

# 2016 National Freedom of Information Day

Friday, March 11– Knight Conference Center at the Newseum

8:15 **Call to order:** Gene Policinski, Chief Operating Officer, Newseum Institute

## WELCOME

- **Jeff Herbst**, CEO, Newseum and Newseum Institute
- **Patrice McDermott**, Executive Director, OpenTheGovernment.org
- **Deb Gersh Hernandez**, Reporters Committee, on Sunshine Week

8:35

## OGIS in 2016

- **Speaker: Dr. James Holzer**, Director of the Office of Government Information Services.

9 a.m.

## FOIA: Are We Crazy or Slightly Impractical? FOIA From the Government's Perspective

- **Traci Hughes**, Director of the District of Columbia Office of Open Government
- **Sheryl Walter**, Director (retired), Office of Information Programs and Services, Department of State (invited)
- **Meredith Fuchs**, former General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (invited)
- **Miriam Nisbet**, former director of the Office of Government Information Services
- **Moderator: Tom Susman**, Director of Government Affairs, American Bar Association

10:15 a.m.

## Your Right to Know, Your Vote! Caucus on the Top 2017 Policy Priorities

- **Adam Marshall**, Reporters Committee on Freedom of the Press (an update on FOIA)
- **Liza Goitein**, The Brennan Center (national security transparency)
- **Anna Meyers**, Government Accountability Project (whistleblower protections)
- **Craig Holman**, Public Citizen (money in politics/disclosures of political contributions)
- **Scott Roberts**, ColorOfChange (policing transparency and accountability)
- **Moderator: Sean Moulton**, Project on Government Oversight

11:15                    **BREAK**

11:30                    **2016 James Madison Award**

- Presented by the **American Library Association**  
Remarks: ALA President **Sari Feldman**  
Interview format: **Madison Award winner(s)**

12:15                    **LUNCH – Reduced fee for lunch (\$20), underwritten in part by  
OpenTheGovernment.org and the Newseum Institute.**

**National FOI Hall of Fame induction**

- Induction, recognition of inductees who are present
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**Keynote address**

- **Rep. Jason Chaffetz**, R-Utah, chair of the House Oversight and  
Government Reform Committee [By video]

1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.    **FOIA's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday – A celebration**

**Report on the AP Sunshine Week project**

- **Anders Gyllenhaal**, McClatchy DC Bureau
- **Kevin Goldberg**, First Amendment attorney
- Presenter, The Associated Press
- **Moderator: Gene Policinski**, Newseum Institute

**'FOIA Love' performance**

***A Comedy Show about Public Records***

Featuring: Curtis Raye and "FOIA Love"