Abstract
Applied information ethics is concerned with the impact of information-based decisions on the underlying moral compass of an organization and in turn on the business impact of ethical decisions. Preliminary analyses of the professional landscapes in grey literature and applied information ethics suggests significant areas of common concern with respect to professional practice. For example, whilst new technologies offer both opportunities and risks in managing grey literature, so too ethical questions are raised in the application of such new technologies in the digital preservation of archives. These shared concerns are increased by the relatively poor understanding of our professional roles. In addition, education and debate in these two fields is deemed less important than emerging technologies and the influence of globalization and new ways of working. We suggest that our overlapping professional domains are at risk of marginalization, and therefore our professional landscape (publishing, librarianship, records, and information management) is at risk of irreparable diminution. We invite collaboration to explore these shared concerns. We also present an innovative and practical approach to reducing the risks inherent in our shared concerns through the development an Information Audit Toolkit.

Information Audit Toolkit
Our holistic approach combines audit of an organization’s information landscape with analysis of ethical concerns.

Grey Literature areas of interest

Information Ethics areas of interest

Invitation for partnership
We invite interested practitioners, academics and thought leaders to collaborate with us to validate our hypotheses.

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