

**NOCALL GRC and SLA Sierra-Nevada Region  
Present**

**Opening Doors: Finding the Keys to Open Government  
2009 Sunshine Week Program**

**When:** Wednesday, March 25, 2009

**Where:** Pacific McGeorge School of Law  
Gordon D. Schaber Library  
3282 Fifth Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817

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Sunshine Week is a national initiative about the importance of open government and the freedom of information. NOCALL GRC and the SLA Sierra-Nevada Region are presenting a two-part program, comprised of the national web cast from Washington, D.C., and a lunchtime panel of local speakers.

The program begins at 9:00 a.m. with registration and a Continental Breakfast.

Part I: National Web Cast, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

A panel of experts from around the country will kick off a lively discussion from Washington, D.C. about open government and secrecy – the problems, the impact on communities, and what the public can do.

“Opening Doors: Finding the Keys to Open Government” will feature two panels: one consisting of Congressional and Administration policy-makers who will discuss how the government and the public can make the federal government more open, and the other consisting of individuals with expertise in making government information available in a useful format online.

Part II: Lunchtime Panelists, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

There will be a break between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m.

The lunchtime panelists of local experts, who are active in furthering open government, include:

- **Terry Francke** is General Counsel and Founder, Californians Aware, a non-profit organization established to help journalists and others keep Californians aware of what they need to know to hold government and other powerful institutions accountable for their actions. Mr. Francke has an extensive

background in actively promoting open government to the citizens of California. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Francke served as general counsel to the California First Amendment Coalition; was legal counsel for the California Newspaper Publishers Association; taught journalism law at Stanford's Department of Communication; and served as expert contributor to the 1994 major revisions to the Brown Act, and to the 2004 ballot proposition making open government a basic right of citizens under the California Constitution.

- **Andrew McIntosh**, a native of Canada, is the three-time winner of that country's highest journalism honor, the National Newspaper Award. He is currently a senior writer at *The Sacramento Bee*, where he serves as a public records and FOIA specialist. Among the honors awarded to Mr. McIntosh, he received the 2007 Society of Professional Journalists Excellence in Investigative Reporting for a five-part series on defects in the state's licensing for paramedics and emergency medical technicians. The series was picked up by CBS and NBC news, as well as the LA Times, and it led to the passage of new state law in 2008. His investigative series on the deaths and thousands of injuries caused by air-powered nail gun design flaws made him a finalist for Washington DC-based Understanding Government's Preventive Journalism Award in 2008.

**Please register by March 18, 2009**

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