Copyright & Your Dissertation: Workflow for Questions

**STEP 1:** Do you need permission?
- Research who holds copyright & send request.
- Keep records for your files.
- Ensure permission covers all intended uses.
- Plan ahead.

**STEP 2:** Seek permission if needed
- Concerns about rights of privacy or publicity?
- Contractual limitations with archives or library special collections?

**STEP 3:** Address non-© policy concerns
- Has a license already been granted?
- Is the work in the public domain?
- Would publishing the content be fair use?
  If YES to any, skip to STEP 3.

**STEP 4:** Address publication issues
- Should you register your copyright?
- Can you publish open access immediately?
- Need an embargo due to patent, privacy, etc.?
- Do you want to license the use of your work?

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