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Hi Carl,

My name is Adam Kriesberg, I was one of the other guests featured on the Lost in the Stacks show this week about the private sector and information services. I just wanted to drop a note to say how much I admire your work and what an honor it was for me to be part of an episode with you. Your interview was really great.

My dissertation research focused on partnerships between state and territorial archives and the private sector, mostly orgs like [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and FamilySearch. These companies did not claim copyright over public records but did find ways to insert clauses governing "use rights" to set themselves up as primary providers of access to certain types of archival records. One of the reasons I focused on these relationships is because I feel that they arose out of a general disregard for the value of genealogical materials by archivists and a willingness to grant access to third parties to build slick information portals without fully considering the long term consequences. As I mentioned on the show, at least among state archivists, the community is coming to realize the importance of signing better contracts and has reasserted themselves in negotiations.

I won't give you all the details but I just thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself since, as a boing boing reader and scholar of government information services, I'm quite familiar with your work. I look forward to possibly meeting you in the future!

Best,  
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