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Gavin Baker is the Open Government Policy Analyst at the Center for Effective Government (formerly OMB Watch). He researches government transparency and public access to information, including e-government, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), information quality issues, and scientific integrity in public policy. Previously, Gavin researched copyright and Internet policy at the American Library Association. He also has served as the assistant editor of Open Access News, a newsletter devoted to raising awareness about the importance of open access to information. His devotion to promoting access to scientific information comes from his time as an outreach fellow at the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition. Gavin holds B.A. in political science from the University of Florida, where he was elected to the student government senate, and he currently is studying toward his M.S. in Library and Information Studies at Florida State University.

PAUL BUGALA
Paul Bugala is the Senior Sustainability Analyst for Extractive Industries at Calvert Investments, Inc. and heads its environmental, social, and governance (ESG) research and advocacy for the oil, gas, and mining industries. He also contributes to Calvert’s integration of traditional securities and ESG analysis. In December 2012, he was appointed by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group. His publications related to
USEITI include the reports “Transparency Begins at Home: An Assessment of United States Revenue Transparency and Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Requirements” (2006 -- Oxfam America/Publish What You Pay) and “Materiality of Disclosure Required by the Energy Security through Transparency Act” (2010, Calvert Investment Management, Inc.). His work has helped Calvert become a leading investor supporter of Section 1504 of the Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which requires oil, gas, and mining companies registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission to publish their payments to governments as part of their annual disclosures. He is a member of United Nations Principles for Responsible Investing committees on ESG Integration, Carbon Disclosure, and Indigenous Peoples Rights as well as Amnesty International USA’s Business and Human Rights Advisory Group. Prior to Calvert, he served in research and advocacy roles in the Extractive Industries Program at Oxfam America. He also has experience as an industry analyst, journalist, and public relations executive.

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Laia Grino is Senior Manager of Transparency, Accountability, and Results at InterAction. She leads InterAction’s work on transparency -- focused on both InterAction members and the U.S. government -- and is responsible for data quality and standards for NGO Aid Map. This “who is doing what where” initiative aims to map InterAction member projects around the world in order to help improve coordination and collaboration, facilitate partnerships, inform advocacy, and promote transparency and accountability within the NGO sector. She also manages InterAction’s Evaluation and Program Effectiveness Working Group (EPEWG), which seeks to improve the capacity of InterAction members, measure and demonstrate their effectiveness, and inform donors’ evaluation policies and practices. With InterAction since 2007, Laia has also worked on issues related to aid effectiveness, USAID procurement policies, and private development assistance. She holds a B.A. in International Relations from the University of Southern California and a Masters of Science in Foreign Service (MSFS) with a concentration in international development from Georgetown University.

NATE JONES

Nate Jones is the Freedom of Information Act Coordinator for the National Security Archive. He oversees the thousands of FOIA and Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) requests and hundreds of FOIA and MDR
appeals that the National Security Archive submits each year. He acts as liaison between Archive analysts and government FOIA officers, and he serves as the Archive’s FOIA counselor to the public. He also is the editor of the Archive’s blog and manages its social media. Nate authored the Archive’s 2010 and 2011 FOIA Audits, Sunshine and Shadows: The Clear Obama Message for Freedom of Information Meets Mixes Results and Glass Half Full: But Many Federal Agencies Lag in Fulfilling Obama’s Openness Pledge. He earned his M.A. in Cold War History from The George Washington University, where he wrote his thesis on -- and submitted FOIA requests about -- the 1983 “Able Archer” nuclear war scare.

PATRICE McDERMOTT

Patrice McDermott is Executive Director of OpenTheGovernment.org, a coalition of more than seventy consumer and good-government groups, environmentalists, journalists, library groups, labor, and others united to make the federal government a more open place in order to make the public safer, strengthen public trust in government, and support our democratic principles. The coalition and its staff have played an instrumental role in every positive change of the past several years for government openness. OpenTheGovernment.org promotes and amplifies the change by serving as informal advisors to the White House and to several agencies on issues of concern to our community and the public (such as the Open Government Directive and the high-value data sets on Data.gov, the Executive Order on Classified National Security Information, the initiatives of the White House related to sensitive but unclassified information, implementation of the 2007 FOIA amendments, and issues of electronic records management).

Dr. McDermott joined OpenTheGovernment.org as Director in July 2006, after more than four years as the Deputy Director of the Office of Government Relations at the American Library Association (ALA) Washington Office. At ALA, she was the lead lobbyist on the USA PATRIOT Act, federal privacy issues, and issues of access to government information, particularly in the post-September 11th environment. She joined ALA in December 2001, after having served for eight years as the senior information policy analyst for OMB Watch. While she was at OMB Watch during the 1990s, her work included co-authoring two studies of the implementation of the E-FOIA Amendments of 1996, and coordination of the non-profit openness community’s efforts in stopping the enactment of what would
have been the equivalent of an official secrets act in the U.S. Previously, she worked for the National Archives and Records Administration.

Dr. McDermott was inducted into the National Freedom of Information Act Hall of Fame in 2001. She is a frequent speaker on public access and e-government issues, has testified at congressional hearings on these issues and others, and is the author of “Who Needs to Know? The State of Public Access to Federal Government Information” (Bernan 2007). She was awarded her doctorate from the University of Arizona in political science, an M.A. in political science from Brown University, and she received an M.Ln. in library and information management from Emory University.

