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University of Victoria students contribute blogs about privacy and surveillance

VICTORIA—Beginning Monday, June 20, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner will launch a summer series of blog posts from University of Victoria political science students. "I visited their class several months ago and was impressed with their level of engagement about privacy issues," said B.C. Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham. "I invited them to share their thoughts and research on my Office's blog."

The students were part of the University's Political Science 370 class, *The Politics of Surveillance*. "I teach this course every year to advanced undergraduate students in political science," said Professor Colin J. Bennett. "Each student writes a case study on a contemporary privacy issue. These blog posts summarize some of the best of the research conducted by this year's students."

The first post is by Jocelyn Rempel, who explores Victoria's Bar Watch program.

"It's my hope that the students' posts will facilitate discussions about important and emerging privacy issues on my Office's blog," said Commissioner Denham.

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