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# Retrospective

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Aubrey Marks' article, "[Reconceiving: Using Combination and Repetition to Your Advantage](#)," was published in *Stylus* 2.2 in Fall 2011. She also served as assistant editor for Issues 3.1, 3.2, and 4.1.

Looking back on my time at UCF, being published in *Stylus* opened doors to a number of meaningful opportunities to learn and grow with the Department of Writing and Rhetoric, and to build meaningful relationships with all of the wonderful people involved with it.

When I was first published in *Stylus*, I realized that my writing could go further than what I had thought was just an ENC 1101 assignment. It was the guiding hands of several professors in the department who encouraged me to continue writing and meet other students who were so passionate about writing. Eventually, I presented my work at the Knights Write Showcase, edited for *Stylus*, joined the Writing and Rhetoric minor, and became a peer tutor at the University Writing Center. My time at UCF would not be the same without the community I found—I think back to laughing in stitches with the fellow UWC tutors in the break room, learning from my fellow peers in my classes, and my friends cheering me on as I completed my thesis defense.

For students currently in writing classes at UCF: my advice would be to listen to your professors and keep your ears open when they tell you the different ways in which you can grow. All of the professors and mentors in the department have had a huge influence on me. The most important thing they taught me is that learning has no boundaries—the things that you can learn about the world, yourself, and others are limitless.

Working in a corporate role, most of my writing now is done via online collaboration docs (i.e., Dropbox Paper) with the goal to limit the number of emails in your inbox. While the writing is certainly different than what I was writing in school, it all brings me back to what I learned in my classes, about thinking rhetorically, collaborating with others, and learning together.

It's been nearly a decade since I was published in *Stylus* 2.2 in Fall 2011. (Yikes, times flies!) I have grown immensely in the years following, and I am so thankful that *Stylus* was a part my life's path. Congratulations on reaching ten years!

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Aubrey graduated from UCF in 2014, with a major in Political Science and a minor in Writing and Rhetoric. Since graduating, Aubrey moved to Washington, DC, and then San Francisco, CA, where she currently lives with her husband. She has managed internal and marketing events for various tech companies, such as Salesforce and currently Dropbox.