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Dear Colleague,

During the 2005–06 academic year, Cornell University Library staff will be making a special effort to contact academic departments and individual faculty throughout Cornell to discuss issues relating to scholarly communications, publishing, and copyright that are having a profound effect on the future of scholarship and higher education.

The Library is seeking engagement with the faculty on these topics. We'd like to understand better your research and publishing requirements and how the Library can play a new and significant role in abetting the authoring, organizing, distribution, and preservation of your research.

The Library's goal is to promote the broad, equitable, and effective dissemination of this community's scholarship. Toward that end, we are supporting and providing access to a wide variety of transformative tools and services: capturing and preserving Cornell's intellectual output through an open access archive and challenging conventional publishing praxis through the development of new models and resources that empower both authors and readers.

The focus of our efforts will be on expanding and promoting the Cornell Scholars Network, currently a suite of Library supported on-line content initiatives. These projects, which include the arXivTM, the first and most widely used science preprint archive in the world; Project Euclid, a publishing service for mathematics and statistics journals; and major text and reference works from the Cornell University Press, highlight the range of our commitment to exploring new models and mechanisms for the cost-effective distribution of scholarly material. We plan to expand the scope of this network over the next few years by supporting the development of publishing and content management tools and new open access journal projects, and forging linkages with other, synergistic services inside and outside Cornell.

The Cornell University Library joins with hundreds of research libraries in developing strategies for ensuring that your scholarship is broadly accessible for readers and that it is preserved for the future. To learn more about these issues, please consult the Library's web site on scholarly communication at <http://www.library.cornell.edu/scholarlycomm/>. For further information on any of our goals and services, feel free to contact me (set9@cornell.edu), Ross Atkinson (ra13@cornell.edu), Associate University Librarian for Collections, or Terry Ehling (te32@cornell.edu), Director, Center for Innovative Publishing.

Sincerely,

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