NOTE: IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU READ ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY. PLEASE NOTE THAT IGNORANCE OF PAPER/COURSE REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT CONSTITUTE AN EXCUSE FOR NONCOMPLIANCE!

This site is for students who have registered to work on a one-hour pass/D/fail independent study based on the symposium, “A World Without Privacy,” which will be held on Friday, January 17 at the Law School from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The symposium will feature a number of highly distinguished presenters from leading national (and foreign) law schools.

You will notice that several documents are available in the “Course Materials” section of this website. These documents are divided into two sections. The first is a set of background readings intended to help acquaint you with the presenter’s work and provide some background to the paper he or she will present. Next, the symposium papers themselves will be added to the website as they become available.

The class meeting schedule is as follows:

(1) THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014. NOON-12:50 PM. ROOM A255.

(2) FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014. 8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM. BEDSOLE MOOT COURT ROOM. (WORLD WITHOUT PRIVACY SYMPOSIUM EVENT)

(3) TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014. NOON-12:50 PM. ROOM A255.

For our first meeting on Thursday, January 16, please read and be prepared to discuss Krotoszynski, The Polysemy of Privacy, 88 Indiana Law Journal 881 (2013). For your convenience, here is a link to the article:

http://www.repository.law.indiana.edu/ilj/vol88/iss3/2/

The article has also been posted to the TWEN website associated with this course.
In addition to preparing for our first seminar meeting on January 16, you also should read all of the posting documents, particularly including the conference papers, before attending the symposium on Friday, January 17, 2014.

Please be sure that when you registered for this website you provided an email address that you check regularly, and please make sure you have entered it correctly, as I will be using the email function of the TWEN site in the future to communicate with you about the course.

Please note that you must attend all sessions of the symposium.

If you are enrolled in a class that meets on Fridays, you may not take this class unless your professor has agreed in advance to excuse your absence on January 17. You must confirm with either Karla Fuell or Ms. Erica Nicholson that your professor has consented to you missing class in order to attend the symposium event in order to receive credit for this seminar.

The course requires a paper, the topic of which you should choose after you attend the symposium. For the subject of the paper, you should choose one or two important themes that were addressed in one or more of the conference presentations. In discussing the theme you should draw from the background readings, the presentations of the speakers at the symposium, other legal literature, and/or material you discussed in other law school classes. You should offer your own perspective on the theme(s). I would particularly encourage you to consider analyzing a privacy question from the perspective of U.S. law and another legal system. You are, however, free to choose any topic related to the question of privacy and the difficulties associated with securing privacy in the age of Big Data.

After the symposium is over you should submit the topic you intend to write about. Paper topic proposals are due not later than 5:00 pm Friday January 31. The proposal should be 50-100 words long and provide the topic and the main issues you expect to cover. You can assume the topic is acceptable if you don’t hear anything within seven days of submitting it. After the symposium is over, but not later than 5:00 pm January 31, you should also confirm that you attended all sessions of the symposium. There is a specific place in the “assignment drop box” section of the website where you should confirm that you attended all sessions by answering “yes” or “no.” Submission of paper topics and attendance confirmation should be accomplished exclusively through the “Assignment Drop Box” feature of the course home page on TWEN. Please do not submit any materials by email or in hard copy.

The papers themselves are due no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday May 7. Submissions should be made in electronic form exclusively through the
Assignment Drop Box feature of the course home page on TWEN. Again, please
do not submit papers by email or in hard copy.

Papers should be double-spaced and formatted with one-inch margins and
double spaced. Please use a traditional font like Times New Roman. The paper
should use 12 point font. Papers should be 2500-3000 words and should include
footnotes in law-review style. (Microsoft Word has a word count function that
you can use to verify word count. The length guidelines above work out to
roughly 10-12 pages, depending on font styles, sizes and margins.) Please
double space the text and single space the footnotes.

Because papers will be graded on a Pass/D/Fail basis, and because I may need
to discuss paper topics with individual students, please identify yourself on all
submissions. There is no need to use your anonymous number.

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions. You can see
me in my office by appointment (contact Ms. Erica Nicholson at
enichols@law.ua.edu or you may reach me at rkrotoszynski@law.ua.edu or at
348-0420. I'm looking forward to being with you on January 16, 2014.

Ronald J. Krotoszynski, Jr.