

UNDERSTANDING THE PRIVACY-SECURITY TRADEOFF A DEBATE

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Starting at 5:15 pm and ending at 6:45 pm

San Jose State University

Morris Dailey Auditorium

Convenient parking is available at the public parking garage on Fourth and San Fernando Street, directly across from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Morris Dailey Auditorium is easily accessible by walking through the Library lobby to exit on the campus side. Tower Hall is a short walk across the lawn from the Library. The auditorium occupies the first floor of Tower Hall.

Revelations about NSA surveillance programs have given rise to fundamental questions about the tradeoff between national security and the privacy of American citizens. Join us for an exciting informative presentation about NSA programs, the safeguards intended to protect Americans, and the privacy and security issues at stake.

Cindy Cohn is the Legal Director for the Electronic Frontier Foundation as well as its General Counsel. Ms. Cohn first became involved with the EFF in 1993, when the EFF asked her to serve as the outside lead attorney in *Bernstein v. Dept. of Justice*, the successful First Amendment challenge to the U.S. export restrictions on cryptography. Outside the Courts, Ms. Cohn has testified before Congress, been featured in the *New York Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle* and elsewhere for her work on digital rights and has traveled onto the Internet with Stephen Colbert. The *National Law Journal* named Ms. Cohn one of 100 most influential lawyers in America in 2013, noting: "[I]f Big Brother is watching, he better look out for Cindy Cohn." She was also named in 2006 for "rushing to the barricades wherever freedom and civil liberties are at stake online." In 2007 the *National Law Journal* named her one of the 50 most influential women lawyers in America.

Robert Sievert is Senior Lecturer of National Security Law, Homeland Security Law and International Law at Texas A&M University. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1977 and served four years in the Army as a Platoon Leader and Commander and Operations Officer. Following a distinguished career trying major criminal cases, he was assigned in the 1990's to the U.S. Department of Justice's National Security Working Group. During that time he served as an International and National Security Coordinator for the Department, and was legal advisor to the Central Texas Counter Terrorism Working Group. He has worked closely with the FBI and US intelligence agencies on both international and national security related cases. He has trained federal prosecutors and traveled to Kosovo, Qatar, Israel and England to teach foreign judges and prosecutors and to investigate international and national security matters. In 2000 he took a leave of absence to teach National Security Law and Federal Criminal Law at the University of Texas School of Law. He is the author of several books including *Cases and Materials on US Law and National Security*, 2006, and *Defense, Liberty and The Constitution*, 2005.