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Comment:

In response to Mr. Michael Keller's letter from Stanford University, I would like to support his findings that restricted access to Orphan Works because of current copyright law is restricting academic research. And I would like to support the proposals he makes in his letter that suggest a very sensitive and practical balance between creator and researcher needs. As an academic looking to digitise -- and thus preserve, archive and make more available to research -- a number of early 20th century Orphan Work texts, I can confirm th urgent need for new copyright legislation and the institution of a program like Mr Keller's proposal of ALOW. With best wishes, Dr. Rosvita Rauch Florida International University and Warwick University