



National Capital Region Chapter of the  
ACM Special Interest Group on Computer Human Interaction

## **The Canadian Copy-Fight: Copyright, Culture, and the Internet**

Presented by **Dr. Michael Geist**, University of Ottawa on Wednesday November 22, 2006 at **The Ottawa Public Library** (main branch)

(Note the **NEW** location!)

### **What?**

The debate over copyright reform in Canada has generated increasing attention as the emphasis on greater protection gives way to the growing realization that too much copyright may inhibit innovation and cultural creativity. Dr. Geist will explore these trends and their impact on the explosive development of new online creativity and nascent business models, while sketching out a copyright roadmap that prioritizes Canadian interests and that builds on the power of the Internet.

### **Who?**

**Dr. Michael Geist** is a law professor at the University of Ottawa where he holds the Canada Research Chair in Internet and E-commerce Law. He has obtained a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, Master of Laws (LL.M.) degrees from Cambridge University in the UK and Columbia Law School in New York, and a Doctorate in Law (J.S.D.) from Columbia Law School. Dr. Geist has written numerous academic articles and government reports on the Internet and law and was a member of Canada's National Task Force on Spam. He is an internationally syndicated columnist on technology law issues with his regular column appearing in the Toronto Star, Ottawa Citizen, and the BBC. Dr. Geist is the editor of *In the Public Interest: The Future of Canadian Copyright Law*, published in 2005 by Irwin Law, the editor of several monthly technology law publications, and the author of a popular blog on Internet and intellectual property law issues. Dr. Geist serves on the Privacy Commissioner of Canada's Expert Advisory Board and maintains [privacyinfo.ca](http://privacyinfo.ca), a leading privacy law resource. He has received numerous awards for his work including Canarie's IWAY Public Leadership Award for his contribution to the development of the Internet in Canada and he was named one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 in 2003. More information can be obtained at <http://www.michaelgeist.ca>.

### **When and Where?**

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 22, 2006 in the Auditorium at the main branch of the Ottawa Public Library (<http://www.opl.ottawa.on.ca/>), located at 120 Metcalfe (corner of Laurier Avenue W.), Ottawa ON K1P 5M2, Canada, (613) 580-2945.

- Free parking available on many streets in the downtown after 6:00 PM.
- Most two-digit bus routes serve the downtown.
- Check OC Transpo website for more details (<http://www.octranspo.com/>).

**Note:** Please arrive 5-10 minutes earlier to allow for registering.

The meeting fee is \$5 for non-members and free for CapCHI members (\$20/year). Membership is for the session period (September 2006-August 2007) - anyone can join!

Refreshments will be provided for the meeting.

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