## **Invitation to Participate in Research on Privacy, Transparency, and Digital Records**

If you are a records professional (records manager, archivist or work with archives, privacy officer, freedom of information officer, or similar), you are invited to participate in a research project exploring the relationship between privacy and transparency in digital records. This study is part of the dissertation research of Darra Hofman, Ph.D. Candidate at the University of British Columbia iSchool (Library, Archival, and Information Science) under the supervision of Dr. Luciana Duranti, examining the role(s) of records in privacy and transparency and the role of the two concepts in archival theory and practice. This part of the project seeks to understand how records professionals understand and balance privacy and transparency throughout the records lifecycle and if/how archival theories should be adapted to reflect the privacy work done by records professionals.

I am seeking records professionals to participate in focus group interviews, which can be conducted in-person or by Skype. The focus group is designed to be an open-ended conversation about your encounters and experiences with privacy and transparency throughout the records lifecycle.

The total time commitment involved, should you agree to participate, is approximately one to one and a half (1 – 1.5) hours.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. It is understood that the views you express are yours alone, and do not necessarily reflect the policies and procedures of the institution for which you work. All data will be kept confidential by the research team unless you provide written consent to have some or all of the ideas and opinions expressed during the interview attributed to you in any published works that derive from the research.

If you are interested in participating, or if you require further information, please contact Darra Hofman at [dhofman@mail.ubc.ca](mailto:dhofman@mail.ubc.ca).