An Academic Conference
Presented by WCL’s Collaboration on Government Secrecy
April 25, 2013
9:30 a.m. -- 6:00 p.m.
(Reception at 5:00 p.m.)
American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 603, Washington, DC

This program is the Collaboration on Government Secrecy’s fourth academic conference on legal issues of major significance to the openness-in-government community such as personal privacy (April 2009), the state secrets privilege (November 2009), and the protection of homeland security information (April 2011). For this conference, CGS gathers government, academic, and other private-sector experts to discuss the legal and civil policy implications of “leaks” of government information in this “WikiLeaks era.”

8:45 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks -- Daniel J. Metcalfe, Executive Director, Collaboration on Government Secrecy, Washington College of Law


Pre-publication copies of Professor Pozen’s article will be provided to all program attendees.

10:30 a.m.  Panel One: The History of “Leaks”

11:45 a.m.  Panel Two:  The Legislative Response to “Leaks”

Rick Blum, Coordinator, Sunshine in Government Initiative; Angela Canterbury, Director of Public Policy, Project on Government Oversight (POGO); John B. Dickas, Legislative Counsel to Senator Ron Wyden for the Senate Intelligence Committee; and Sharon Bradford Franklin, Senior Counsel, The Constitution Project (moderator)

1:00 p.m.  Luncheon Debate -- A discussion of the “Reporter’s Privilege,” with particular focus on disclosures violative of the Privacy Act of 1974, featuring Gregg Leslie, Legal Defense Director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press

2:30 p.m.  Panel Three:  The Impact of “Leaks” in FOIA Litigation

Dr. Wendy Ginsberg, Analyst in American National Government, Congressional Research Service; Anne L. Weismann, Chief Counsel, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW); Brett Max Kauffman, National Security Fellow, National Security Project, American Civil Liberties Union

3:45 p.m.  Panel Four:  Looking to the Future

Professor Laura K. Donohue, Faculty Director, Center on National Security and the Law, Georgetown University Law Center; Michael Isikoff, National Investigative Correspondent, NBC News; W. George Jameson, President, Council on Intelligence Issues, and former Director, Office of Policy and Coordination, Central Intelligence Agency; and Professor Daniel Marcus, Faculty Fellow in Law and Government, Washington College of Law, and former Associate Attorney General (moderator)

5:00 p.m.  Reception

General Registration, no charge.
CLE Registration (5 credits will be applied for), $275. To register, please go to www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration.
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