Freedom of Information Act Workshop

With

WHEN: Monday, February 18 at 11:00 AM

WHERE: AUD 314

Anne-Marie Cusac, Professor of Journalism

Professor Cusac, an investigative journalist and author of <u>Cruel and Unusual: The Culture of Punishment in America</u> (Yale University Press), will offer a workshop to students interested in learning how to obtain information from federal, state and local governmental entities. Students will be shown how to navigate the process of FOIA'ing, including effective strategies and expectations as well as timelines for obtaining information.

What is the Freedom of Information Act?

As the FOIA.gov website states: The basic function of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is to ensure informed citizens, vital to the functioning of a democratic society. The federal Freedom of Information Act and state and local FOIA and open-records laws allow citizens to request information from government agencies. Learn how to do so effectively, gain practical tips, and avoid common missteps. Seek the truth, and know your government!

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