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Authors are strongly encouraged to carefully review the copyright agreement form before signing to confirm that the rights the author wishes to retain or the rights granted by the publisher are noted on the form. If not, authors should seek clarification from the publisher before signing. In addition, authors should be aware of any stipulations that are required to be followed.

Following are examples of rights and stipulations as found (current as of December 2007) in various copyright agreement forms:

**Does the publisher allow the author to retain patent and trademark rights?**

*Journal recognizes the retention of the right by the author to patent and trademark rights and rights to any process or procedure described in the article.* [Japanese Journal of Ophthalmology]

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**Does the publisher allow the author to post the work on a laboratory or institutional website on a secure network?**

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An author may self-archive an author-created version of his/her own website and his/her institution's repository, including his/her final version; however he/she may not use the publisher's PDF version . . . Furthermore, the author may only post his/her version provided acknowledgement is given to the original source of publication and a link is inserted to the published article on the publisher's website. [Springer]

Posting of the article as published on a public server can only be done with specific written permission. [Journal of Applied Research]

Does the publisher limit what the author can post on a laboratory or institutional website?

Authors/employers may post the title of the paper, abstract, tables, and figures of their own papers on their own Web sites, and include these items in their own scholarly, research paper. [ACS Journal of Natural Products]

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not distributed in a systematic way outside of employing institution. [Journal of Applied Research]

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Retain oral presentation rights. [Haworth Press]

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The right to include the contribution in a compilation for classroom use (course packs) to be distributed to students at the Contributor’s institution free of charge or to be stored in electronic format in datarooms for access by students at the Contributor’s institution as part of their course work (sometimes called “electronic reserve rooms”). [Interscience/Wiley]

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[Journal of Applied Research]

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The corresponding author is permitted to submit the final accepted file provided them by ARVO to government depositories. ARVO requests that authors delay the public release of their articles until 12 months after the official publication date. [Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science]

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Presentations for Faculty
"Don't I Own My Own Work?" Negotiating to Keep Your Copyright

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Under copyright law, the creator of the original expression in a work is its author. The author is also the owner of copyright unless there is a written agreement by which the author assigns the copyright to another person or organization, such as a publisher.

• See UC Policy on Copyright Ownership, section IV
What exclusive rights does a copyright owner have?

- Make copies of the work
- Make derivative works based on the original work
- Distribute the work
- Perform the work publicly
- Display the work in a commercial setting

In the case of visual works, the author also has the right to:
- Claim authorship of the work (attribution)
- Prevent others from attributing distorted works to original author (integrity) The owner of a copyright may license these rights to others

The 1992 Policy Framework

- "Copyright ownership resides with the originator of the work if it is:
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  - Student Work"

  - Copyrighted Works Created at the University of California
  - http://www.ucop.edu/ott/crworks.html#who
Joint Authors

- “Absent an agreement to the contrary, authors own the work jointly and equally. Each joint author, therefore, has the right to exercise any or all of the exclusive rights inherent in the joint work.”

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Copyrights can be bought, sold, willed to others, or given away. A transfer of the copyright or an exclusive grant or license to use the work is a transaction that must be conveyed in writing.
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• UC Policy on Copyright Ownership http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/copyright/ownership.html

Did You Know...

• If you sign over your copyright you could be required to ask permission to use your own work:
  • To post on your website
  • To contribute to your university’s institutional repository
  • To digitally archive your own work
  • To share with others
  • To allow others to use your work
Digital is Different

- Copyright controls "copying" and "copies" of creative expression
- Every use in digital environment creates a "copy"
- Every use potentially implicated or controlled by copyright
- Libraries throughout time—mission provides long-term access and use of collections and dissemination of knowledge
- Faculty need to know their rights in order to manage and use their own intellectual property

2003 ALPSP survey What Authors Want found that "61% of respondents thought that copyright should remain with the author, rather than being signed over to the publisher."

Did You Know...

- 72 of the 80 agreements (90%) representing 94% of journal titles, asked authors for copyright assignment.


- Intellectual Property in the Digital Age Series
"Don’t I Own My Own Work?" Negotiating to Keep Your Copyright

http://staff.library.ucla.edu/scholarlycommunication/copyright_presentation.ppt
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- Retain Your Copyright
- Discuss Authors Rights with your colleagues
- Negotiate with Publishers to retain control over scholarly communication.
- Contribute to the your university's institutional repository
- Support Open Access Journals

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Making the Most of Your Publications

Copyright Foundations

- Copyright Law (Title 17 U.S.C.) is based on Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution:

“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.”
Before Signing a copyright transfer agreement

- Anticipate future uses of your published work, will you want to:
  - Link to the full-text from your department website (freely accessible to the world)
  - Upload to Blackboard for students to download and read
  - Deposit in a digital repository or archive ("self-archive")
  - Send copies to colleagues
  - Distribute at conferences
  - If your research is funded by NIH, deposit in PubMedCentral (mandated by law)
  - Translate it into another language for publication, republish in other formats, use it as basis to create other works

