

# Humanities



Science, Patents and Liberty!  
How the United States' Constitution  
Contributes to Liberty and Prosperity  
on Campus and Far Beyond.

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## Synopsis

From the inception of our nation, our ideas enjoy protection under the United States Constitution, through the so-called "copyright clause" which covers both copyright and patent. What is the connection between copyrights and patents, and our fundamental liberties? Why did the founding fathers of this nation enshrine these rights within the original Constitution? The answer to these questions are fascinating, and reveal some of the key, cornerstone features of our national economic engine and crucial building blocks of our national character whereby all citizens, and indeed international authors and inventors contribute to the development of the useful arts and sciences. This lecture will elaborate not only on the historic and philosophical origins of copyright and patent protection in the United States, but will highlight the fabulous work and contributions of several Mines' professors.

Rich Levine is an adjunct professor in the Division of Liberal Arts and International Studies at Colorado School of Mines. Professor Levine earned his Juris Doctorate in Law from the University of California at Berkeley in 1986 and has taught extensively at Mines and the University of Denver over the past decade. Prior to completing his JD at Berkeley, Rich earned a Bachelor of Arts with distinction in Law and Society, as well as a BA in Sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Professor Levine serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Special Olympics, Colorado, and resides in Evergreen with his wife, Kim, a public school teacher. Rich Levine maintains a private law practice as a trial attorney licensed in Colorado, California and Washington, DC.