The 20th NINCH Copyright Town Meeting will be hosted in Atlanta by the Georgia Institute of Technology, The Ivan Allen College and its School of Literature, Communication, and Culture. It will be held at the Institute's Student Center Ballroom on Monday September 30, 9am-5pm. The meeting is open to all and is free of charge, but registration is required.

Although copyright law was originally written with text documents in mind, the Internet and its increasingly wide bandwidth capabilities are demanding changes. Napster dramatized the issues and as a result commercial companies are scrambling to adjust their business models. Recent decisions about license fees for radio webcasting, and concerns about movie piracy and the arrival of the TEACH Act have brought into focus many of the media issues that have to be solved.

What are the implications of these issues for the educational and cultural communities in the management, use and re-use of media online? Are film studios so concerned about piracy that they will not give permission for classroom use? Is licensing the only answer for digital access to media and will it be prohibitively expensive for teachers and researchers? How feasible are automated permissions? Is Fair Use still a viable option for online use of media? What other issues are preventing the online distribution of our rich heritage in dance?

Building on a 2001 Copyright Town Meeting held at the New York Public Library, the Atlanta Town Meeting will examine the challenges and consider practical strategies for taking advantage of the digital promise using media online.
Program
The local organizing committee has assembled a first-rate team of speakers taking advantage of the rich legal and media talent available in the Atlanta region, together with national experts in the fields of copyright and media law.

The meeting will open with two internationally known copyright experts, L. Ray Patterson and Joseph Beck, giving their views on the key digital issues for the deployment and use of sound and moving images online. These will include the TEACH Act and the recent webcasting licensing fee decision, among others. Patterson is universally known for his classic work, Copyright in Historical Perspective and Joseph Beck is now probably best known as the lead counsel for the defendant in "The Wind Done Gone" case (SunTrust Bank vs. Houghton Mifflin).

The major part of the meeting will be divided between consideration of the issues for Film, Television, the Performing Arts and Sound, each panel taking a different perspective on the issues of access to material, getting permission to use and re-use material, and what is permissible and fair use in research, in the classroom and online.

As with all NINCH Copyright Town Meetings there will be plenty of time for questions and discussions throughout the program and the session will end with a FORUM session for all participants.

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AGENDA

INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome and Introductions
Sue Rosser, Dean of the Ivan Allen College, the Humanities and Social Sciences, Georgia Institute of Technology

Robert Kolker, Chair, School of Literature, Communication and Culture, Georgia Institute of Technology

Jeffrey Kuester, Chair, Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia
David Green, Executive Director, NINCH

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AN OVERVIEW: DIGITAL COPYRIGHT ISSUES TODAY AND TOMORROW

The Transformative Use Defense to Copyright Infringement: From "Pretty Woman " and Scarlett O'Hara to the World Wide Web
Joseph Beck, Partner, Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP; Adjunct Professor of Copyright Law and of the First Amendment, Emory University

The Unconstitutionality of the DMCA
L. Ray Patterson, Pope Brock Professor of Law, University of Georgia

Questions & comment

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FILM: GETTING PERMISSION

Rights & Permissions: Difficult But Possible
Robert Kolker, Chair, School of Literature, Communication, and Cultures, Georgia Institute of Technology

Janet H. Murray, Director, Information Design and Technology Graduate Program, Georgia Institute of Technology

Too Much to Think About: Rights and Responsibilities from the Archivist's Perspective
Matthew White, Vice President, National Geographic Television and Film Library

RightsLine: Automated (and affordable) Permissions
Russ Reeder, President & CEO, RightsLine, Inc

Questions & comment

Break

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TV: ACCESS AND USE OF THE ARCHIVES
"Vanderbilt University Television News Archive: Online Access?"
Paul Gherman, University Librarian, Vanderbilt University

The Peabody Awards: Building A Collection of Electronic Media Based on Definitions of Excellence
Horace Newcomb, Lambdin Kay Distinguished Professor for the Peabody Awards at the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia

The Joys and Pitfalls of Putting a University Based Media Collection on the Web
Ruta Abolins, Director, Walter J. Brown Media Archives and Peabody Awards Collection, University of Georgia

CNN: Granting Permission for Educational Use of Material
Kathy Christensen, Vice President, News Archives and Research, CNN

Questions & comment

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AFTERNOON KEYNOTE:

Copyright for Academics
TyAnna K. Herrington, Associate Professor, School of Literature Communication, and Culture, Georgia Institute of Technology

PRESERVATION AND ACCESS IN THE PERFORMING ARTS: THE LEADING RIGHTS ISSUES

Dance and the Digital Promise – from Theory to Practice: Challenges for Accessing Performance Online
Madeleine Nichols, Curator of the Dance Collection, The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center

"You Don't Own Me:" Intellectual Property and Performance
Philip Auslander, Professor, School of Literature, Communication, and Culture, Georgia Institute of Technology

Questions & comment
SOUND: COPYRIGHT & PERMISSIONS

Teaching with Sound: a Practical Proposal for Using Sound Resources
Jerry Goldman, Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University

Sound Issues
Peter Jaszi, Professor of Law, Washington College of Law

Questions & comment

OPEN FORUM

A hallmark of all NINCH Town Meetings, the open forum will give all attendees the opportunity to participate in an examination of the issues through prepared queries and informal discussion with all speakers.