Senior Public Service Administrators were received in the Department of Political Science to share their insights and stories of what it is like to work in public service. Many themes formed over time that resonated with the students, namely: how dedication is its own reward; how it can be challenging to strike a work-life balance, but that it is essential for sustaining a lifelong career in the public service. Wanting to make a difference was a common thread. We are grateful to our panelists for their time and stories.



Public Servant Panel speakers from left to right: Julie Gascon (Master Mariner and Director General, Operations, Canadian Coast Guard); Marie-Christine Tremblay (Director General of the Strategic Priorities Directorate of the Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate Change Canada); Marc A. Jacques (MPPPA Alumni, Senior Political and Economic Affairs Attaché, Consulate General of Canada, Boston); Sarah Cox (MPPPA Alumni, Director, Circumpolar Affairs Directorate. Head of delegation for the Sustainable Development Working Group (Arctic Council), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada); Daniel Salée (Professor, Political Science, School of Community and Public Affairs); Elizabeth Bloodgood (Associate professor, Political Science, Department Chair); Eve Pankovitch (Internship Coordinator, Academic Advisor, Political Science department); David Heurtel (Public Administration Scholar in Residence, Concordia University)