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GOVERNMENT INFORMATION DAY 2016

Friday, December 9, 2016

8:30 am–4:45 pm

Ground Floor, OISE Library

252 Bloor Street West, Toronto ON

Day-at-a-Glance

All sessions will take place at the OISE Library, followed by a tour of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library.

8:30–9:00	Registration	11:50–12:10	Session 6: Publishing Open Government resources on open.canada.ca Alannah Hilt, Treasury Board Secretariat
9:00–9:05	Announcements	12:10–1:30	Lunch (on your own)
9:05–9:10	Opening remarks – Julie Hannaford, Deputy Chief Librarian, University of Toronto Libraries	1:30–2:30	Session 7: State of Ontario government publishing Alex Alton, Publications Ontario; Sandra Craig, Ontario Legislative Library; Alex Eastwood, Open Government; Frank Van Kalmthout, Archives Ontario; and moderator Simone O’Byrne, Ontario Government Libraries Council
9:10–9:45	Keynote – All data is not the same: know the difference between public data and personal data Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Ryerson University	2:30–2:45	Break
9:45–10:15	Session 2: A reporter’s guide to the FOI universe Jim Rankin, The Toronto Star	2:45–3:05	Session 8: Commotions over motions Rolla Haddad, Library of Parliament and Jamila Hastick, Library of Parliament
10:15–10:30	Break	3:05–3:25	Session 9: Streamlining access to digitized Canadian government information Margaret Wall, University of Toronto Libraries
10:30–11:00	Session 3: The Linked Parliamentary Data Project (LiPaD) Christopher Cochrane, University of Toronto; Graeme Hirst, University of Toronto; Nona Naderi, University of Toronto; Ludovic Rheault, University of Toronto; and Tanya Whyte, University of Toronto	3:25–3:45	Session 10: Sessional Papers of Canada by Title Collection (1901–1925) Sam-chin Li, University of Toronto Libraries and Andrea Mills, Internet Archive Canada
11:00–11:30	Session 4: Could it be a case of the emperor’s new clothes? Crown copyright and Canada’s commitment to open government Amanda Wakaruk, University of Alberta	3:45–3:50	Closing remarks – Debbie Green, Head, Robarts Library Reference and Research Services, University of Toronto Libraries
11:30–11:50	Session 5: Building on the momentum: CGI-DPN preserves more than DSP content in the LOCKSS program Sam-chin Li, University of Toronto Libraries	4:00	Tour of Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library Led by Sam-chin Li, University of Toronto Libraries

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Keynote

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All data is not the same: know the difference between public data and personal data

Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Ryerson University

ABSTRACT Government transparency and access to information are vital ingredients for a free and functioning democratic society. Citizens must be ensured the right to government-held information in order to participate meaningfully in civil life—something which is not possible if government activities are hidden from public view.

While this is not a new idea, it certainly has taken on a new meaning since the advent of the Internet. The ubiquitous nature of the Web has driven dramatic new increases in public demand for government-held information, fostering civic participation and redefining the significance of freedom of information legislation. Further, advances in information communications technology have also driven an explosive growth in the collection and storage of information, with countless databases now holding vast amounts of data. Consequently, new challenges have arisen in ensuring access to public records while also ensuring the protection of personal information.

While some believe that fundamental privacy protections will be challenged by such things as the operation of Big Data analytics, Dr. Cavoukian dispels the notion that privacy acts as a barrier to analytics and the innovations they can spark. She argues that the limiting paradigm of “zero-sum”—that you can either have privacy or innovation, but not both—is an outdated, win/lose model of approaching the question of privacy in the age of Big Data and IoT. Instead a “positive-sum” solution is needed in which the interests of both sides may be met, in a doubly-enabling, “win-win” manner through Privacy by Design (PbD). PbD is predicated on the rejection of zero-sum propositions by proactively identifying the risks and embedding the necessary protective measures into the design and data architecture involved. Dr. Cavoukian will demonstrate how you can embed privacy into virtually any system or operation to achieve positive sum outcomes, enabling both privacy *and* data utility—not one at the expense of the other.

BIOGRAPHY Dr. Ann Cavoukian is recognized as one of the world’s leading privacy experts. She is presently the Executive Director of Ryerson University’s Privacy and Big Data Institute. Appointed as the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Canada in 1997, Dr. Cavoukian served an unprecedented three terms as Commissioner. There she created Privacy by Design, a framework that seeks to

proactively embed privacy into the design of technology, infrastructure and business practices, thereby achieving the strongest protection possible. In October 2010, a Conference of International Privacy Regulators unanimously passed a Resolution recognizing Privacy by Design as an essential component of privacy protection. Since then, PbD has been translated into 38 languages.

