



CODE OF BEST PRACTICES IN FAIR USE FOR SOFTWARE PRESERVATION

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SITUATIONS

#1

**ACCESSIONING,
STABILIZING, EVALUATING,
AND DESCRIBING DIGITAL
OBJECTS**

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#2

**DOCUMENTING SOFTWARE IN
OPERATION, AND MAKING THAT
DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE**

#3

**PROVIDING ACCESS TO
SOFTWARE FOR USE IN
RESEARCH, TEACHING,
AND LEARNING**

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#4

**PROVIDING BROADER
NETWORKED ACCESS TO
SOFTWARE MAINTAINED AND
SHARED ACROSS MULTIPLE
COLLECTIONS OR INSTITUTIONS**



#5

**PRESERVING FILES
EXPRESSED IN SOURCE CODE
AND OTHER
HUMAN-READABLE FORMATS**

FAIR USE

The right to
use copyright
material without permission or
payment--

Under some
circumstances

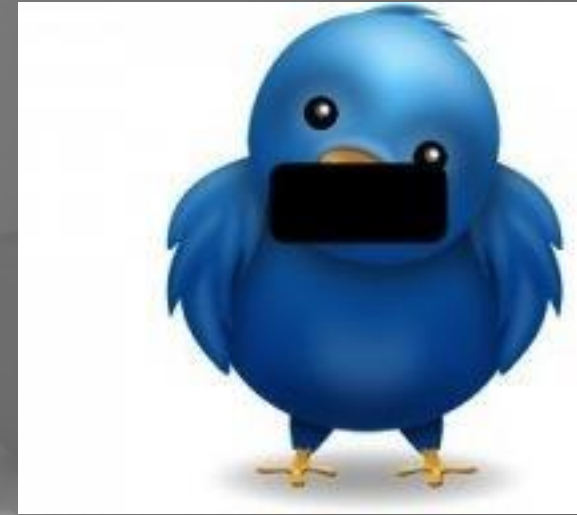


UNCERTAINTY LEADS TO:



1/3 of creators
have avoided or
abandoned work
because of
copyright
concerns

SELF-CENSORSHIP



WHAT IS FAIR USE?



THE PURPOSE OF COPYRIGHT



ONE
PURPOSE

TO PROMOTE THE
CREATION OF CULTURE



BY

Rewarding creators with
limited monopoly

Encouraging new makers
to use existing culture

BIGGEST BALANCING FEATURE

FAIR USE

Non-infringing, unauthorized
use of copyrighted
material—under some
circumstances

“FOUR FACTORS”

1. Purpose of the use
2. Kind of work used
3. Amount used
4. Effect on the market

GOOD NEWS...

Judges balance interests in fair use analysis

Supreme Court: Fair use promotes free speech

Judicial interpretation has changed a lot since 1990

JUDGES ASK...

1

Is the use for a new “transformative” purpose? (in terms of context, audience, added insight, etc.)

2

Does it employ an appropriate amount to fulfill the transformative purpose?

Judges also consider...

Custom and practice of individual creative communities...

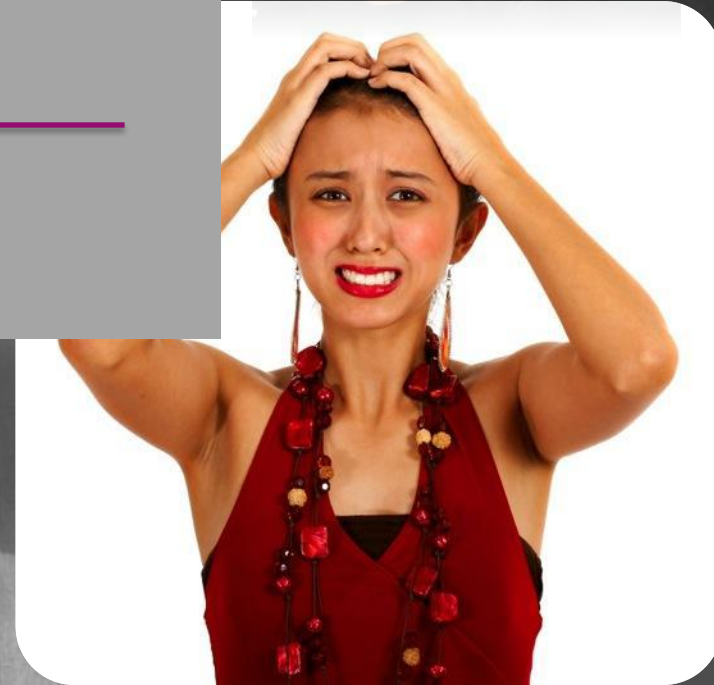
...especially when well-documented



WHY DON'T WE EMPLOY
FAIR USE MORE FULLY?

Perceived Risk

Legal trouble
Lost relationships
Bad publicity



ASSESSING RISK? CONSIDER BOTH!