Before Signing a copyright transfer agreement

- Your exclusive rights as author are (17 U.S.C. 106):
  - Reproduce
  - Distribute
  - Create derivative works
  - Display work publicly
  - Perform work publicly
  - Prevent circumvention of technological protections on digital works ("anti-circumvention", DMCA)
Before Signing a Copyright Transfer Agreement

- Few points about copyright ownership
  - For works first published in the U.S., copyright protection lasts for life of the author + 70 years (for works created Jan 1, 1978 or after)
  - Work must be fixed in a tangible format to be protected by copyright law (it also has to be minimally creative and original)
  - Creator has exclusive rights to the work upon fixing it in tangible format
  - Rights to the work can be ‘unbundled’ upon transfer or assignment
  - For multi-authored works, joint authorship constitutes contribution of original expression and equal share to the copyright in a work as tenants in common (each person has equal right to possess whole work; each can grant a non-exclusive license to work, but must agree for full transfer of rights)
  - Works for hire apply to federal employees working in their scope of their employment whereby employer is copyright owner outright. Works for hire is not limited to government employees

When Reading a copyright transfer agreement

- Your options:
  - Assign all rights to publisher by exclusive license:
    - You no longer have any control over your work
    - Least to your benefit and most to publisher’s benefit
    - Requires no negotiation
  - Transfer some rights to publisher, retain others:
    - You retain control over some of your rights
    - Somewhat beneficial to you and to the scholarly community
    - Requires some negotiation
  - License your rights to the publisher:
    - You grant right of first publication to publisher, but retain all rights thereafter
    - Most beneficial to you and to the scholarly community
    - Requires most negotiation
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- Consult publisher copyright policies:
- Sherpa/ Romeo site: http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/
- Journal website for latest version of copyright transfer agreement form
- Directory of Open Access Journals for other options http://www.doaj.org/

Reading a copyright transfer agreement


Assuming you sign this agreement unamended, does it allow you to do the following?
- Post the full-text of your published article on your department website?
- Republish your article in a book?
- Upload your article to Blackboard?
Reading a copyright transfer agreement

- The American Chemical Society:
  http://pubs.acs.org/userimages/ContentEditor/1218205118705/
  interactive_copyright.pdf

Assuming you sign this agreement unamended, does it allow you to do the following?
- Send a copy to your colleagues?
- Post a version of the article on your web site?
- Republish your article in a book?

When and how to negotiate?

- When:
  - You anticipate future uses of your published work that are not provided in the agreement
  - Your anticipated future uses of your published work may exceed a fair use defense against copyright infringement (systematic use)
  - You simply want to retain full or most of your rights (the law is on your side!)

- How:
  - Use an author addendum form
  - Sign and date publisher agreement and include "Subject to Attached Addendum" on the publisher agreement form and your cover letter
  - Send publisher signed originals and retain copies for your files
Author Negotiation Tools

- CIC Author Addendum:
  http://www.northwestern.edu/provost/announce/cic.htm

  Key features:
  - Grants author non-exclusive rights to his/her work without limitations
  - After six months from date of first publication, author has non-exclusive rights
to work
  - Author has non-exclusive rights to grant to Author's employing institution
  - Rights of reproduction, distribution, display, performance

  Other addenda:
  - Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC):
  - SPARC/ Science Commons Scholar's Copyright Addendum Engine
    http://scholars.sciencecommons.org/

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Presentations for Staff
Authors Rights Workshop
University of Iowa Libraries

ADAPTED FROM: "Scholarly Publication and Copyright: Retaining Rights & Increasing the Impact of Research" by Ellen Finnie Duranteau, Scholarly Publishing and Licensing Consultant, MIT Libraries

...and others.
What is copyright?

- Automatic © for original work
- Copyright - bundle of rights
  - (1) to reproduce the work; (2) to prepare derivative works;
    (3) to distribute copies; (4) to perform publicly; (5) and
    to display publicly;
- Authors own © to their journal articles and books, unless
  they sign away their rights

UI Copyright Policy

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encourage dissemination of the results of scholarship and
research, the University agrees that in most cases, individual
creators of copyrightable works of scholarship, research, or
pedagogy, as well as creators of original works of art and
literature, typically will hold personal copyright ownership of
those works”.

(University of Iowa Operations Manual V-30.4(1))
Copyright and Author’s Rights

- Faculty lose some or all rights for their own works in publishing agreements

Why do scholars publish?

- To make an impact and have an effect on our field
- To build a reputation
- To engage with other scholars
- To fulfill institutional expectations (get tenure, promotion, etc.)
- Professional advancement (another position, grants)
- To make money, become famous
- Others?
Copyright transfer agreements often ask you to transfer all of your rights!