Dr. Cavoukian’s expertise has been recognized in many ways. She was ranked among the top 25 Women of Influence, named one of the top 100 City Innovators Worldwide by UBM Future Cities; chosen as one of the ‘Power 50’ by Canadian Business magazine; awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Guelph; she was selected for Maclean’s Magazine’s ‘Power List’ of the top 50 Canadians, and most recently, picked as one of the top 10 women in data security, compliance and privacy you should follow on Twitter.

In her leadership of the Privacy and Big Data Institute at Ryerson University, Dr. Cavoukian is dedicated to demonstrating that privacy can and must be included, along with other considerations such as security and business interests. Her mantra of “banish zero-sum” enables multiple interests to be served simultaneously.

Session 2

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A reporter’s guide to the FOI universe

Jim Rankin, The Toronto Star

ABSTRACT You want the truth? Toronto Star journalist Jim Rankin shows how freedom of information requests unearth information that otherwise would never be made public, and result in stories that serve the public good.

BIOGRAPHY Jim Rankin is a reporter-photographer at the *Toronto Star*. He specializes in investigations, data journalism and features. His work has been nominated for ten National Newspaper Awards, and in 2002 he was part of a team involved in the Michener Award-winning investigative series into race, policing and crime in Toronto.

10:15–10:30: Break

Session 3

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The Linked Parliamentary Data Project (LiPaD)

Christopher Cochrane, University of Toronto, Graeme Hirst, University of Toronto, Nona Naderi, University of Toronto, Ludovic Rheault, University of Toronto, and Tanya Whyte, University of Toronto

ABSTRACT The transcript of Parliamentary Debates (“Hansard”) is a 150-year running record of Canadian political history. This richness

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presents political historians with a needle-in-a-haystack problem of an enormous magnitude. At a rate of a novel's worth of reading each day, it would take 66 years to read the transcripts of the House and the Senate. It would take a further 28 years to read what was added in the interim. The Hansard has very detailed indices, but each index is a thousand pages long and the categories change over time. The historical indices bear little resemblance to how we categorize topics today. At present, the Hansard is entombed by its own mass.

In 2013, a group of political scientists, computer scientists and historians teamed up at the University of Toronto to solve this problem. With support from the SSHRC, the NSERC, the Digging into Data initiative, the Library of Parliament, Library and Archives Canada, Canadiana.org and Michael Mulley at openparliament.ca, a key output of this collaboration is the first machine-readable and fully searchable historical Hansard. We have linked these data to various biographical properties of parliamentarians, including their party and gender. This corpus underpins the search interface of this website.

Our presentation examines the background and future of the Linked Parliamentary Data initiative.

BIOGRAPHY Christopher Cochrane is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science; Graeme Hirst is a Professor in the Department of Computer Science; Nona Naderi is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Computer Science; Ludovic Rheault is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science; and Tanya Whyte is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Political Science.

Session 4

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Could it be a case of the emperor's new clothes? Crown copyright and Canada's commitment to open government

Amanda Wakaruk, University of Alberta

ABSTRACT This session will provide an introduction to Crown copyright in Canada and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of keeping government information out of the public domain. Suggestions for modifying section 12 of the Copyright Act will be offered (and solicited!) in preparation for the upcoming parliamentary review of this piece of legislation.

BIOGRAPHY Amanda Wakaruk (MLIS, MES) is the University of Alberta's first dedicated Copyright Librarian. Her work with the CGI DPN and 15+ years as a Government Information Librarian inspired her current interest in the precarity of born-digital government information and its copyright-related stewardship complications. See <https://sites.google.com/a/ualberta.ca/wakaruk/> for more information about her work and background.

Session 5

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Building on the momentum: CGI-DPN preserves more than DSP content in the LOCKSS program

Sam-chin Li, University of Toronto Libraries

ABSTRACT Since its establishment in 2012, under the leadership of Amanda Wakaruk, the CGI-PLN has gone through a few substantial stages including a name change in 2014 and winning an award in 2015. In addition to preserving DSP content using the LOCKSS program, this 10-member network has extended its efforts to archive new content and to work on special projects. This session will share recent developments in this award-winning initiative and introduce a few of its new projects.

