

How can I retain those rights?

- Only sign a publishing agreement after you read and understand the content.
- Talk to your publisher about granting only those rights needed for their publication.
- Try to keep all other rights, specifically those of particular value to you or your particular institution.

I'm not a lawyer! Is there a place I can get information?

Yes! There are several sources publicly available that you can use.

The UConn Libraries and the Office of the Attorney General endorses the following contract language:

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www.lib.uconn.edu/authorrightrights/amendment.html

For further information about Author Rights go to: www.lib.uconn.edu/authorrightrights/

For further information about Copyright go to: www.lib.uconn.edu/copyright/

For further information about Scholarly Communication issues go to: www.lib.uconn.edu/scholarlycommunication

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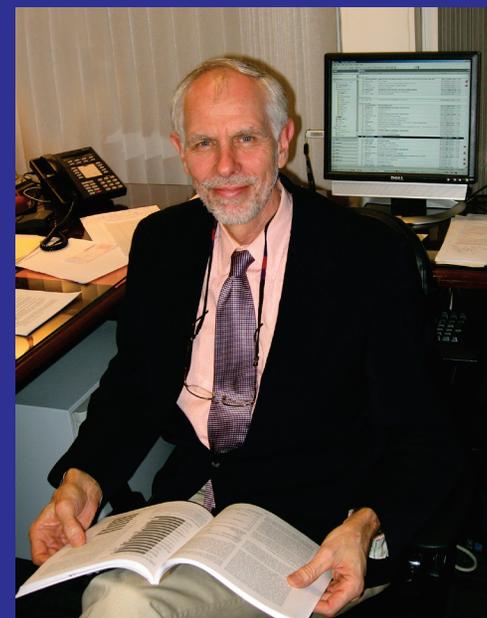


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Retaining Your Copyright

A Guide for UConn Authors



lib.uconn.edu/authorrightrights/



What is covered by copyright?

Any content you create in a tangible format. Not only scholarly work, but even your to-do list at home, your monthly report, your e-mail messages, your child's artwork or your notes from a presentation.

What is not covered by copyright?

- Facts
- Ideas
- Lists, for example, the telephone book
- Public domain materials

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Do I have to register copyright?

No! Copyright protection is automatic, but if you wish, you can register with the U.S. Copyright Office. You also may provide a copyright notice, for example: © 2006 Peter Professor
More information is available at:
www.copyright.gov/register/

What rights does the Copyright Law provide?

Author's Basic Rights

- Right to Reproduce
- Right to Prepare Derivative Works
- Right to Distribute
- Right to Display Publicly
- Right to Perform Publicly

and by default, the right to authorize others to exercise any of these rights.



What happens when I sign a Publisher's Agreement?

You may unknowingly sign away all your personal rights, including Fair Use. This means you may have to request permission to:

- Use your own works for a course pack
- Store a copy on your Web site or on UConn's institutional repository
- Distribute a copy to colleagues

So what can I do?

- Explicitly retain ownership of your content
- Transfer only 'some' of your rights to the publisher

What rights can I retain?

- The **Author's Basic Rights** in connection to any personal, professional or non-profit educational activities.
- The right to grant the author's home institution any of the **Basic Rights**.