"The Author(s) assigns to Publisher exclusive copyright and related rights in the Article, including the right to publish the Work in all forms and media including print and all other forms of electronic publication or any other types of publication including subsidiary rights in all languages."

What have you given up when signing such an agreement?

Copyright & Publication Process

- Author has exclusive rights until a written agreement is signed to transfer some or all of these rights.
- Author may give others a non-exclusive right to use the copyrighted work in a variety of ways, including through verbal agreement.
- Transfer of any exclusive right is truly exclusive—once transferred the author may no longer exercise that right.
- If author wants to make any further uses of the copyrighted work, or intends to grant others permission to make any use of the copyrighted work, the author must make this clear in a written transfer agreement.

Adapted from: http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/copyrightintro.html
Publisher does need some right

- A non-exclusive right to publish and distribute a work and receive a financial return
- Proper attribution and citation as journal of first publication
- Right to migrate the work to future formats

Why Retain Rights?

- Author may share research widely
  - Posting openly on the web
  - Author will increase readership and citations
- Author may reuse their own work: teaching, research, publications, derivatives, updates
Why Retain Rights?

- Remove barriers to reuse and sharing.
- Can affect balance of power between publishers and readers/libraries:
  - Publishers receive both content and quality control at no cost, but then post large profits – up to 40%.
  - Academic libraries then purchase back this content, including that which may have originated with their own faculty.

What Rights to Retain?

- Use own work in teaching & scholarship.
- Reproduction, performance, display.
- Distribute to students, colleagues.
- Use for presentations, later publications.
  - Importance of derivative works right.
- Authorize non-commercial uses of work.
- Deposit in open online archive or web site.

http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/scholarly/impact.html
Publication Agreements

- What is a publishing agreement?
- A contract between an author and publisher
- Outlines the terms and conditions on which a creative work is accepted for publication and made accessible.
- An important step in achieving a balance of rights and responsibilities.

JISC, “Partnering on Copyright”

Definitions

- **Pre-print** means a work before it has been peer-reviewed, edited or prepared for publication by the publisher.
- **Post-print** means a work in the form accepted for publication in which the author has incorporated into the text the outcome of peer review.
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Definitions

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- **Exclusive publishing right** means the exclusive right to reproduce and communicate to the public the whole or any part of an article, and to publish the same throughout the world in any format and in all languages for the full term of copyright.

Publication Agreements

Possible scenarios:

- Transfer all rights to publisher (historically most common)

- Transfer some rights to publisher but author retains others (e.g. for use in teaching, future publication, self-archiving; this is increasingly common)

- Allow author to retain rights but licenses certain exclusive rights to publisher (such as for first publication)

- Allow author to retain rights but grants certain non-exclusive rights to publisher
Publication Agreements: Negotiation

- At a minimum: cross out “exclusive” rights to the publisher, and change to “non-exclusive” rights on existing agreement
- Ideally: keep copyrights and transfer limited rights to the publisher (only “exclusive right to first publication”)
- Add language to existing agreement
- Use an authors addendum which grants additional rights concerning use

Publication Agreements Exercise

QUESTIONS:
- Can the author post pre-prints of their article?
- Can the author post a final, published version on a website or a repository? (if yes, are there any restrictions?)
- Does the author retain the right for republication or reuse of their work? (i.e. a derivative)
- Can the author reproduce the work for distribution in course teaching? (does this right extend to the institution, or only the author?)
NIH Policy Compliance

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  - Use the UI’s Author Addendum

Author Addendum

- Counter-proposal to a publication agreement
- Frees authors from the need to create their own language
- Easy way to address author needs
- Increases awareness of author rights
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UI Author’s Addendum

3. The Author further retains all non-exclusive rights necessary to grant to the Author’s employing institution the non-exclusive right to use, reproduce, distribute, display, publicly perform, and make copies of the work in electronic, digital or in print form in connection with teaching, conference presentations, lectures, other scholarly works, and all academic and professional activities conducted at the Author’s employing institution.

Addendum negotiation example

2. After a period of six (6) months from the date of publication, the Author shall also have all the non-exclusive rights necessary to make, or to authorize others to make, the final published version of the above-named section available in digital form on a non-commercial website under the control of the Author or the Author’s employer, such as an institutional repository managed by the Author’s employer.
Addendum negotiation example

3. After a period of three (3) years from the date of publication, the Author shall also have all the non-exclusive rights necessary to make, or to authorize others to make, the final published version of the above-named section available in digital form over the Internet, including but not limited to a website under the control of the Author or the Author’s employer or through digital repositories including, but not limited to, those maintained by CIC institutions, scholarly societies or funding agencies.
creative commons

- Elements of a CC license:
  - Attribution
  - Noncommercial
  - No derivative works
  - Share alike

Licensing options | FAQ

SHERPA http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/

- RoMEQ - Publisher's copyright & archiving policies
- green can archive pre-print and post-print
- blue can archive post-print (ie final draft post-refereeing)
- yellow can archive pre-print (ie pre-refereeing)
- white archiving not formally supported
- JULIET - Research funders archiving mandates and guidelines
- Publishers with Paid Options for Open Access
- Publishers Allowing use of their PDFs in Repositories

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If the publisher still says no...