Legal risk associated with
pursuing mission

Mission risk associated
with failing to act



BEST PRACTICES CODES

DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKERS



Documentary Filmmakers' Statement of

BEST PRACTICES IN FAIR USE

Association of Independent Video and Filmmakers
Independent Feature Project
International Documentary Association
National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture
Women in Film and Video, Washington, D.C., Chapter

COMMUNICATI ON SCHOLARS



CODE OF BEST PRACTICES IN
**FAIR USE FOR
SCHOLARLY RESEARCH
IN COMMUNICATION**

JUNE 2010

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

POETS



CODE OF BEST PRACTICES IN FAIR USE FOR POETRY

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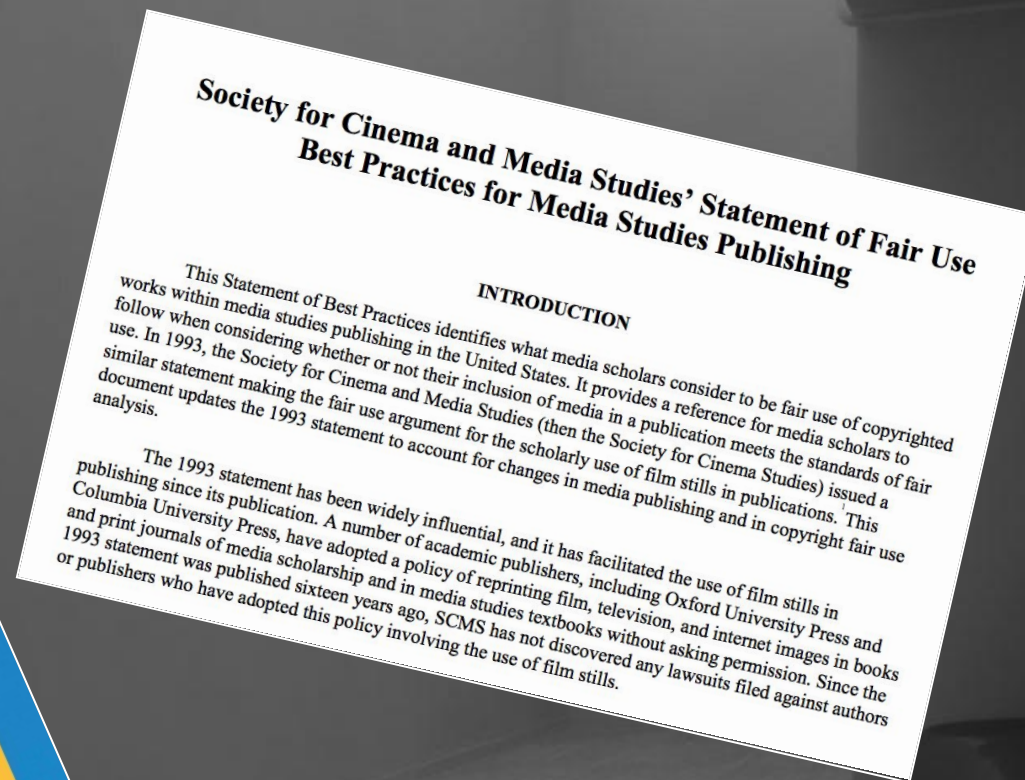
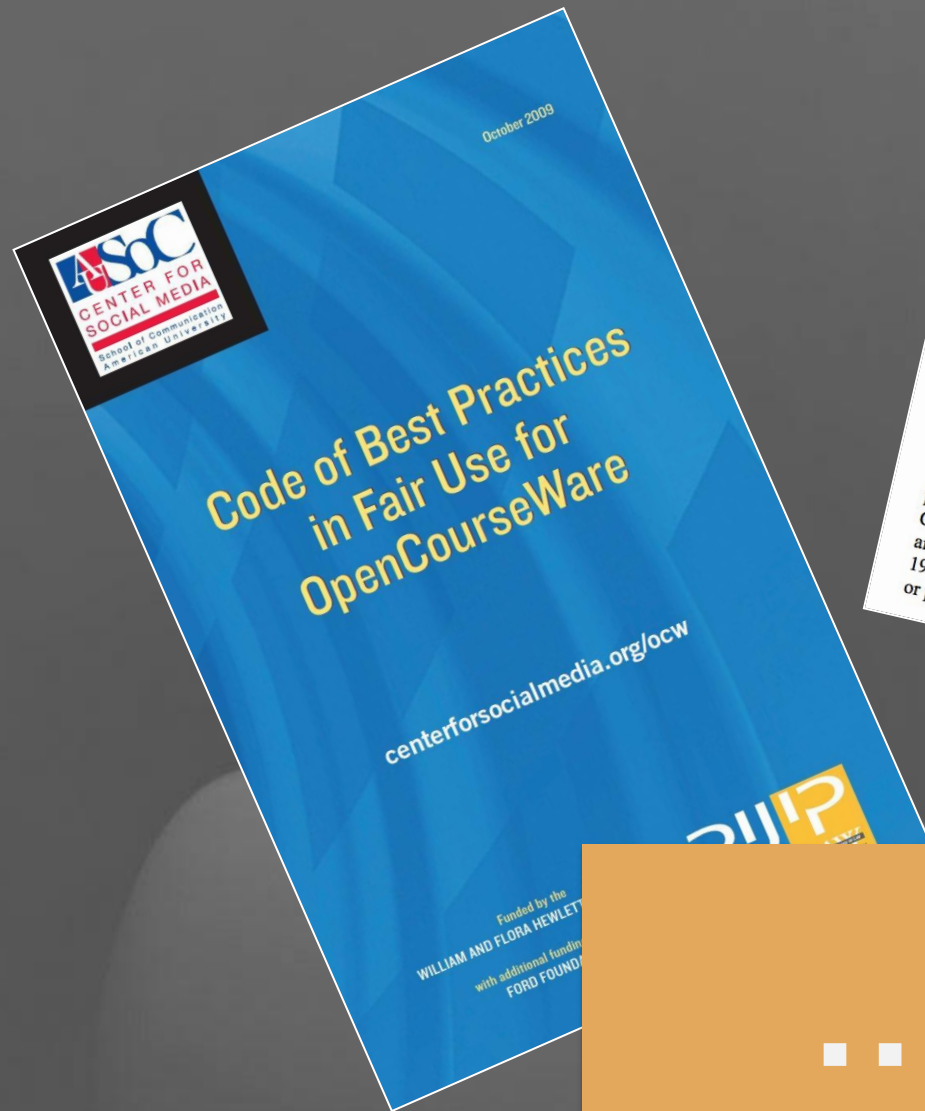
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LIBRARIANS

