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Denise Troll Covey is Principal Librarian for Special Projects at Carnegie Mellon University. She conducts research related to scholarly communication practices and public policy to inform the University Libraries' strategic planning and advocacy of important legislative initiatives. Her most recent work focuses on the ethics of providing open access to research. Prior to that she conducted a comprehensive study of faculty self-archiving practices and missed opportunities at Carnegie Mellon that helped shape efforts to populate the university's institutional repository. Her interview study of campus faculty resulted in an ongoing Author's Rights and Wrongs program in collaboration with university legal counsel. Ms. Covey led the university's response to the U.S. Copyright Office's exploration of copyright laws pertaining to libraries and notice of inquiry regarding orphan works.

The *Council on Library and Information Resources* published her report on efforts to increase the success and lower the cost of acquiring copyright permission to digitize and provide open access to books. From 2001-2004 Ms. Covey was Associate Dean of Carnegie Mellon University Libraries. She was a Digital Library Federation Distinguished Fellow in 2000-2001.