- Consider publishing the work elsewhere.
- Consider publishing the work in an open access journal.
- Publish your work as planned with the original publisher.

*The decision is entirely up to the author*

What do we expect you to do?

- Getting the attention of university authors won’t be easy, but it’s important to try.
- Some will be indifferent, some receptive but too busy to pay attention, some may already be modifying agreements normally, some may be open to persuasion.
- We are looking for "champions"—faculty who are already on board with managing their rights more effectively and friendly to open access and other alternative publishing models.
- We need your help to identify them. Please name names.
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http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/scholarly/
Copyright Primer

"Only one thing is impossible for God: to find any sense in any copyright law on the planet"
Mark Twain (Mark Twain’s Notebook, Cooper Square, 1972, p. 381)

Intellectual Property

- Intellectual Property “IP” –
  - Industrial property:
    - inventions (patents), trademarks, industrial designs, and geographic indications of source, licensing
  - Copyright:
    - original works of authorship, including literary, dramatic, musical, and artistic

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What is copyright?

In the United States, copyright law protects the authors of “original works of authorship, including literary, dramatic, musical, artistic, and certain other intellectual works.” This protection covers both published and unpublished works, regardless of the nationality or domicile of the author. It is unlawful for anyone to violate any of the rights provided by copyright law to the owner of a copyright.

A Constitutional Right

- **U.S. Constitution Section 8 – Clause 8**
  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

How Is Copyright Obtained?

Automatic copyright

U.S. Copyright Office
http://www.copyright.gov

What is protected by copyright?

- Literary works and printed materials
- Dramatic works and accompanying music
- Photographs
- Musical works and accompanying works
- Artistic (pictorial, graphic, and sculptural) works
- Sound recordings
- Architectural works
- Software
- Content found on the Internet and Web Pages (including text and pictures)
What does copyright protect?

Bundle of Rights

*Reproduce* - make copies of their works publicly or privately.

*Adapt* - prepare additional works derived from their copyrighted work.

*Distribute* - Disseminate copies of their works.

*Perform* - Perform their work publicly (at location open to the public or to persons other than close family and social acquaintance network) (does not include sound recordings).

*Display* - Display their work publicly (applies to all works except sound recordings and architectural works).

What can’t you copyright?

- Ideas *not fixed in a tangible medium*
- Facts *or research of facts*
- Words, names, slogans *may be protected by trademark law*
- Discovery methods
- Concepts
- Processes *(patent law)*
- Inventions *(patent law)*
- Governmental works
Remember-

- It is the *expression* of ideas, facts, and research in a unique manner that may be copyrighted, **not** the ideas, facts, or research itself.

Public Domain

- body of information and creativity considered to be part of a common cultural and intellectual heritage
- no person or other legal entity can establish or maintain proprietary interests
What is in the “Public Domain”?

- Items thought to intrinsically belong to everyone and which can't be copyrighted
- Government documents and publications
- Formerly copyrighted works
  - works which have lost their copyright
  - works whose copyrights were not renewed
  - works whose copyright term has expired
- Works "granted" to the public domain

Laws

- Copyright Term Extension Act, 1998
  - Adds 20 years to the duration of copyright
  - Life of author plus 70 years
  - Joint work – 70 years after last surviving author’s death
  - Works made for hire – 95 years from year of first publication or 120 years from year of creation, whichever expires first
Shrinking Public Domain

- Extension Act effectively 'froze' the advancement date of the public domain in the United States
- Expansion of patent, trademark and other protections

Laws

U.S. Code Title 17 - Copyright Act of 1976
http://lcweb.loc.gov/copyright/title17/
- Section 107 – Fair Use
- Section 108 – Reproduction by libraries and archives
- Section 110 – Educational exemptions
Beyond Section 107: New Legislation Governing Use of Digital Content

- Digital Millennium Copyright Act (1998)
- The TEACH Act (2002)

The Challenges

- "Nobody really understands copyright"—Dealing with complexity, ambiguity and constant change
  - Fair Use
  - Orphan Works

- Faculty and researchers typically sign away all rights to their scholarship in exchange for publication
The Challenges

- Electronic content is frequently licensed, rather than purchased.

- Powerful commercial interests are working to influence national copyright laws and adopting “digital rights management” technology to lock up content

Copyright Vs. License

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For-profit publishing is not evil

➤ Publishers add value:
  □ infrastructure and staff support
  □ packaging
  □ editorial control
  □ marketing
  □ production and distribution

➤ Publishers are entitled to earn money from these services.

➤ Publishers are entitled to hold SOME rights to the work.

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... but remember...

