As a Professor of Art and writer of material that contains both original visual and written ideas, I am distressed over the increasing current trend to mandate the use of “Blackboard.” I am required to turn in and post original material every semester.

Since I have written over 20 visual art syllabuses, this means my work including the editing of published textbooks is disseminated without discretion and respect. Every new teacher uses and “adopts” my material without compensation or acknowledgement as to its origin.

Education is where we all learn to respect research, experience, and imagination. I believe that imagination is a gift that makes introspective self – determination bearable.

Far being the escape from responsibility that many people picture, making any type of Art and guiding others to this collaboration is as important as any other academic pursuit, and long overdue for the distinction and legal respect as the divine human endeavor that has been the cornerstone of science.

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