**Name of Section**

Privacy and Confidentiality Section

**Council Liaison**

Lydia Tang

**Chair (Report Submitter) Information**

DiAnna Hemsath

**Roster Updates (full name, position, term end date)**

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| **Name** | **Role** | **Term** |
| Veronica Denison | Chair | 2023-07-25 to 2024-07-24 |
| Elizabeth Russell | Vice Chair/Chair-Elect | 2023-07-25 to 2024-07-24 |
| DiAnna Hemsath | Immediate Past Chair | 2023-07-25 to 2024-07-24 |
| Sarah Coates | Steering Committee Member | 2022-08-01 to 2024-09-01 |
| Anu Kasarabada | Steering Committee Member | 2023-07-25 to 2024-07-24 |
| Leslie Schuyler | Steering Committee Member | 2023-07-25 to 2024-07-24 |
| Ashlyn Velte | Steering Committee Member | 2023-07-25 to 2024-07-24 |
| Lydia Tang | Council Liaison | 2022-07-15 to 2025-09-01 |

**Projects and Activities**

**Completed**

In December 2022, the Privacy and Confidentiality Section partnered with the College and University Archives Section for a coffee chat about privacy. Megan K. Friedel shared a presentation entitled: Access to Federal Law Enforcement Records at Non-Federal Public Institutions: Balancing Custody, Privacy, Records Laws, and More.

(27 attendees)

Section leadership participated in the January 2023 community conversation: Legal and Ethical Considerations for Born-Digital Access, hosted by the SAA Electronic Records Section. Participants discussed a section-sponsored survey and the article “Archival discretion: a survey on the theory and practice of archival restrictions,” published in the Journal of Corporate Archival Studies.

(Attendees count not shared)

The Section hosted a webinar in March of 2023 entitled: Privacy and Confidentiality Section Spring Webinar: Perspectives from Private Archival Repositories. Four speakers discussed how a private repository mission impacts their views and approaches toward privacy, confidentiality, and access.

Our speakers were: Mary Grace Kosta, Jamie Martin, Leslie Schuyler, and Meg Tuomala.

(115 attendees)

**Ongoing**

The committee sent a monthly news roundup featuring events and articles about privacy and confidentiality in the archives. Members can find previous editions of the news roundup on Restricted, our WordPress site, along with other resources, including a bibliography containing a curated list of scholarly articles that explore many facets of privacy and confidentiality in archives.

The Section also continues to maintain other resources for Section members, including:

Anonymous Question Form. The form provides a way to ask questions to the P&C listserv anonymously to get insight from fellow archivists.

P&C Documentation Portal. The portal pulls together real examples of policies and procedures addressing privacy and confidentiality.

Bibliography. The bibliography contains a curated list of scholarly articles that explore many facets of privacy and confidentiality in archives.

**New**

Based on recommendations in the article “Archival discretion: a survey on the theory and practice of archival restrictions” by Lydia Tang and Katrina Windon, the 2023 Privacy and Confidentiality Section steering committee members wrote a follow-up survey to understand the impact of archival collection access restrictions on users. The survey is undergoing an IRB review and will be sent out soon.

The Privacy and Confidentiality Section Steering Committee looks forward to another year of exciting events and projects meeting member needs. New projects will be driven by Section and/or Steering Committee interests.

**SAA Strategic Plan**

**Goal 1 Advocating for Archives and Archivists**

Providing documentation and best practices about privacy and confidentiality issues to archivists to implement at home institutions through the blog, bibliography, and P&C Documentation Portal.

Creating opportunities to hear expert advice through webinars and coffee chats that archivists can use to advocate for new tools, policies, and practices to their institutional leadership.

**Goal 2 Enhancing Professional Growth**

Sharing resources through our monthly news roundups, blog, bibliography, and P&C Documentation Portal.

Generating conversation and learning on topics related to privacy and confidentiality in archives by creating the webinar Perspectives from Private Archival Repositories, an issue that is infrequently discussed in the profession, and through co-hosting a College and University Archives Section coffee chat with a presentation by Megan K. Friedel entitled: Access to Federal Law Enforcement Records at Non-Federal Public Institutions: Balancing Custody, Privacy, Records Laws, and More.

**Goal 3 Advancing the Field**

Aggregating and promoting resources, best practices, guides, scholarly articles, and institutional documentation through the P&C Documentation Portal, Blog, Bibliography, and Monthly News Roundups.

Continuing research to understand how restrictions impact archival access and use by generating a follow-up survey to the P&C Section Steering Committee’s 2019 access restrictions survey and resulting article.

**Goal 4 Meeting Members’ Needs**

Creating and encouraging an open space to ask questions about privacy and confidentiality issues in archives through the Anonymous Question Form and setting up anonymous question chat options in live events.

Using the P&C Activities Survey data to develop educational, discussion-based, and networking opportunities, including a webinar, a community conversation with the ER&S section, a coffee chat with the College and University Archives Section, and programming at our Annual Section Meeting.

**SAA Annual Section Meeting**

**# of attendees**

45 attendees

**Provide a summary of meeting activities and highlights (no minutes, just notes)**

Following a brief business meeting, the P&C Section hosted an open discussion using Padlet to ask and answer questions and share resources related to privacy and confidentiality. Topics included access restrictions, FERPA, reappraisal, PII, and third-party rights.

**How would you describe the health or energy of your Section? How engaged are your members?**

The Privacy and Confidentiality Section had healthy attendance at its annual events and robust engagement through Q&A. While listserv postings tend to be minimal, Section members engage with programming and with surveys.

**Does your Section have questions or concerns for the SAA Council?**

No.