

# FREE SPEECH FORUM

## A LUNCH TIME DISCUSSION GROUP HOSTED BY CROSSETT LIBRARY

Commons Dining Hall • Red Room • Noon – 1:00 pm

**WIKILEAKS.** Perhaps the most influential media organization of our time, WikiLeaks and its pioneering information delivery methods have renewed an evolving debate about the extent to which we can and should employ our First Amendment rights. Join technology resource and outreach librarian, Jared Della Rocca, to discuss the journalistic, ethical and civic principals surrounding WikiLeaks.



### DEFINE JOURNALISM

Thursday, March 10, 2011

According to *Time Magazine* WikiLeaks may become “as important a journalistic tool as the Freedom of Information Act.” While *Time* characterizes WikiLeaks as a tool for journalists, WikiLeaks has frequently called what it does a form of “scientific journalism.” What’s the difference between scientific journalism and journalism? How do the answers to these questions impact questions surrounding WikiLeaks’ ethical responsibilities?

### STOP THE PRESSES?

Thursday, March 31, 2011

What is the moral responsibility of WikiLeaks and the press? Is it ethical to release information if it would embarrass governments and risk diplomatic relationships, perhaps lives? Who is WikiLeaks responsible to—the public, the government, their sources? How should organizations decide if, how and when they should stop the presses?

### DIGITAL DISOBEDIENCE

Thursday, April 21, 2011

After PayPal, MasterCard, Visa, and Amazon.com succumbed to pressure from the U.S. government to sever ties with WikiLeaks, a group of Hacktivists waged an unprecedented digital disobedience campaign. The group jammed the sites by flooding the servers with more requests than it could handle. What are the legal and ethical parameters of digital disobedience? What is its role in a democratic society?

### VIVA LA INFORMATION!

Thursday, May 12, 2011

We’ll pick up on topics we should have covered and discuss forum topics for the Fall Free Speech Forum.

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