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Comment:

Examples like that given by the person wishing to use unattributed photos in their academic work clearly show that there are problems with the current situation. I believe it should be easier to ensure that one is indemnified against potential lawsuits after a good-faith effort to seek copyright holders has been conducted.

On a related note, I would also enjoy seeing more works come into the public domain through copyright expiration. When these rights are perpetually extended by Congress, the general public loses out, in the long run.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.