

SLA-SF: Nat'l Open Government & Secrecy Telecast, March 13

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in an interactive telecast, "Are We Safer In The Dark?", a national dialogue on open government and secrecy. Sponsored in part by the American Association of Law Libraries and the Special Libraries Association as a special event during Sunshine Week 2006, the telecast provides a forum for a nationwide discussion on topics related to open government, and will consider such issues as:

- How do secrecy and openness influence the personal choices you make to ensure the safety and well-being of your families?
- Do federal laws such as the Freedom of Information Act fulfill their promise to guarantee openness in government?
- How do laws passed and policies/regulations implemented since 9/11 encourage secrecy or openness?
- How does transparency (or a lack thereof) affect the government's readiness and ability to respond to disasters?

Speakers include:

- Geneva Overholser, who holds an endowed chair in the University of Missouri's Washington bureau. A former editor of the Des Moines Register, former ombudsman of the Washington Post and former editorial board member of the New York Times, Ms. Overholser will serve as program moderator.
- Thomas Blanton is Director of the National Security Archives, The George Washington University.
- Thomas Susman, a partner in the Washington office of Ropes and Gray, has served on Capitol Hill for more than 11 years.
- Barbara Petersen is Executive Director of the Florida First Amendment Coalition.

Additional information on the program is available at
<http://www.openthegovernment.org/article/subarchive/85>

The Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL) and the San Francisco chapter of the Special Libraries Association are co-hosting the only Bay Area presentation. Date, time and location are:

DATE: Monday, March 13

TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast: 9:30-10 a.m.

Program: 10-11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: County of Alameda Training Center
125 - 12th Street, Suite 400
Oakland, CA

Please note that the Training Center is easily reached from the Lake Merritt BART station. Additional directions and a map are available at:
<http://www.acgov.org/conference/location.htm>

ADVANCE REGISTRATION: ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR ATTENDANCE, ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS NEEDED TO ASSURE THAT SPACE IS AVAILABLE. PLEASE REGISTER BY SENDING AN EMAIL WITH THE SUBJECT LINE "SUNSHINE WEEK" TO: horstj@uchastings.edu. Please provide the name and phone number of each registrant in the body of the email. For phone registration, please call Fran Jones at the number listed below.

We recognize that March 13 is only two weeks away, and want you to know that we have had only a few days to locate a site capable of hosting the interactive telecast. We hope that you will be able to clear your busy calendars in order to spend a short but important time discussing the enduring and vital topic of openness in government.

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