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Copyright and Ethics: The Moral Duties of Copyright Owners

Copyright law raises many ethical concerns. Is there an ethical obligation to avoid "reaping where one has not sown"? If so, does that mean that copyright owners should avoid using the law to exert more control than they're morally entitled to? What happens if they use the law excessively—does the public have a moral obligation to obey copyright law even when the law is being employed in ways that are not morally justified? Professor Gordon's lecture will explore these and related issues, and she encourages the audience to bring questions of their own.

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