

INTRODUCTION - STEVE FOERSTER*

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Abstract

Introduction to Steve Foerster's post on the American legal system's concept of fair use of copyrighted materials as it relates to education.

I want to welcome Steve Foerster and thank him for agreeing to contribute to the Impact of Open Source Software and Open Educational Resources on Education series on Terra Incognita. His post is scheduled to appear on November 14, 2007 (eastern U.S.). Steve will be writing about American legal system's concept of fair use of copyrighted materials as it relates to education.

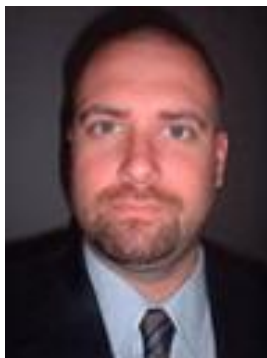


Figure 1: Steve Foerster

Steve currently serves as the Director of E-Learning at Marymount University¹ in Arlington, Virginia, where he oversees distance learning, instructional technology, and technical training. He is also on the Advisory Board of WikiEducator², a Commonwealth of Learning funded project to develop a complete set of open educational resources for all disciplines at the primary, secondary, and tertiary level by 2015. He migrated to the open education movement from having been an open source software enthusiast, and prefers dedicating content to the public domain rather than licensing it.

I am very much looking forward to Steve's posting, which promises to widen our thinking about Open Educational Resources by introducing Fair Use into our discussion into this Series. Please feel free to comment, ask questions, build on the conversation, and enjoy.

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