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THIRD ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL RIGHT-TO-KNOW DAY
CELEBRATION

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September 28, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

6th Floor International Student Lounge
American University Washington College of Law,
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

In a development that barely could have been envisioned by the authors of the Freedom of Information Act four decades ago, and with a force that has been accelerating around the globe, people in more than 75 nations of the world now enjoy the benefits of "government transparency" laws akin to the FOIA. In the United States, "Freedom of Information Day" is celebrated each year on March 16, the birthday of James Madison, and since 2002 members of the international transparency community around the world likewise have celebrated annual "International Right-to-Know Day" on September 28, a day marking their progress and unity.

- 10:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction** -- *Daniel J. Metcalfe*, Executive Director, CGS
- 10:15 a.m. **Keynote Presentation: "Transparency in the UK and Beyond"** -- *Alasdair S. Roberts*, Professor of Law and Public Policy, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, and Honorary Senior Research Fellow, University College London
- 11:30 a.m. **Break**
- 11:45 a.m. *Kevin Dunion*, Information Commissioner of Scotland, and *Arne Fliflet*, Information Commissioner of Norway -- **via audio connection at the Sixth International Conference of Information Commissioners in Oslo, Norway**
- 12:45 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:45 p.m. **Survey of Transparency Worldwide** -- *Tom Blanton*, Director, National Security Archive; *Jamie P. Horsley*, Deputy Director, China Law Center, Yale Law School; *Toby McIntosh*, Steering Committee Coordinator, Global Transparency Initiative
- 3:00 p.m. **Restoration of U.S. International Transparency Leadership During the Obama Administration** -- *Kevin M. Goldberg*, Legal Counsel, American Society of Newspaper Editors; *Miriam M. Nisbet*, Founding Director, Office of Government Information Services, NARA, and most recently Director, Information Society Division, UNESCO, Paris; *John Verdi*, Director, Open Government Project, EPIC

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