BIOGRAPHY Sam-chin Li is the Government Information Librarian at the University of Toronto. She has been working on many digitization and web archiving projects. She was the coordinator of the first Government Information Day in Ontario (2013) and is the current co-chair of the Steering Committee of the Canadian Government Information Digital Preservation Network.

Session 6

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Publishing Open Government resources on open.canada.ca

Alannah Hilt, Treasury Board Secretariat

ABSTRACT This session will provide an overview of how Government of Canada departments contribute Open Government resources to open.canada.ca, including requirements, issues and next steps.

BIOGRAPHY Alannah Hilt has been a member of the Open Government Team within the Chief Information Officer Branch in the Government of Canada's Treasury Board Secretariat. As a project officer, she is responsible for working with GC departments and agencies to release data and information, as well as supporting the development and maintenance of the systems that power open.canada.ca.

12:20–1:20: Lunch on your own (80 min.)

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Session 7

Ⓞ 1:30–2:30

State of Ontario government publishing

Alex Alton, Publications Ontario; Sandra Craig, Ontario Legislative Library; Alex Eastwood, Open Government; Frank Van Kalmthout, Archives Ontario; and moderator Simone O'Byrne, Ontario Government Libraries Council

ABSTRACT This moderated panel discussion will focus on the current state of publishing within the Ontario government, covering the dissemination, long term access and preservation of publications. The panel will also discuss Open Government initiatives such as websites as public records.

This session will cover the current state of government publishing in Ontario. At this time, there is no provincial library or trusted digital repository system (TDR) with a mandate to preserve and collect Ontario's government documents.

Publications Ontario, the Legislative Library, the Archives of Ontario and government libraries are facing many challenges in collecting, accessing and preserving publications, especially in the born-digital era. Publications Ontario is addressing the numerous challenges involved with the shift from print to digital, including currency of information, broken links, AODA compliance and the file format debate. The question remains what to do about html vs. pdf. The Open Government initiative is working on a public-facing catalogue and they are exploring secondary formats to make information accessible and printable. The Ontario Legislative Library continues to harvest Ontario government documents from the websites of ministries, agencies, boards and commissions. Selected born-digital documents are archived to the repository which now includes over 100,000 files. The Legislative Library has entered into a partnership with the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) and Our Digital World to provide broader access to the repository and ensure it is preserved for the long term. The Archives of Ontario preserves selected government documents based on their record retention policies. They are currently addressing the implications of classifying government websites as records. There is no provincial library or government office with a broad centralized mandate to preserve and collect Ontario's documents and there is a concern these documents will either be lost or inaccessible over time.

BIOGRAPHY Alex Alton works as a Business Coordinator at Publications Ontario. He assists with the work related to Publications Ontario's role as the central manager and distributor of Ontario government publications, the publisher and distributor of Ontario statutes in all formats under the Legislation Act, 2006, publisher and distributor of the Ontario Gazette and administrator of Crown copyright for all Government of Ontario materials. Publications Ontario maintains a catalogue of over 13,000 active items which are available to the public for download, or to order in physical format. Alex is leading the work on revising the Government Publications Directive, an internal government policy which details the roles and requirements in government around publications.

Sandra Craig is the Supervisor of Metadata Services, Content Management, Information Services Branch at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. She has been involved in building and maintaining the Legislative Library's repository of Ontario government documents since it began in July 2000. The repository includes over 100,000 files and is publicly available through the Library's online catalogue, Scholars Portal (monographs only), Our Digital World and the GALLOP portal. Sandra is a former chair of the Ontario Government Libraries Council (OGLC) and a member of the OGLC Working Group on Ontario Government Publications.

Alexander Eastwood is a Senior Policy Advisor with the Open Government Office in the Government of Ontario's Treasury Board Secretariat. He is leading the development and implementation of Ontario's Open Information Strategy, which focuses on providing the public with easier access to government information about programs, services, operations and activities. Alex holds a PhD in English from the University of Toronto, where he worked as a course instructor prior to joining the Ontario Public Service.

Frank van Kalmthout is the Archives of Ontario's Librarian. He manages a collection of over 80,000 items about all aspect of Ontario's history (including government publications) that support the research and curatorial needs of the Archives' researchers and staff. He has been deeply involved in advocating for the long-term preservation of digital and print Ontario government publications. He is a Director on the Ontario Government Libraries Council and a long-serving member of the Ontario Government Publications Working Group.

Simone O'Byrne is an Information Specialist and Reference Librarian at the Information Research Centre of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change. The Information Resource Centre began digitizing Ministry publications in 2004; to date over 9,000 print publications have been digitized and are publicly accessible via the Internet Archive and Our Ontario. Simone is a former Chair of the Ontario Government Libraries Council, and current Chair of that organization's Working Group on Ontario Government Publications.

