ACCESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY: A CONFERENCE FOR TRANSPARENCY ADVOCATES
YALE LAW SCHOOL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

6:30 – 8:30 Informal Dinner and Meet and Greet
BAR Pizzeria

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017

8:00 – 9:30 Registration and Breakfast
Room 122

9:30 – 9:45 Welcome & Introductions
Room 127

9:45 – 10:45 Keynote: Rethinking Oversight & Accountability
Room 127
David Pozen (Columbia), with discussion led by Jen Bishop (Hearst)

10:45–12:15 Newsgathering Rights
Room 127
Access litigation as a tool for investigative reporting, effective and innovative theories to enable news gatherers and protect their sources, and to facilitate the use of new technologies, including the use of cameras and drones in newsgathering.

 Moderator: David Schulz (MFIA)
 Panelists: Seth Kreimer (U.Penn); Thomas Leatherbury (Vinson & Elkins); RonNell Anderson Jones (U. Utah); Lee Rowland (ACLU)

12:15 – 1:30 Lunch
Cafeteria

1:30 – 2:45 Law Enforcement Accountability
Room 127
Ways to improve transparency of law enforcement agencies and activities, including methods to achieve access to police cameras, police disciplinary proceedings, prisons and local-federal fusion centers, immigration detention centers, and law enforcement policies and practices generally; effective uses of information obtained.

 Moderator: David McCraw (NYT)
 Panelists: Hannah Bloch-Wehba (MFIA); Peter Hermann (Washington Post); Bernard Rhodes (Lathrop & Gage)
2:45 – 3:00  Coffee Break

3:00 - 4:15  National Security & Surveillance  Room 127
Disclosing secret law, limiting secret courts and promoting transparency in the intelligence-industrial complex; facilitating public knowledge of national security investigative techniques and their impact on privacy.

   Moderator:  Jonathan Manes (SUNY Buffalo)
   Panelists:  Lynn Oberlander (Gizmodo); Charlie Savage (NYT); Hina Shamsi (ACLU); Steve Vladeck (U.Tex);

4:15 - 4:30  Coffee Break

4:30 – 5:45  Open Data, Privacy and Algorithmic Transparency  Room 127
Review legal and practical restrictions on access to data collected by government and corporations, privacy protections and use limitations; legal theories to achieve open data and algorithmic transparency.

   Moderator:  Beth Noveck (GovLab)
   Panelists:  Jack Balkin (Yale); Aaron Mackey (EFF); Kendall Taggart (BuzzFeed)

5:45 – 6:00  Wrap-up

6:30  Conference Dinner  Heirloom Restaurant
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017 (for clinicians)

8:00 – 8:45  Breakfast  Room 122

8:45 - 9:00  Overview of Day’s Objectives  Room 127

9:00 - 9:30  Government Accountability and Experiential Learning  Room 127
Keynote by Michael Wishnie, William O. Douglas Clinical Professor of Law, Yale Law School

9:30 - 10:45  Accountability Pedagogy  Room 127
Pedagogical goals; class structure (substantive law and practice skills), case supervision and teaching techniques

  Moderator:  Ann Shalleck (AU)
  Panelists:  Muneer Ahmad (Yale); Chris Bavitz (Harvard); Brendan Roediger (St. Louis U.); Michael Wishnie (Yale)

10:45 – 11:00  Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:15  Leveraging Impact I: Developing and Implementing A High-Impact Agenda  Room 127
Panel discussion of new transparency and accountability opportunities; the potential for pattern & practice litigation; possible constitutional theories; state open records opportunities; and further development of ideas generated on Day 1

  Moderator:  Jameel Jaffer (Knight Institute)
  Panelists:  Catherine Crump (Berkeley); Ramzi Kassem (CUNY); John Langford (MFIA); Adri Wong (ACLU-SoCal)

12:15 – 1:15  Lunch  Cafeteria

1:15 – 2:15  Break-out Groups  Rooms TBD
Small group discussions looking at organizational issues for accountability clinics, strategic opportunities to implement new legal theories and to leverage clinic impact through coordinated efforts, and practical steps required to develop a functioning network
**Topic**  
Clinic Nuts & Bolts  
Promising Legal Theories  
Leverage Opportunities

**Discussion Leaders**  
Marianne Engelman Lado (Yale); Patrick Kabat (Case Western); Heidi Kitrosser (U. Minn)  
Dale Cohen (WGBH); Jameel Jaffer (Knight Institute); Jack Lerner (U.C. Irvine)  
Brian Black (Civil Beat); Bruce Brown (RCFP); John Langford (MFIA)

2:15 – 3:15  **Leveraging Impact II: Coordination & Shared Resources**  
Room 127

Facilitated discussion addressing ways to act collectively on the opportunities and strategies developed in the small group discussions; clarifying opportunities for coordinated efforts; defining action steps to facilitate joint projects and sharing of resources, and identifying other opportunities to leverage work through a network of coordinated clinics

3:15 – 3:30  **Wrap Up and Next Steps**

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