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## **Abstract**

An introduction to the first annual KLA-CULS Proceedings.



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## **How Did We Get Here? Innovation in Practice**

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It doesn't seem like that long ago, but the summer of 2009 saw the first discussion of proceedings from the annual Kansas Library Association College and University Libraries Conference! At a July 2009 CULS Executive Board meeting, a suggestion from Gloria Creed-Dikeogu about sharing the information offered by presenters at the CULS conferences grew into larger considerations of open access and scholarly communications.

As the incoming KLA-CULS President, I had chosen the above theme for our conference after seeing the Gatorade television commercial with its catchy song, "If you want a revolution, the only solution – evolve!" A similar evolution in terms of technology has in turn revolutionized the way all libraries think about intellectual property and information access. Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter enable us to "push" information to audiences, while the concept of open access academic journals challenge stereotypes of sometimes maddeningly slow publishing processes. In short, we are now able to see the cycle of information flow be not only shortened, but also impact a variety of disciplines as we learn from one another.

Papers from the KLA-CULS Fall Conference at Emporia State University, October 15, 2010 are featured here in our first issue. And in the spirit of communication, what better way to share than through open access? That is indeed how we "got here" – contributing to the collective knowledge of librarianship.

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