➤ Publishing costs are going down ...AND....

➤ Publishers get scholarly content and quality control (peer review) at little or no cost

yet subscription prices continue to rise

➤ Public Domain is shrinking

➤ Fair Use is under threat by legal attacks and whoever has the most money often wins

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... consequences....

- Commercial publishers are making record profits
- Some non-profit publishers are letting money trump scholarly missions
- Scholars face severe restrictions on
  - ACCESS to information
  - USE of information
- Very little scholarly or scientific information is freely available to the general public outside of library walls.

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Copyright Stewardship: Retaining Rights

- Unbundle rights and retain some control over intellectual property
- Append the form available at www.ku.edu/~scholar/docs/KU_AUTHOR_Addendum.pdf
Retaining Rights

- Add the following language to a manuscript contract:
  “Notwithstanding the above language, I reserve the right to use this work in my teaching and research, for my colleagues at the University of Kansas to use this work in their teaching and research, and I also reserve the right to place an electronic copy of this work on a publicly accessible web site.”

Self-Archiving

- Self-archiving by authors of scholarly papers and other scholarly work (datasets, tables, appendices)
- Portions of the copyright are retained by authors, not transferred to publishers
- No-fee access through disciplinary and institutional repositories
  - ArXiv.org e-print archive <http://arxiv.org/>
  - KU ScholarWorks <https://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/>
Self-Archiving

- Self-archiving of papers published in conventional journals is permitted by 135 of 172 scholarly publishers:
  - 78 publishers permit self-archiving of accepted pre-prints and PDF post-prints ("Green" publishers)
  - 42 publishers permit self-archiving of the corrected accepted manuscript but not the publisher’s PDF ("Blue" publishers)
  - 15 publishers permit self-archiving only of pre-refereed manuscript ("Yellow" publishers)

Source: SHERPA/RoMEO (Securing a Hybrid Environment for Research Preservation and Access / Rights METadata for Open archiving), University of Nottingham: http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php

Other Options...

- Creative Commons Licensing
  - An alternative to copyright transfer
  - Defines explicitly which rights the author retains and which rights she grants to users (e.g., use, reproduction, creation of derivative works)

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What we’ll cover

- What is an institutional repository (IR)?
- How does deposit work at McGill?
- What are the benefits? Issues?
- Open access: What does it mean?
- Funders’ policies
Why an institutional repository?

“At the most basic and fundamental level, an institutional repository is a recognition that the intellectual life and scholarship of our universities will increasingly be represented, documented, and shared in digital form, and that a primary responsibility of our universities is to exercise stewardship over these riches: both to make them available and to preserve them.” (Lynch, 2003)


The basics

- **eScholarship@McGill** is an institutional repository (IR)
- The service runs on DigiTool, an Ex Libris product
- Digital showcase designed to make McGill research freely available & discoverable
What are we putting in it?

- ePrints
  - Journal articles (version allowed will depend on publisher's policy: preprints, post-prints, or published versions)
  - Conference items (e.g. presentations, papers, posters)
  - Working papers
  - Technical reports
  - Books, chapters, sections
  - Department or research centre reports
  - Other items considered to be of value by an academic community

- eTheses
  - Approved for graduation and FTP'ed to DigiTool from Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
  - Theses from 2 pilot projects
  - Project underway: Dissertation Archiving and Access Program (DAAP)
  - Other project to include 221 theses from 2003 that did not make it to Proquest

Info for faculty about deposit

Current statement in brochure: To deposit your research, “send an email to escholarship.library@mcgill.ca granting permission for your papers to be submitted into the digital repository. To help staff source your research, include a list of publications from your curriculum vitae or links to any website documenting your scholarship.”
Big issue: version(s) allowed in IR

- RoMEO database lists journal or publisher as green, blue, yellow, or white; not all journals are included in the database

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Publishing and rights

- Item ready for submission to publisher
  - Author transfers copyright
  - Author retains copyright

Gives exclusive licence to publisher
Gives non-exclusive licence to publisher
Author applies CC licence

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Author addenda

- Permit authors to request retention of rights (instead of signing standard publisher agreements)
- More information:
  - http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/
- Publishers may not agree but may in response loosen their own agreements
Open access

What is Open Access?
- Articles and research outputs are freely available
- Increases potential readership by removing barriers to access and facilitating discovery
- Increases use of research
- Increases citations
- A working, practical system already in place

What OA is not
- Does not affect peer review
- Not proposed as a replacement for normal publication process
- Government censorship
- Junk science

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Open access declarations

- Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities
- Budapest Open Access Initiative
- Bethesda Statement on Open-Access Publishing
"Open access" models

- Gold vs. green open access
  - Gold = publishing in open access journals
  - Green = self-archiving (includes IRs)
- Free vs. open open access
  - Our definition for practical purposes: free
- Institutional vs. central repositories
  - Examples of central repositories: PubMed Central, E-LIS, RePEC, arXiv

