

Philosophy Department Colloquium Series

Rod Underhill

Presents:

“The Devolution of Intellectual Property Rights
in the United States”

*An observation of the impact of technology upon the intellectual
property structures of the Arts*

Thursday, September 10th
Ashurst Auditorium
4:00 – 5:15 pm

Professor Underhill will track the apparent transference of control over intellectual property rights to "techno-hijackers." Attention will be spent discussing the landmark case of UMG v. MP3.com, the early history of Napster and the current Google copyright litigation. In a world where 95 percent of all digital downloads of music are stolen, Google is conducting an unauthorized duplication of virtually every published book in the world and DVDs of motion pictures are freely sold in urban alley ways, what does the future hold for intellectual property owners? What trends are shaping up that will affect intellectual property rights in the coming years?

Professor Underhill is an adjunct professor of Music Licensing Law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, a co-founder of MP3.com, and a graduate of NAU.

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