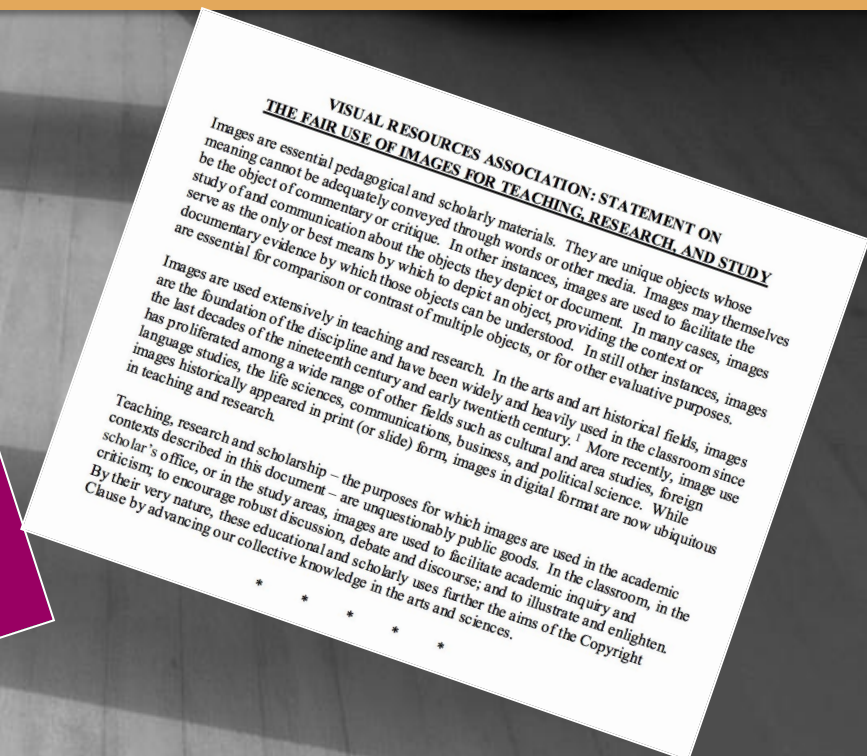


CODE OF BEST PRACTICES IN FAIR USE FOR ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES

JANUARY 2012



...AND MORE!



BETTER RISK ASSESSMENT, BETTER PRACTICE

Doc filmmakers: Fair use now gets insured

Librarians: Collections digitized

Scholars: New work published

Archivists: Digital exhibits on line

Power to the People

*The Graphic Design of the Radical Press
and the Rise of the
CounterCulture, 1964-1974*



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JACOB'S PILLOW DANCE INTERACTIVE

Inside this online exhibit view brief performance excerpts spanning from 1930s dance [pioneers](#) to today's most exciting artists. All recorded at Jacob's Pillow, this collection expands each month with many paths to explore, meaningful connections to discover, and surprises to share. Welcome.

ARTIST»

GENRE»

ERA»

DIVE IN » GUESS »

NOT LIKE FAIR USE “GUIDELINES”!

A guide to reasoning, not a set of rules

No arbitrary limits or metrics

Based on professional consensus

NOT negotiated with copyright
holders/brokers (estates, ARS/VAGA)

FOR EACH SITUATION IN THE CODE:

Description

Principle

Limitations

FAIR USE

Practice
e
Makes
Practice
e

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

MORE RESOURCES

softwarepreservationnetwork.org

arl.org/fairuse

cmsimpact.org/fairuse

RECLAIMING
FAIR USE



SECOND EDITION

How to Put Balance Back in Copyright

PATRICIA AUFDERHEIDE and PETER JASZI



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