Funders’ policies

- CIHR Policy on Access to Research Outputs in effect as of Jan. 1, 2008 (Canada)
- NIH mandate in effect as of April 7, 2008 (USA)
- SSHRC? NSERC? Expected to develop similar policies
Updates

☐ **Guidelines** now available on website
☐ **Brochure** has been reprinted (copies available from Director’s Office)
☐ **Toolkit for liaison librarians** now available

Readings

Author Rights/Copyright Web Sites
Scholarly Communication: Copyright

Most likely, the copyright for your published articles is owned by journal publishers, not you. It is usually after your article is reviewed and accepted for publication that you are kindly asked to sign a standard agreement that gives all of your rights to the publisher. What it means is that you have to ask for permission to use your own work, as you would do with any other copyrighted material. If you don’t have permission, your attempts to share your own work with colleagues and students, in print or electronic formats, may be infringing, depending on your contract with the publisher.

The “exclusive right to copy” refers to the right to reproduce your work (in any format), to distribute it (to colleagues via e-mail), to create derivative works based on it (publish another version in an edited volume), to display it publicly (on your website) or to perform it (as a play would be performed). These are only some examples of prohibited uses of your work, if you signed away all your rights to the publisher and you are not the copyright owner.

However, the law specifies exemptions to copyright that limit the exclusive control of the copyright owner under certain circumstances, so as not to stifle creativity. That is why copyright is granted for a limited time only, and as works are free to use once they are in the public domain. Under conditions described in the TEACH Act, including classroom display of images or performance of works, copyrighted works can be used without asking for the copyright holder’s permission. In other cases, the law permits certain types of infringements because of their positive value to society, such as use for criticism, comment, education and news reporting. The Fair Use doctrine provides a defense to infringement in these cases, because seeking permission for such uses that promote culture and social life is unreasonable. As a teaching faculty, you are probably using your own or others’ work in ways that either the Fair Use defense or the TEACH Act exemptions may apply.
Retain More of Your Copyrights When You Publish

For many years, it has been common practice in academia for authors to sign away all their exclusive rights to book and journal publishers. While Copyright Law has not changed, new negotiating styles with your publisher can help to bring about change and flexibility so you can retain some of your rights—yet still benefit both you and your publisher. Several documents here can help you prepare to negotiate your rights.

Author's Copyright Contract Addendum

Academic institutions have already begun to adopt authors' addendum documents which can be attached to a publisher contract. This addendum is an agreement between you and your publisher that allows you to retain non-exclusive, specific rights for professional use—yet also allows the publisher to continue to publish and exercise similar rights for distribution and copies.

The addendum is an agreement with multiple benefits: for you, the institution, the publisher, and for print as well as digital uses. It gives the original author more flexibility in scholarly and related professional activities, including digital retention at the institutional level. In the spirit of agreement and practical rights for authors, if the publisher's contract and the author's addendum are in conflict, the addendum agreements will prevail.

Case has an Author's Addendum that can be used in negotiations with your publisher. Using the addendum can give you increased post-publication usage rights for your teaching, and also provide for inclusion of your work in Digital Case, the university institutional repository. There are other examples of addendum agreements now appearing. One is the CIC Provosts (Committee on Institutional Cooperation) Scholarly Communications Initiative, with an Author Contract Addendum supporting new copyright agreements. Also, Case is a member of SPARC (Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition), developed in recent years by ARL (Association of Research Libraries) as a catalyst for change in scholarly communication and publication. SPARC has publishing news, author resources and a helpful brochure on Author's Rights, as well as an Author Addendum.

Other Initiatives for Alternative Copyrights

The Creative Commons has gained momentum in recent years, creating a way for creators to decide which rights they wish to retain and to make it easier to share and build upon the work of others—a key premise of federal copyright law. Creative Commons, founded in 2001, allows creators to assign varied copyright licenses to their works, and provides sample license agreements. In 2008, Creative Commons estimated that 130 million CC licenses were assigned to new works.

Check with your publishers too. Publishers are also liberalizing their prior contracts, as noted in the Elsevier announcement that now allows web posting.
Retaining Rights To Your Work

Information for University of Iowa Authors

Why retain rights?

- Often publishers create significant barriers for authors who want to reuse their work, or allow others to use it. Negotiating changes to these standard agreements can help authors avoid unfortunate barriers to reuse and sharing.
- Some research funders request or require that work created with their funds be made available openly on the web (example: the NIH requires grant recipients to deposit articles into PubMed Central). Funders policies can be reviewed in the University of Nottingham's SHERPA/JULIET web site. Other institutions also have open access policies or mandates.
- Making research and scholarship as widely available as possible supports the University of Iowa's mission "to advance scholarly and creative endeavor through leading-edge research and artistic production; to use this research and creativity to enhance undergraduate, graduate, and professional education, health care, and other services provided to the people of Iowa, the nation, and the world."