**DANIEL J. METCALFE**

Dan Metcalfe joined the faculty of the Washington College of Law in 2007 as a Faculty Fellow in Law and Government upon retiring from a career in government service that began at the Department of Justice more than 40 years ago. He now is both an adjunct professor at WCL and executive director of the school’s Collaboration on Government Secrecy. A 1976 graduate of the National Law Center at George Washington University, where he was a law review editor and attended on a full academic scholarship, he worked at the Justice Department both as a teenage intern during college and as a law clerk in the Office of the Attorney General during law school. In 1981, after a judicial clerkship and serving as a Justice Department trial attorney, he was appointed to the position of founding director of the Department’s Office of Information and Privacy (OIP). For more than a quarter-century in that position, he guided all federal agencies on the governmentwide administration of the Freedom of Information Act, directly supervised the defense of more than 500 FOIA and Privacy Act lawsuits in district and appellate courts, testified before Congress and authored Attorney General FOIA memoranda for successive administrations, and met with representatives of nearly 100 nations and international governing bodies as they considered the development and implementation of their own government transparency laws. He became a career member of the Senior Executive Service in 1984, the youngest Justice Department attorney then and since to hold such a position, and he is the author of several publications, most recently *Amending the FOIA: Is it Time for a Real Exemption 10?*, 37 Admin. & Reg. L. News 16 (Summer 2012); *From FOIA Service to Lip Service: The Unexpected Story of White House Visitor Logs*, 36 Admin. & Reg. L. News 3 (Spring 2011); *The Nature of Government Secrecy*, 26 Gov’t Info. Quarterly 305 (2009); and *Sunshine Not So Bright*:...
In 2010, he was appointed as a member of the World Bank’s Access to Information Appeals Board, an independent tribunal empowered to make final decisions on appeals taken under the Bank’s new worldwide information disclosure policy, together with board members from India and France holding final authority to order the public disclosure of World Bank records. In 2009, he was a member of the U.S. delegation to the Inaugural Sino-American Dialogue on Rule of Law and Human Rights in China (followed by further dialogues in Xiemen and Beijing in 2010, New York in 2011, and Hainan in 2012), and he has given dozens of presentations on international transparency around the world. He also holds positions as an Honorary Senior Research Fellow at University College London, as a consultant to the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS), and as a contributing editor of the Administrative Law & Regulatory News publication of the American Bar Association’s Section of Administrative Law. Most recently, he was elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

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TOLULOPE ODUKOYA

Tolulope Odukoya was born in Nigeria, where she graduated from law school and practiced law before coming to WCL to receive an LL.M degree in Law and Government. In Nigeria, she worked as a legal advisor in the Nigerian National Assembly, where she became familiar with Nigeria’s new freedom of information law. She also worked as the legal officer of an NGO and concurrently managed her own law firm, primarily focusing in corporate law and contracts.
SUZANNE J. PIOTROWSKI

Suzanne Piotrowski is Associate Professor of Public Affairs and administration at Rutgers University-Newark. For the 2009/2010 academic year she held the position of Faculty Fellow in the Office of the Chancellor. Dr. Piotrowski is the chair of the American Society for Public Administration’s Ethics section. She founded and moderates the International Transparency and Secrecy Research Network listserv. She served as the conference chair of the 1st Global Conference on Transparency Research that took place at Rutgers University-Newark in May 2011. She has consulted with the World Bank Institute on an evaluation of Thailand’s Official Information Act and with the Carter Center on a project assessing how access to information differentially affects women. Her research focuses on nonmission-based values in public administration, including administrative transparency and ethics. She authored the book *Governmental Transparency in the Path of Administrative Reform*, the State of University of New York Press (2007). In 2010, Lexington Books published her latest volume, *Governmental Transparency and Secrecy: Linking Literature and Contemporary Debate*.


JULIA V. SVINTSOVA

Julia Svintsova is a third-year student at WCL, where she now is in her fourth semester as a Dean’s Fellow for CGS. Born in Russia, she is an alumna of N.I. Lobachevsky State University, where she majored in International Law, and
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ROBERT G. VAUGHN

During his career at WCL, Robert Vaughn has been Scholar-in-Residence with the law faculty of King’s College of the University of London, a visiting academic with the faculty of law at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, a visiting professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, and a visiting professor at Ritsumeikan University School of Law in Kyoto, Japan. He has also served as a faculty member in summer programs in Santiago, Chile and Istanbul, Turkey. At WCL, he has received eight awards for outstanding teaching and four awards for scholarship. In 1983, he was selected as American University’s Teacher/Scholar of the Year, the university’s highest faculty award. During his visit at the University of San Diego School of Law, the student body there elected him Professor of the Year.

He has published on a variety of topics regarding public information law, public employment law, consumer law, and whistleblower protection. He is the author of a book on federal open government laws in the United States, the editor of a book on freedom of information, and the author of several articles addressing public information law. He has written several books on public employment law, including ones on civil service reform, principles of civil service law, conflict of interest regulation in the federal government, and the United States Merit Systems Protection Board. His public employment law articles address topics such as the right to disobey illegal orders, ethics in government, the Hatch Act, the role of public employment laws in the transition to democracy, and British regulation of public service ethics. He is the author of a book and related articles on consumer protection laws in South America. His articles on whistleblower protection address important statutes such as the whistleblower provision of the Civil Service Reform Act, the whistleblower provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, state whistleblower laws, and the model law to implement the Inter-American

Among his consulting positions have been ones with the Treasury and Civil Service Committee of the House of Commons, the World Bank, and the Office of Legal Cooperation of the Organization of American States. He has testified several times before Congress on civil service reform, the Freedom of Information Act, and whistleblower protection. He also was the plaintiff in the landmark case, *Vaughn v. Rosen*, that established important procedural requirements for litigation under the Freedom of Information Act.