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Room W201 • Refreshments will be served.

Database owners are increasingly seeking ways to make their data available so that others can contribute to and build on their work. This “open data” movement emphasizes the importance of sharing data for both scientific development and humanitarian response. The willingness of database owners to make their data available for re-use depends on their ability to impose conditions on that release, which requires consideration of the varying levels of copyright protection afforded to databases across jurisdictions.

Please join us for a panel presentation focusing on the challenges associated with balancing the advantages of "open data" with the need for database owners to impose conditions on release. The speakers will address the current state of copyright protection afforded to databases and strategies for encouraging database sharing.

Panelists:
Janelle C. Bonanno, Graduate Research Fellow, New York Law School
Christopher Cotter 3L, New York Law School
Rachel DeLetto, Graduate Research Fellow, New York Law School
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