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Mike Palmquist Transcript

It doesn't seem all that long ago that I was involved with *Kairos*, first watching as this group of young scholars in the field started putting together a pretty intriguing journal, and then as a contributor and eventually as a reviewer. It was always fun to see what was going on with *Kairos*; they were always pushing the edge.

I remember that when I was getting the Clearinghouse off the ground, which was at about the same time that *Kairos* got established, I'd run into problems trying to figure out how to reward people for working on a website. At that time, if you put in an annual activity report, your colleagues would basically say, “We don't know how to assess that.” So eventually people started walking away from the Clearinghouse and not being involved in it, and I was pretty frustrated. But looking at the example of *Kairos*, I started thinking: *what if we turned the Clearinghouse into a journal?* I had no intention of ever trying to compete with *Kairos* in the sense of all the work that they were doing. But it was inspirational, I think, in terms of looking at how you could get this kind of new work to be rewarded by our colleagues in the field of English studies. So that's one of the things I remember most fondly about *Kairos*.

I mean, it's pretty exciting to look back at it in terms of what *RhetNet* was starting and *Enculturation* was starting and *Kairos* was starting. All these journals really came together and really established our field as one of the very first to embrace online modalities and to start using the network in really productive ways. So I'm pretty excited to think about the fact that A), it's still going, like enculturation is, and B), it's just really a smart journal. So thanks to everybody who's been involved in it. It's a really incredible piece of work. And I think the collective contribution that's made to the field is really hard to quantify, but I will say qualitatively, it's been pretty amazing.