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 90 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 or near March 16 (the birthday of James Madison), and for the past decade members of the international transparency community around the world likewise have celebrated “International Right-to-Know Day” annually on or near September 28. And the Washington College of Law’s Collaboration on Government Secrecy has become the principal location for the celebration of International Right-to-Know Day in the United States for more than half of that past decade.

9:00 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks -- Daniel J. Metcalfe, Executive Director, Collaboration on Government Secrecy, Washington College of Law

10:15 a.m.  Transparency Worldwide: A Survey of Recent Developments -- Nate Jones, Freedom of Information Coordinator, National Security Archive; Toby McIntosh, Managing Editor, freedominfo.org, and Steering Committee Coordinator, Global Transparency Initiative (via video link from Europe); Tolulope Odukoya, LLM student, Washington College of Law, and former legislative assistant for the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; Julia V. Svintsova, Senior Research Assistant, Collaboration on Government Secrecy, Washington College of Law
12:00 noon  **Luncheon Keynote Presentation** -- *Professor Suzanne J. Piotrowski*, founder of the International Transparency and Secrecy Research Network at Rutgers University

2:00 p.m.  **Open Government Partnership: The past year and looking forward** -- *Gavin Baker*, Open Government Policy Analyst, Center for Effective Government (formerly OMB Watch); *Paul Bugala*, Senior Sustainability Analyst, Extractive Industries, Calvert Investments; *Laia Grino*, Senior Manager for Transparency, Accountability, and Results, InterAction; and *Patrice McDermott*, Executive Director, OpenTheGovernment.org (moderator)

3:15 p.m.  **Publication Preview: An advance look at the International Handbook on Transparency, soon to be published by Elgar Press** -- *Professors Padideh Ala’i and Robert G. Vaughn*, Washington College of Law

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