What are your rights?

- Know your rights as an author. As the author of a work, you are the copyright holder unless or until you transfer your rights (view sample publication agreements).
- Copyright law gives the creator of copyrighted works exclusive rights, including:
  - To reproduce the work in copies (e.g., through photocopying)
  - To distribute copies of the work
  - To prepare derivative works based upon the work
  - To perform or display the work publicly
  - To authorize others to exercise any of these rights

- UI authors are often most interested in retaining rights to:
  - Reuse their work in teaching, future publications, and in all scholarly and professional activities.
  - Post their work on the web page (sometimes referred to as "self-archiving"), in a discipline archive (such as PubMed Central or arXiv), or in an institutional repository (Iowa Research Online is UI's institutional repository)
- Know your rights under Fair Use, the TEACH Act, "public domain," and permissions to use copyrighted work. Copyright protection exists from the time the work is created in a fixed, tangible form of expression. However, registering a work for copyright affords the owner additional legal rights. You can register a work through the Copyright Clearance Center or directly with the U.S. Copyright Office.
- The author of the original works owns the copyright unless the work was for hire and then the employer owns the copyright. The University Operations Manual section 31 addresses when copyright belongs to the University.

Which rights to retain?

- At a minimum: Transfer copyrights but reserve some rights: Use techniques and language to modify the language of the publishing contract to transfer non-exclusive rights to the publisher.
- Ideally: Keep copyrights and transfer limited rights to the publisher: Use techniques and sample publishing agreements to transfer limited rights to the publisher.

How to retain rights?

- Check the SHERPA/RoMEO web site to view the self-archiving and copyright policies of your publisher.
- Publisher policies and agreements are usually linked from the author information or article submission section of a journal's website.
- If the policy for the publisher you want to use isn't listed in the SHERPA database, or isn't what you desire, you can retain rights by specifying to the publisher your article which rights you would like to keep (view sample agreements for help).
- The Ul Author's Addendum (pdf) enables authors to continue using their publications in their academic work and to deposit them into any discipline-based research repository (including PubMed Central), the National Library of Medicine's database for NIH-funded manuscripts.
- Use a Creative Commons license in place of the license provided by the publisher.

Which publishers are likely to be flexible about these rights?

- Publisher policies and agreements vary considerably. The SHERPA/RoMEO database offers a summary of publisher copyright policies & self-archiving.
- While some publishers will not accept an addendum outright, they might respond by sending back a second, more author-friendly publishing contract.
- Publisher policies change over time, and the terms stated on their websites often vary from the terms of their actual agreements, so it is important to read the agreement itself.
Where do I go with questions about these issues?

Edward Shreve, Associate University Librarian & Director, Collections and Scholarly Communication, 335-5867
Karen Fischer, Collections Analysis & Planning Librarian, 335-8781

Your Librarian (departmental liaisons)
University of Iowa Office of the General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel Grainne Martin, 319-335-2742.
Authors and Copyright

- Background
- What Rights Should Authors Retain?
- How To Negotiate and Retain Rights
- How to Locate Publisher Copyright Policies
- Addenda for Authors
- What Should Authors Do if a Publisher Does Not Accept an Addendum?
- Becker Library and Danforth Campus Library Services

Authors and Copyright provides information on author rights and related resources to assist authors with management of their rights.

Background

The copyright law gives an author of a work a bundle of exclusive rights to do and authorize others to do the following with the work:

- To reproduce the work
- To distribute copies of the work to the public
- To prepare derivative works based on the work
- To display the work publicly
- To perform the work publicly

Under the traditional academic publication model an author typically transfers all copyright interests to a publisher. If authors relinquish all their copyright interests to the publisher, the author loses the ability to use his or her own work without permission from the publisher.

Because of advances in digital technology, many publishers offer authors options for management of their copyright with flexible use conditions that meet the needs of both parties. Authors no longer have to transfer all their rights in a single bundle in exchange for publication.

This document only addresses copyright, and not other rights the author might possess. For example, an article in the natural or physical sciences may disclose a patentable “invention.” If the author does not file a patent application within one year of publishing the article that discloses the invention, the author will not be able to obtain a patent on the invention. If you think an article you are writing might disclose a patentable invention, consult Cathy Sarli.

What Should Authors Do?

- Anticipate the ways you wish to reuse and disseminate your work
- Use a publisher that allows authors to retain certain rights or is willing to negotiate
- Review the publisher’s copyright agreement form before signing to ensure that the anticipated uses and rights are noted on the form
- Attach an addendum if necessary, in order to retain rights
- Keep a record of all signed documents
- Comply with any publisher restrictions on use
What Rights Should Authors Retain?

