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SHORENSTEIN CENTER ADOPTS OPEN ACCESS POLICY

This past December the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) adopted an open-access policy. It is the first center at HKS to do so. Peter Suber, Director of the Office for Scholarly Communication, asserts, “The Shorenstein policy reflects the Center’s long-standing practice to share its research openly with the public, and adds the benefits of deposit in Harvard’s open-access repository (DASH), long-term preservation in the Harvard Library, and an enhanced bundle of rights for authors beyond what they might have retained at the time of publication. Shorenstein’s distinguished record on public-access issues should also help persuade other research centers to follow suit.”

HARVARD CELEBRATES FAIR USE WEEK FEBRUARY 23-27, 2015

Fair Use Week is a now-national event celebrating the fair-use doctrine, which is essential to teaching, learning, and scholarship. As an exception to the exclusive rights of copyright, fair use is critical “for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching..., scholarship, or research.” First celebrated at Harvard last year as the brainchild of Kyle Courtney, the Office for Scholarly Communication’s Program Manager and Copyright Advisor, Fair Use Week is now sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries, which is coordinating the activities of this year’s institutional participants in Fair Use Week. To learn more and share your fair use stories, please visit https://twitter.com/FairUseWeek.

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Feedback from an Economist in Mexico.

The Office for Scholarly Communication (OSC) spearheads campus-wide initiatives to open, share, and preserve scholarship. With support from OSC, open-access policies are now in place at all nine Harvard University schools. OSC also runs supporting programs, such as DASH, Copyright First Responders, and the HOPE Fund.

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