

SPARC INTRODUCES AUTHOR RIGHTS EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE TO INFORM FACULTY ABOUT SECURING THEIR RIGHTS AS AUTHORS

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Recent developments in the federal legislative arena have drawn attention from the academic community, the media, and the public toward the critical issue of author rights. The topic has come to the fore with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Public Access Policy; the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006; the call for access by taxpayers; the emergence of open archives such as PubMed Central, arXiv.org, and hundreds of institutional repositories; and with awareness of the legal complexities of sharing one's own work with colleagues and students in the digital environment.

To help answer faculty members' growing questions about their rights as authors, SPARC developed Author Rights, an educational initiative to inform faculty across all disciplines about how to use the SPARC Author Addendum to secure their rights as authors of journal articles. The SPARC Author Addendum is a legal instrument that authors may use to modify their publisher agreements, enabling them to keep selected key rights to their articles, such as:

- distributing copies in the course of teaching and research;
- posting the article on a personal or institutional Web site; or
- creating derivative works.

SPARC's Author Rights brochure identifies the rights faculty have as copyright holders and encourages them to retain the rights they need to ensure the broadest practical access to their articles. It explains how to use the SPARC Author Addendum and gives advice on what to do if a publisher rejects the addendum. The brochure also offers specific language authors can insert in a publisher agreement when their article will be deposited in NIH's PubMed Central.

Full-color Author Rights brochures and posters are available for use at your institution. Display the poster in your library. Offer it to faculty members. Distribute the brochure in your library, through faculty mailboxes, or at liaison meetings.

You may order the brochure and poster from the SPARC Web site at <http://www.arl.org/sparc/pubs/> (\$15.00 for 50 copies of the brochure and \$2.50 for each poster). Both items are also available free of charge online at <http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/>.

ARL TRANSITIONS

Emory: Richard E. Luce, director of the research library at Los Alamos National Laboratory since 1991, became the next Vice Provost and Director of Libraries at Emory, effective August 14, 2006.

Florida: Dale Canelas announced her intention to retire from her position as Director of University Libraries, effective January 2007.

Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: University Librarian Paula Kaufman is serving as Interim Chief Information Officer (CIO), effective August 16, 2006, while a comprehensive national search is undertaken for the CIO position. Karen Schmidt, currently Associate University Librarian for Collections, is serving as Acting University Librarian.

ARL STAFF TRANSITIONS

Yolanda Glass became a full-time Administrative Assistant effective June 19, 2006. She was previously a part-time Research Assistant.

Mary Jackson resigned from ARL effective August 25, 2006, to become Product Manager, Resource Sharing, with Auto-Graphics, Inc., an integrated library system vendor. Over the past 13 years Mary refined and extended a research methodology that enables libraries to assess and improve the costs and service quality of their interlibrary loan and resource-sharing services. She most recently carried two assignments at ARL: LibQUAL⁺® Services Manager and Director of Collections and Access Initiatives in support of ARL's Research, Teaching, and Learning strategic direction.

FREDERICK G. KILGOUR 1914–2006

Frederick G. Kilgour, founder of the OCLC Online Computer Library Center, died July 31, 2006, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, at age 92. The Ohio College Association hired Kilgour in 1967 to establish a computerized library network on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus that became known as the Ohio College Library Center and introduced a shared cataloging system for academic libraries in 1971. Kilgour served as OCLC president from 1967 to 1980 and continued to serve on the OCLC board of trustees from 1981 until 1995. In 1990, he was named Distinguished Research Professor of the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and served on the faculty until his retirement in 2004. Before founding OCLC, Kilgour had been an academic librarian and historian of science and technology at Harvard and Yale for 30 years.