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### Education

- B.A.: Florida State University, 1972, cum laude
- M.A.: Brown University, 1974  
Department of Political Science.
- Ph.D.: University of Arizona, December 1982  
Department of Political Science.
- M.Ln.: Emory University, May 1986  
Division of Library and Information Management.

### Professional Honors

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| Freedom of Information Act Hall of Fame | March 16, 2001 |
| James Madison Award                     | March 16, 2011 |

### Current and Related Professional Positions

Executive Director, OpenTheGovernment.org, July 2006 – present.

Deputy Director, Office of Government Relations. American Library Association Washington Office. Washington, D.C. December 2001 – June 2006.

Senior Information Policy Analyst. OMB Watch, Washington, D.C. January 1994 – November 2001.

Archives Specialist, Life Cycle Coordinator. National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. August 1990-1993.

Assistant Director. Office for Intellectual Freedom, American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois. November 1986-July 1988.

### Speeches and Testimony (Partial List)

Speaker, “He Leaks, She Leaks, Wikileaks,” Spotlight Session at SLA Annual Conference, July 16, 2012.

Testimony before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives on Implementation on the Office of Government Information Services, September 17, 2008.

Statement submitted to the Constitution Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee on "Restoring the Rule of Law," September 16, 2008.

Testimony before the House Committee on Homeland Security's Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment on "controlled unclassified information" (CUI), and H.R. 6193, "The Improving Public Access to Documents Act of 2008," June 11, 2008.

Testimony before the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, on "National Archives Oversight: Protecting Our Nation's History for Future Generations," May 14, 2008.

Remarks. Public Interest Declassification Board. National Archives and Records Administration, March 17, 2008.

Testimony before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, on The Implementation of Executive Order 13392, July 26, 2006.

Speaker. "Who Needs to Know? Access to Government Information After September 11<sup>th</sup>," U. S. Census Bureau, April 11, 2005.

Speaker. Who Needs to Know? Information and Security After September 11<sup>th</sup>," Defense Technical Information Center 2005 Annual Conference, April 4, 2005.

Speaker. "Disappearing Access to Government Information," Oklahoma Library Association Annual Meeting, March 31, 2005.

Speaker. "Withhold and Control: Information in the Bush Administration," Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy Symposium, November 12, 2002.

Panelist. Canadian Access and Privacy Association, October 3, 2002.

Keynote Address, "What is E-Government – How Will It Affect Us?" at National Institutes of Health Forum "Electronic Government: Recognizing the Challenges – Planning the Transition," October 24, 2000.

Panelist. Congressional Staff and Press Briefing, "Public Interest Issues in Telecommunications Reform." May 8, 1995.

Speech before the Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility's Directions and Implications of Advanced Computing conference, "The Information Superhighway and Public Interaction with

the Government." April 23, 1994.

Publications (Partial List)

"WikiLeaks is a wake-up call for openness," with Danielle Brian and Jake Weins, in *Government Information Quarterly*, Volume 28, Issue 2, April 2011, pp. 135-136

"Building open government," *Government Information Quarterly*, Volume 27, Issue 4, October 2010, pp. 401-413

"Secrecy reform or secrecy redux? Access to information in the Obama administration," in *Government Secrecy, Research in Social Problems and Public Policy*, Volume 19, 2011.

"Open the Government, A New Information Policy," in Mandate for Change: Policies and Leadership for 2009 and Beyond. Lexington Books, January 2009.

"Who Needs to Know? The State of Public Access to Federal Government Information." Bernan Press, 2007.

"Withhold and Control: Information in the Bush Administration," *Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy*, Vol. XII, Issue 3.