Leviathan North: Long-term Access to Government Information in the Digital Era

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Janice Stein
Janice Stein is professor and former director of the University of Toronto’s Munk School of Global Affairs, and is currently Bosch Public Policy Fellow, the Transatlantic Academy, Washington and Senior Scholar, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Stein is the author of over 80 books and articles on public policy and international affairs, and is known for her frequent appearances on CBC’s The National and TVOntario’s The Agenda. She is a member of the Order of Canada.

Thomas S. Blanton
Thomas S. Blanton is Director of the National Security Archive at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The Los Angeles Times (16 January 2001) described the Archive as "the world’s largest nongovernmental library of declassified documents." Blanton served as the Archive's first Director of Planning & Research beginning in 1986, became Deputy Director in 1989, and Executive Director in 1992. In 1996, he won the American Library Association James Madison Award Citation for "defending the public’s right to know."

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Steven B Walker
Stephen Walker assumed the position of Senior Director, Information Management Division with the Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) in February 2007. He is responsible for leading the development and implementation of Open Government and Information Management policies and strategies from an enterprise-wide Government of Canada perspective, and putting in place a set of inter-related IM services to meet program and service delivery needs. He is also responsible for the development and implementation of Canada’s Open Government Action Plan.

He has significant experience in information management, strategic planning, project management, and multi-stakeholder consensus building. Prior to joining TBS, Stephen worked at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) as Director General of the National Land and Water Information Service (NLWIS), a major crown project designed to focus
federal and provincial government IM activities to support land-and-water-use decision making. Prior to his position at AAFC, Stephen was the Director of Business Transformation and Electronic Services for the Canada Student Loans Program at Human Resources and Social Development Canada.

Stephen holds a Master’s Degree in Electronic Commerce from Dalhousie University, and recently completed the Public Sector Leadership and Governance program at the University of Ottawa.

Dr. Guy Berthiaume

Dr. Guy Berthiaume assumed the position of Librarian and Archivist of Canada on June 23, 2014. Prior to joining Library and Archives Canada, he was the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec between 2009 and 2014, following a 30-year career in academia. Dr. Berthiaume holds a Doctorate in History.

In addition to serving as a professor of Ancient History at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), he held administrative positions focusing on research and university development. Previous roles include Vice-Rector, Development and Public Affairs, Université de Montréal, and Vice-Rector, Research and Creation, UQAM.

Sylvie Michaud

Sylvie Michaud is the Assistant Chief Statistician of the Analytical Studies, Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure Field at Statistics Canada.

Sylvie graduated from Laval University with a Bachelor of Mathematics, with a specialization in statistics. She also has a graduate diploma from the École nationale d'administration publique.

She started her career at Statistics Canada in 1983 as a methodologist (statistician) for business surveys, then for social surveys. She then moved into management positions, overseeing the National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth, before becoming director of the Income Statistics Division. In 2008, she was appointed director general of the Education, Labour and Income Statistics Branch, where she was responsible for the dissemination and relevance of a number of key socioeconomic programs, as well as a large portfolio of cost-recovery programs, including surveys on the labour market, education, literacy and various other topics.

Sylvie is an elected member of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth. She is also a member of the UNESCO Institute of Statistics Governing Board. Lastly, Sylvie is Statistics Canada’s Chief Information Officer.

Amanda Wakaruk

Amanda Wakaruk is the Government Information Librarian at the University of Alberta. She has worked with government publications in public, special, and academic libraries since 1998. As such, she has
witnessed the effects of changes in information policy on access to government information over almost twenty years of practice.

Amanda is a member of the Depository Services Program's Advisory Committee and the founding chair of the Canadian Government Information Digital Preservation Network's Steering Committee. She has also served as the coordinator of the CLA Government Information Network (formerly AGIG), and the ALA Government Documents Roundtable International Documents Taskforce. Her research interests focus on the precarity of born digital government information.

Hélène Cadieux

Holding a Master's degree in history from Université de Sherbrooke, Hélène Cadieux has worked at Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ) since 1989. In charge of the Centre d’archives de l’Outaouais until 2006, she has been Director for Direction générale des archives (DGA) de BAnQ since 2007. In this role, she oversees operations for BAnQ’s archive centres and represents BAnQ in various arenas, notably among decentralized public agencies and chartered private archives.

Vicki Whitmell

Vicki Whitmell has been Executive Director of the Information and Technology Services Division and Legislative Librarian at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario since 2003. The Ontario Legislative Library is a major collector and preserver of Ontario government publications. As a member of the Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Canada she worked with her parliamentary library colleagues across Canada to develop the GALLOP Portal, a unique pan-Canadian bilingual government and legislative publications portal that provides one-stop access to over 450,000 electronic provincial, territorial and federal government publications and legislative materials dating back to 1995. Vicki is also an instructor at the University of Toronto iSchool and a former Executive Director of the Canadian Library Association.

Bernard F. Reilly

Bernard F. Reilly is president of the Center for Research Libraries, a partnership of more than 200 U.S. and Canadian university, college and independent research libraries. Under Reilly's leadership CRL has undertaken several major digital preservation initiatives, including:

- The Human Rights Electronic Evidence Study, funded by the John D. and Katherine T. MacArthur Foundation: [www.crl.edu/node/6209](http://www.crl.edu/node/6209)
- Preserving News in the Electronic Environment, a study for the Library of Congress Office of Strategic Initiatives: [www.crl.edu/node/7276](http://www.crl.edu/node/7276)
Prior to CRL, Reilly was Director of Research and Access at the Chicago History Museum (1997-2001), where he directed the administration, digitization and dissemination of the CHM library, archives, and architecture, audio, television, and pictorial collections. Between 1987 and 1997 Reilly was Head of the Curatorial Section in the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress, which provided curatorial and policy support for the early development of the National Digital Library.

Ingrid Parent

Ingrid Parent is university librarian at the University of British Columbia, a post she has held since July 2009. That same year, she won the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) award for Distinguished Service to Research Librarianship. She was previously assistant deputy minister at Library and Archives Canada, where she was responsible for the development, description, and preservation of Canada’s documentary heritage. From 2011–2013, she served as president of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). In 2011, she received an honorary doctorate from the University of Ottawa. In 2014, she was appointed to the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) Board of Directors.