

Privacy in the Digital Age

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Privacy in the Digital Age: Is the Fourth Amendment Still Relevant in Our Technological Age?

Great Falls, Montana –Former Great Falls Public Library Director Jim Heckel announced a special two-day conference on privacy issues, Privacy in the Digital Age: Is the Fourth Amendment Still Relevant in Our Technological Age?, to be held in Heritage Hall on the MSU-GF campus, on April 26 and April 28.

The featured speaker on Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. is Christopher Calabrese, legislative counsel for the ACLU in Washington, D.C. Calabrese is a well-known authority on privacy and is frequently interviewed for CBS-News, Fox News, National Public Radio, the New York Times and the Associated Press

Calabrese is currently working to battle data collection practices by the government and private sector that could lead to the creation of a surveillance society, fight invasive airline passenger screening practices, and protect workers against the damaging impact of a national electronic employment verification system. Key areas of concern range from the collection and storage of medical and financial information, Internet surfing habits, and travel patterns to government watch lists and state fusion centers.

A three-hour workshop on privacy issues will be held on Saturday, April 28 at Heritage Hall on the MSU-GF campus from 9:00 am - Noon. The workshop will include practical demonstrations on how to better protect yourself online, by B. J. McCracken; a review of general privacy issues by Niki Zupanic; and a panel discussion with Anders Blewett, Jim Heckel and Niki Zupanic.

Niki Zupanic is Public Policy director for the ACLU of Montana. B.J. McCracken is chair of the Montana State Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee and head librarian at Great Falls High School. She is also adjunct faculty for the MSU-COT Communications Department. Jim Heckel is retired as director of the Great Falls Public Library. He has long been involved with First and Fourth Amendment issues and has been honored many times for work with censorship,

freedom of speech and privacy concerns. He currently serves on the board of directors for the ACLU of Montana. Anders Blewett is currently the youngest member in the Montana State Senate. He previously served in the Montana House of Representatives. He practices civil litigation in Great Falls.

All events are free and open to the public.

This conference is sponsored by Humanities Montana, the ACLU of Montana, The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library, and the Great Falls Public Library. For more information, contact Jim Heckel at 454-1465 or [jheckel8 \[at\] msn \[dot\] com](mailto:jheckel8@msn.com)

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