Authors are encouraged to anticipate their future use of the work and retain any or all of the rights they may need to achieve their academic and professional goals. Authors may want to retain rights to do the following:

- Make copies of the work for educational use, including class notes, study guides or electronic reserves
- Use part of the work as a basis for a future publication
- Send copies of the work to colleagues
- Present the work at conference or meeting and give copies of the work to attendees
- Use a different or extended version of the work for a future publication
- Deposit the work in an institutional or funding agency repository
- Post the work on a laboratory or institutional web site on a restricted network or publicly available network
- Include the work in future derivative works, including a dissertation or thesis
- Use the work in a compilation of works or collected works
- Expand the work into a book form or book chapter

Note: Authors who receive funding from agencies that have public access mandate policies must retain the right to comply with these policies. Examples of public access mandates are the NIH Public Access Policy and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Policy on Public Access to Publications.
Further Resources:
- Jonathan Band — “Publish and Perish? Protecting Your Copyrights from Your Publisher” (used with permission)

How To Negotiate and Retain Rights
First, it is important to determine what rights you want to retain to accomplish your academic and professional goals.

Second, review the publishing agreement presented by the publisher to determine the rights the publisher is seeking from the author. Since any transfer of copyright interests must be in writing, publishers often use very broad and expansive language to accomplish a transfer of copyright interests. You may need to negotiate with the publisher to assure that your intended future use of the work is permissible under the publishing agreement. Publishers often post copyright policies on the internet; however, be sure that the agreement expressly contemplates the rights you seek to retain. A policy is not a binding agreement and can be changed at the discretion of the publisher.

In many cases the publisher or the Editor in Chief support the author’s future intended use and are willing to negotiate author’s rights. There are several methods to negotiate the terms of a
publishing agreement.

1. Because publishers use form agreements and resist changes to its forms, it may be necessary to attach an addendum to the publishing agreement which expressly sets forth the rights retained by the author. See Addenda for Authors.

2. Some publishers allow authors to insert in the text of the agreement the rights they wish to retain. The following is an example:

   "If there are any elements in this manuscript for which the author(s) hold and want to retain copyright, please specify:

   [Physical Therapy, Journal of the American Physical Therapy Association]"

3. Some authors amend the publisher agreement form by crossing out the specific clauses that they do not agree with and inserting by hand the rights they wish to retain. Before doing so, review the publisher’s agreement form to make sure that there is no clause like the following that would create a conflict within the agreement:

   "SIGN HERE FOR COPYRIGHT TRANSFER: I hereby certify that I am authorized to sign this document either in my own right or as an agent for my employer, and have made no changes to the current valid document. . . ."

   [ACS Journal of Natural Products]

Any changes made directly on the form agreement must include the initials of the author and the initials of an authorized representative of the publisher, which are placed immediately adjacent to the handwritten or typewritten change. Any changes made and initialed by the author will have no legal effect without the approval of the publisher.

Further Resources:
- Phrases to Look for in Publication Agreements (PDF)

How to Locate Publisher Copyright Policies

Publishers’ copyright policies are often located on the publishers’ web sites under “Instructions for Authors” or “Copyright Information.” Many publishers provide detailed information for authors as to what uses are permitted under the publisher’s copyright policy for a given journal. Keep in mind that some publishers have not updated their copyright agreement forms to correspond with the information posted on its web site. Authors are encouraged to carefully review the publisher copyright agreement before signing to confirm that the anticipated uses and rights or the rights retained by the author are expressly stated on the agreement form. If not, authors should seek clarification from the publisher before signing and seek a revision of the agreement. Publishers may send a new copyright agreement form or send an addendum.

If there is no information available on the publisher copyright agreement form or on the publisher’s web site, contact the publisher or Editor in Chief of the journal to seek clarification. In many instances, publishers have not updated their web site content or the publisher copyright agreement form but are amenable to changes to the agreement to clarify the relative rights of each party. If the publisher is unwilling to work with you, consider locating an alternative publisher that would be willing to negotiate the terms of the copyright.
Addenda for Authors

An addendum is an attachment to a contract or form that modifies, clarifies, or adds to the contract. There are a variety of addenda available for authors to use to retain rights that are not explicitly stated on the publisher copyright agreement form. If authors attach an addendum, add the statement “Subject to Attached Addendum” next to your signature on the publisher copyright agreement form.

Sample forms of addenda for authors to use:

Customized Copyright Addendum

The Washington University Copyright Addendum form will generate a customized PDF that authors can attach to a journal publisher’s copyright form to retain specific rights that are not expressly stated by the publisher. **WU authors are NOT required to use the WU Addendum.**

Use the online tool to generate an addendum customized with the rights you wish to retain.

- View Sample Customized Form

Scholar’s Copyright Addendum Engine

The Scholar’s Copyright Addendum Engine created by Creative Commons allows authors to choose from four addenda which will automatically generate amendments to a publisher’s copyright agreement for authors to retain certain rights to their work.

NIH Addendum Language

For authors who are required to comply with the NIH Public Access Policy, NIH provides suggested language to use as a means of retaining the right to comply:

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