Intellectual Property in the Academy

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The Congress shall have Power

To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries.
Three Types of Intellectual Property
Patent

In the U.S., a patent gives the holder the right to exclude others from making, using, selling, offering to sell, and importing any patented invention. Thus, a patent does not necessarily provide the holder any affirmative right to practice a technology. Instead, it provides the right to exclude others from practicing it. Patent claims are the legal definition of an inventor’s protectable invention.

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The Copyright Term Extension Act
a.k.a. the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act, the Sonny Bono Act, and even the Mickey Mouse Protection Act

In 1998, the Copyright Term Extension Act extended copyright term from life of the author plus 50 years to life of the author plus 70 years and for works of corporate authorship to 120 years after creation or 95 years after publication, whichever endpoint is earlier.

Copyright protection for works published prior to January 1, 1978, was increased by 20 years to a total of 95 years from their publication date.

Under this Act, works made in 1923 or afterwards that were still protected by copyright in 1998 will not enter the public domain until 2019 or afterward.
1923
**What's the status?**

The Digital Slider

Cornell's Public Domain chart

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*Works published without notice between 1-1-78 and 3-1-89 retained copyright only if the omission of notice was corrected.
The Public Domain

- works belonging to the public from the get-go (government records, etc.)
- works that have passed out of copyright
- works that never were under copyright – that predate the notion

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The Four Factors of Fair Use

Judges use four factors when considering fair use disputes. However, the “four factors” are only general guidelines; the courts are free to adapt them a case-by-case basis according to need and interpretation.

1. the purpose and character of the use
2. the nature of the copyrighted work
3. the amount and substantiality of the portion taken, and
4. the effect of the use upon the potential market.
"What is 'fair use'?"

Bion Smalley
Looking for Rightsholders

The Copyright Office’s Public Catalog: copyright registrations filed since 1978

Stanford’s Copyright Renewal Database
Copyrights renewal records received by the U.S. Copyright Office between 1950 and 1992 for books published in the U.S. between 1923 and 1963 (a feature of Stanford’s Copyright and Fair Use Center)

Copyright Clearance Center: not-for-profit global rights broker representing a huge pool of rightholders; online portal for easy permissions-gathering

WATCH: Writers, Artists, and Their Copyright Holders
database of copyright contacts for writers, artists, and prominent figures in other creative fields run jointly by the Harry Ransom Center at UT-A and the University of Reading Library

The Authors Registry
not-for-profit clearinghouse for payments to authors, representing U.S. authors' organizations including The Authors Guild, The American Society of Journalists & Authors, the Dramatists Guild, and the Association of Authors' Representatives
If none of these produce leads, you may be dealing with an **ORPHAN WORK**

But not necessarily a dead end. Consider your use, your rights, and make an informed risk assessment.
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(Author Responsibilities and Copyright Guidelines)

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Permissions and Copyright

AAUP hosts extensive information on copyright and permissions questions as they apply to scholarly communications. Browse the Copyright & Access section of Policy Areas for a comprehensive view of these resources. Below are links to a few that are often directly relevant to faculty members’ work as authors and instructors.

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