

Topic: Freedom of Information Act requests in Arizona and elsewhere

Speaker:

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Speaker Bio:

David Cuillier, Ph.D., is an associate professor and interim director for the UA School of Journalism, where he teaches and researches issues regarding access to government records. He was Freedom of Information Chairman for the Society of Professional Journalists from 2007-2011 and is co-author of the book "The Art of Access: Strategies for Acquiring Public Records." He was a newspaper reporter and editor in the Pacific Northwest for a dozen years before going to graduate school at Washington State University and landing his first academic job at the University of Arizona in 2006.

Attendance Numbers

- 40 Students (roughly)
- 8 Professors and community members

Review of Topic:

The talk focused on public records requests and how they have evolved throughout time. Dave talked about which states disclose the most information with the least hassle, and the reverse of that. Dave also compared public records disclosure based on country. He also discussed how to request records and public information, and helpful websites to go to.

Review of Speaker:

I thought the audience was very interested in Dave's talk. He was very interactive and charismatic. Question and answer took place for about 15 minutes, and several students stayed behind to discuss the topic with him.