

“News Organizations and Digital Security: Solutions to Surveillance Post-Snowden”

PROGRAM:

9 a.m.: REAL-WORLD ENCRYPTION PROBLEMS. Leak investigations are at a record high and national security journalists now often work under a shadow of surveillance. By knowing the stakes and how to respond to them, reporters can assess the risks, and still keep their sources relatively safe. This panel will discuss current and future unsolved digital security problems in journalism.

Panelists:

- **Julia Angwin**, senior reporter, ProPublica
- **Dana Priest**, investigative reporter, The Washington Post, and John S. and James L. Knight Chair in Public Affairs Journalism at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism, University of Maryland
- **James Risen**, investigative reporter, The New York Times
- **Christopher Soghoian**, principal technologist and senior policy analyst, Speech, Privacy & Technology Project, ACLU
- **Hannah Bloch-Wehba**, Stanton Fellow, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press (*moderator*)

10:15 a.m.: BEYOND PGP, PROTECTING REPORTERS ON AN INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL.

Beyond encrypting individual email, panelists will look at the importance of utilizing the right systems company-wide to stave off hacking and other cyberattacks, as well as handling subpoenas and safeguarding sources.

Panelists:

- **Morgan Marquis-Boire**, director of security, First Look Media
- **Jack Gillum**, reporter, Associated Press
- **Nabiha Syed**, associate, Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz
- **Marcia Hofmann**, digital rights lawyer (*moderator*)

11:30 a.m.: BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

- **Using Off the Record (OTR) chat:** Attendees are encouraged to bring their laptops for this hands-on session on how to set up OTR encryption to protect sources.
- **Setting up PGP mail encryption:** Attendees should bring their laptops for this tutorial on how PGP works and how to set it up for secure electronic communications.
- **Demonstration of SecureDrop:** This demonstration of the system for enabling secure communications between journalists and sources, managed by the Freedom of the Press Foundation, will also focus on how to install and use it in your newsroom.

12:30 p.m.: LUNCH at the Knight Conference Center and Keynote

1:30 p.m.: SECURITY LESSONS FROM THE SNOWDEN FILES. Journalists involved in reporting on the NSA documents leaked by Edward Snowden will talk about what they learned from the experience and how it might be handled better in the future.

Panelists:

- **Spencer Ackerman**, US national security editor, The Guardian US
- **Siobhan Gorman**, intelligence correspondent, The Wall Street Journal
- **Micah Lee**, technologist, The Intercept
- **Julie Tate**, researcher, The Washington Post
- **Lynn Oberlander**, general counsel, First Look Media (*moderator*)

2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.: BREAK

4:00 p.m.: SCREENING, "CITIZENFOUR." A special screening of filmmaker Laura Poitras' film about Edward Snowden and government surveillance will be held at the **Landmark E Street Cinema**, 555 11th Street NW, Washington, D.C. The theater entrance is on E Street between 10th and 11th Streets NW. *Tickets for the screening are limited and will be distributed at the conference.*

"Citizenfour" is being distributed theatrically by Radius, in association with Participant Media and HBO Documentary Films.

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About the Reporters Committee

Founded in 1970, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press offers free legal support to thousands of working journalists and media lawyers each year. It is a leader in the fight against persistent efforts by government officials to impede the release of public information, whether by withholding documents or threatening reporters with jail. In addition to its [24/7 Legal Defense Hotline](#), the Reporters Committee conducts cutting-edge legal research, publishes handbooks and guides on media law issues, files frequent friend-of-the-court legal briefs and offers challenging fellowships and internships for young lawyers and journalists. For more information, go to www.rcfp.org, or follow us on Twitter [@rcfp](#).

About Freedom of the Press Foundation

Freedom of the Press Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports public-interest journalism dedicated to transparency and accountability. In addition to advocating on a variety of press freedom issues, Freedom of the Press Foundation supports a variety of encryption tools for journalists that aim to protect digital communications. It also manages the SecureDrop project, an open-source whistleblower submission system for news organizations, and provides assistance with installation and training for journalists. For more information, visit <https://freedom.press>.

About New America's Open Technology Institute

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