students to achieve and surpass their academic aspirations, as well as enhancing student engagement and identification with the academic community. Shayyan joined the CSRI initiative to further these goals and make a tangible difference in the academic community. After completing his Bachelor of Arts, Shayyan plans to continue on to law school.

## Tanika McLeod

Tanika is currently a 4th year student at York University. Her academic interests are generally concerned with governmentality, the production of corporate-state harms, the criminalization of consensual crimes and constitutional law. In various capacities throughout her undergraduate career, Tanika has been very active in the York community. In the past she has been on the executive board of the *Moot Law Society*, a general member of *Humanity First at York*, and a committee member of the *Dean's Student Advisory Committee*. Presently she is the President of the *Criminology Society at York (CSY)*, Club Advisor and Liaison for *BBBST Student Club at York*, and a committee member of the *LA&PS Council of Student Associations/Councils*. Tanika is also passionate about access to education and began a peer tutoring initiative in 2013 with Anthony Malone to help their colleagues meet their academic goals within the Criminology program at York. This initiative developed into a network of academic and social supports for students and functions as the academic department of the CSY under the name *Academic Criminology Tutorials (ACT)*. To further expand and cultivate this academic culture, she started the CSRI initiative with hopes that it would not only connect students to the academic community beyond the classroom, but also cultivate a sense academic independence and authority amongst undergraduate students at York and across Canada. Tanika plans to continue her studies with a master's degree before going on to law school.



## York/Sheridan Design Student

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### **Kristina Cruz-Pura**

Kristina is a second year student in the York/Sheridan Design program, often referred to as YSDN. She is passionate about design, and focuses her practice in calligraphy, typography, illustration, branding, advertising, and concept design. Furthermore, she believes in using her design education to help raise awareness around societal issues.

As the former class representative in her Sheridan Art Fundamentals course and currently an executive member of YSDN's *Design Student Association*, Kristina has gained valuable leadership and teamwork skills. Following her post-secondary education, she hopes to further her studies by pursuing a graduate degree and to continue to use her design work as a way to advocate for social change.