



The DRPC Presents: Privacy Week 2024



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The Digital Rhetorical Privacy Collective represents a coalition approach to studying privacy and surveillance in rhetoric, composition, and technical communication. Our goals are to develop pedagogical resources and merge academic and public discourse on these topics. As recipients of a 2023 CCC Emergent Researcher Award, the collective had put together a week of events to coincide with this year's [Digital Privacy Week](#). Beginning on Monday, January 22, 2024 each member of the DRPC has arranged an event on their respective five campuses that is open to each other's campus community (and the larger DRPC community). To offer multiple ways to engage with privacy week, we have created a mixture of synchronous, asynchronous, and hybrid events offered each day of the week. Some events also represent collaborations with additional on-campus entities. You can read more about and register for each event at the links below (or visit the [DRPC's event page](#)). We look forward to seeing you all and continuing our conversations next week!

Monday, January 22, 2024 | 4-5pm EST | Chen Chen - Utah University

“Teaching About Privacy in an Age of Generative AI,” a virtual panel sponsored by USU College of Humanities and Social Sciences, USU Libraries, USU Department of English, Department of Journalism and Communication. The panel will feature:

- Dr. Calvin Pollak (University of Washington): “Navigating Publicity and Privacy: Genre-Based Technical Communication Pedagogy With, For, and Against ChatGPT”
- Reed Hepler (Digital Initiatives Librarian and Archivist at College of Southern Idaho): “Deliberately Safeguarding Privacy and Confidentiality in the Era of Generative AI”
- Dr. Atilla Hallsby (University of Minnesota): “We Live in Public: Teaching Publicity, Privacy, and Secrecy with OpenSecrets.org and Market Research Data.”

[Register Here](#)

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 | Asynchronous | Noah Wason - Binghamton University

“Beyond the Panopticon,” a showcase of student work from Dr. Wason’s “Surveillance and Social Media” writing course at SUNY Binghamton University. This event is an asynchronous showcase of select course projects and includes audio commentary from the students about their work. Asynchronous attendees will have the option to submit questions for an asynchronous Q+A with the students.

[Register Here](#)

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 | 12:00-1:00pm EST | Gavin Johnson - Texas A&M University-Commerce

“Privacy, IP, LGBTQIA+ Communities, and the Future of Free Inquiry on College Campuses: TAMUC Waters Library Workshop Series.” A.P. Anderson (Research and Instruction Librarian), Zephyr Rankin (Marketing and Communications Librarian), and Dr. Gavin P. Johnson (Director of Writing and Assistant Professor of English) in conversation on issues related to the privacy and intellectual property of LGBTQIA+ communities and the future of free inquiry on college campuses. This conversation comes at a time when LGBTQIA+, especially trans, communities are surveilled and our stories and intellectual contributions are being targeted and removed from library collections across the country. Anderson, Rankin, and Johnson offer insight on the role technology plays in this discourse through a dialogue followed by a Q&A from the audience. Event held at the Velma K. Waters Library (2nd Floor) at TAMUC and Zoom.

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Wednesday, January 24, 2024 | 10am-12pm EST | Morgan Banville - Massachusetts Maritime Academy

“Surveillance on the Sea” in conjunction with a partnership at Massachusetts Maritime Academy and UMass Dartmouth. This hybrid event via Zoom originates from Massachusetts Maritime Academy and features Dr. Morgan Banville and Dr. Tim Walker who will discuss surveillance in the maritime industry. In particular, Dr. Walker will discuss “The Maritime Underground Railroad,” documenting methods the holding class used to keep enslaved people from achieving their freedom by sea.

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Thursday, January 25, 2024 | 04:30-05:30pm EST | Cecilia Shelton - University of Maryland-College Park

“Reproduction & Medical Technology in the Age of ‘Crisis’” a talk by Dr. Mali Collins. This talk investigates the rhetoric of “crisis” as it pertains to the “Black Maternal Health Crisis”, and the ways ‘crisis’ navigates as a bull horn to necessitate the over medicalization and mis-/and overuse of reproductive technologies on and for black birthing people. Co-sponsored by UMD English Department, Center for Literary and Comparative Studies, and UMD’s Frederick Douglass Center for Leadership through the Humanities. Event held in the Tawes Building Rm 2115 and via Zoom.

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Friday, January 26, 2024 | 3:30-5:00pm EST | Charles Woods and Gavin Johnson - Texas A&M University-Commerce

“Keynote Session: Amplifying Privacy-Surveillance Rhetorics.” This keynote will feature Dr. Sarah Young, Lecturer and Researcher at Erasmus University Rotterdam, Dr. Maria Novotny, Assistant Professor in the English department at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Dr. Christina Cedillo, Associate Professor of Writing and Rhetoric at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Event held via Zoom.

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