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COURSE SPOTLIGHT | ACADEMIC WRITING WITH PROFESSOR KELLY OWEN



Professor Kelly Owen

While browsing the local newspaper, professor Kelly Owen was intrigued by an ad to take the step into teaching here at the College of Charleston, which was known then as “The University of Charleston.”

With Owen’s educational background including a Master’s Degree in English from both the College of Charleston and the Citadel, her Academic Writing course challenges her students in all aspects.

Numerous writing skills, various compositions, and the contemplations of life

itself are what Owen hopes her students take from her Academic Writing course.

Those skills and many more are what drove her to write her first book *The College Chronicles; Freshman Milestones*.

Owens’ inspiration for writing *The College Chronicles* came from a former student with the famous words, “skip lines,” written on her hand. Owen had given this assignment, an assignment in which her students had to “skip lines” in responses to leave room for her comments, numerous

times but it been until this moment that those words rang so true in her heart; the words began to flow like rain.

In her spare time when she is not teaching or writing, Owen likes to take in all that Charleston has to offer. She enjoys running and traveling with her husband Matt and spending time with her boxers Lyra and Huxley.