2:30–2:45: Break

Session 8

Ⓞ 2:45–3:05

Comotions over motions

Rolla Haddad, Library of Parliament and Jamila Hastick, Library of Parliament

ABSTRACT Motions are an important avenue for parliamentarians to express their opinions on topics of interest to them and their constituents. However, they can be difficult to trace in the parliamentary proceedings.

This talk will provide a brief overview of the key parliamentary tools used to track motions including the Status of House Business and the

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Order Paper and Notice Paper. We will demonstrate how to search for motions and discuss how motions are numbered/organized.

BIOGRAPHY Rolla Haddad and Jamila Hastick are research librarians at the Library of Parliament. The Library of Parliament's Research Service responds to more than 60,000 questions annually. Rolla and Jamila have a combined total of 20 years of experience in librarianship.

Session 9

⌚ 3:05–3:25

Streamlining access to digitized Canadian government information

Margaret Wall, University of Toronto Libraries

ABSTRACT Librarians at Canadian institutions are working to preserve government information and make it accessible to researchers through digitization. Preventing duplication of effort in this work is key, given the resource-intensive nature of digitization projects. Researchers also need a tool to streamline the discovery process for broadly distributed digitized government information. The Registry of Canadian Government Information Digitization Projects, an online index of digitized government documents and publications held by Canadian information institutions, attempts to address these needs.

BIOGRAPHY Margaret Wall is a librarian at the University of Toronto, where she is cross-appointed to the Reference & Research Services department at Robarts Library and Library Administration for the central library system.

Session 10

⌚ 3:25–3:45

Sessional Papers of Canada by Title Collection (1901–1925)

*Sam-chin Li, University of Toronto Libraries and
Andrea Mills, Internet Archive Canada*

ABSTRACT The Sessional Papers of Canada by Title (SPCT) brings a 25-year run of Canadian government documents to light by making them digitally accessible to the public and discoverable at the individual sessional paper level.

The University of Toronto Libraries partnered with the Internet Archive Canada to scan 470 volumes of the Sessional Papers and manually split the volume files to individual sessional paper files. With metadata created and serial titles grouped, the Collection is now searchable in paper level and browsable in serial titles sub-collection. Different ways of searching the collection, including a beta version of full-text search capability, will be introduced in the session, followed by a walk-through of the various APIs the Internet Archive has to offer.

We will also talk about a unique map collection which is a by-product of this project, in our presentation.

BIOGRAPHY Sam-chin Li is the Government Information Librarian at the University of Toronto. She has been working on many digitization and web archiving projects. She was the coordinator of the first Government Information Day in Ontario (2013) and is the current co-chair of Steering Committee of the Canadian Government Information Digital Preservation Network.

Andrea Mills is the Digitization Program Manager of the Internet Archive Canada. She is a teacher by trade and has spent the better part of the last decade working and learning with libraries and institutions across Canada to digitize their text collections. With a focus on metadata, organization and discovery, Andrea has worked with the Ontario Publications Roundtable, the Ontario Council of University Libraries and the Ontario Digitization Initiative to preserve and provide access to government publications and our shared intellectual heritage.

Wrap-up

⌚ 3:45–3:50

Closing remarks

*Debbie Green, Head, Robarts Library Reference and
Research Services, University of Toronto Libraries*

⌚ 4:00–4:45

Tour, Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library

Led by Sam-chin Li, University of Toronto Libraries

Recommended Lunch Spots

The following restaurants are within walking distance of the OISE Library:

Closest to U of T

Mercurio (270 Bloor Street West)

L'Espresso Bar Mercurio (321 Bloor Street West)

Others on Bloor Street

Museum Tavern (208 Bloor Street West)

La Société (131 Bloor Street West)

Fresh (326 Bloor Street West)

Famoso Neopolitan Pizza (386 Bloor Street West)

Prince Arthur Street

Duke of York Pub (39 Prince Arthur Avenue)

Bedford Academy (36 Prince Arthur Avenue)

The Host Indian Restaurant (14 Prince Arthur Avenue)

In Yorkville

Trattoria Nervosa (75 Yorkville Avenue)

Café Dimmi (140 Cumberland Street)

Hemingway's (142 Cumberland Street)

Sassafras (100 Cumberland Street)

Bar Reyna (158 Cumberland Street)

Map with restaurant locations: <http://go.utlib.ca/lunch>