

Celebrating
The 2013 National Freedom of Information Day

Newseum – Knight Conference Center
555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington D.C.
Friday, March 15, 2013

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome to 15th annual conference**
Ken Paulson, President and CEO, First Amendment Center
Patrice McDermott, OpenTheGovernment.org
Gene Policinski, Newseum/First Amendment Center
- 8:35 a.m. American Library Association presentation: 2013 James Madison Award**
Presentation: ALA President Maureen Sullivan
Remarks: Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif. [2012 Madison Award recipient]
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation:**
What Do We Want? Open Government. When Do We Want It? Now.
Speaker: Patrice McDermott, Executive Director, OpenTheGovernment.org

During the following issue discussions, speakers will address how the Obama Administration could make real progress on the particular issue in the short-and medium-term, and how to move the issue forward.

All panels will be moderated by Gene Policinski.

- 9:15 a.m. FOIA Working Better for Access and Accountability/
Government Posting Accountability Information Without Having to Be Asked**
Speakers: FOIA – Anne Weismann, CREW;
Proactive Dissemination – Danielle Brian, POGO;
Respondents: Miriam Nisbet, Office of Government Information Services;
Martha Przysucha, GSA Office of Government-wide Policy
- 9:55 a.m. Better Information on How the Government is Spending Money**
Speaker: Sean Moulton, Center for Effective Government;
Respondent: Earl Devaney, former Recovery Accountability & Transparency Board
- 10:20 a.m. Break**



10:30 a.m. Announcements – Publications and Events

Presenters:

Celia Wexler, Union of Concerned Scientists

Kenneth Bunting, National Freedom of Information Coalition

Ginger McCall, EPIC

Sean Moulton, Center for Effective Government

Sheila Krumholz, Center for Responsive Politics

10:50 a.m. National Security Accountability through Transparency

Speaker: Steve Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists;

Respondent: John Fitzpatrick, Information Security Oversight Office

11:15 a.m. Disclosure about Who is Influencing Politics and Policy

Speaker: John Wonderlich, Sunlight Foundation;

Respondent: Don W. Fox, GC & Principal Deputy Director, Office of Government Ethics

11:40 a.m. Sunshine in Government Initiative presentation

Presenter: Rick Blum, Initiative Coordinator

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:55 p.m. Keynote discussion

With professor and author Ron Collins and noted lawyer Floyd Abrams, on Collins' latest book: *'Nuanced Absolutism: Floyd Abrams and the First Amendment'*

Moderator: Tony Mauro

2 p.m. 'War on Whistleblowers: Free Press and the National Security State'

Introduction and viewing of selected clips from the upcoming documentary, with never-before-seen interviews, features whistleblowers *Michael DeKort, Thomas Drake, Franz Gavl* and *Thomas Tamm*, and the journalists who reported their stories.

2:30 p.m. Discussion:

With **Jim Miller**, executive director for Brave New Foundation and the producer of *'War on Whistleblowers;'* and **Tom Vanden Brook**, Pentagon reporter for USA TODAY, featured in the documentary in connection with his landmark reporting on the threat to U.S. troops from roadside bombs and the lack of an effective Pentagon response

3:30 p.m. Closing remarks – Gene Policinski

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