

External Editorial Services

The Educational Resource Center's [Writing Assistance](#) can help graduate students learn foundational techniques to help their writing process and can work with graduate writers on sections of their prospectuses, dissertations, etc. However, ERC Writing Fellows do not provide proofreading services and cannot line-edit your entire dissertation. If you are seeking help with close-editing or formatting your dissertation, here are some resources to pursue:

BU-Affiliated Editors

The Educational Resource Center keeps a small list of mostly current or recent graduate students who offer editing services.

If you would like to be added to this list as an editor, please send an email to phdwrite@bu.edu.

Kelsey Quinn

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Bio/Experience: I am a PhD candidate in BU's English department. I have my MA in English from University of Rochester and my BA in English from Vassar College. I have experience writing and editing inside and outside of academic, including dissertations, prospectuses, articles, websites and so on.

Carina Imbornone

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Bio/Experience: I am a professional tutor with 3+ years of experience in helping students improve their writing. Together, we can work on personal statements and program applications, thesis development, the research process, grammar/syntax, and more.

I have a BA/MA in English and a BA in Economics from Boston University. I'm able to support students across the humanities and social sciences, as well as those in other disciplines. I've worked with students from fifth grade to the graduate level. I've also published my own work in *The Baffler*, *Joyland*, *The New England Review*, *Interview*, and more.

Mack Hyman

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Bio: I am a second year PhD student in biomedical engineering. I graduated with distinction from the University of Rochester in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering.

Experience: Between 2016 – 2021, I worked as an electrical engineer at Draper Laboratory and the Mass General Hospital Martinos Center for Biomedical Engineering. I have industry and academic experience writing technical reports, abstracts, and journal publications within electrical, software, systems, and biomedical engineering. I am a native English speaker, I have volunteer experience as an ESL instructor, and I have verbal and written proficiency in Spanish.

Disciplines: Electrical, software, systems, and biomedical engineering; mathematics; physics.

Julie Levy

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Bio/Experience: A former PhD candidate in the Classical Studies Department at BU, I have a number of years experience with various types of editing and proofreading. I've spent a year teaching/tutoring writing for both the Writing Program and Core Curriculum. I have worked specifically with international students before, and I've studied a number of languages over the years.

Disciplines: My experience is mostly in the humanities, particularly in history and language, but I'm comfortable branching out into other related fields like philosophy. I can also work with legal or STEM fields, so long as no specific knowledge is required.

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Kathleen Cannon

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Experience: I've edited more than 300 dissertations since getting my doctorate in OD from the University of St. Thomas. I offer two types of dissertation editing:

- (1) Full dissertation content / APA 7 editing (1.5 to 2 cents per word and 7 business days).
- (2) Dissertation editing light: APA 7 formatting—TOC, heads, tables and figures, references, and basic content proofing. \$40/hour and 2-3 business days. (Approx. \$250 for a 100-page dissertation.)

Eric Joy Denise

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Experience: I offer editing and writing coaching services for scholar-activists and other scholars and students on the margins of academia. I know well the competing tensions between publishing for job security and writing for liberation, between appeasing normative, oppressive academic norms and subverting them. My aim is to support minoritized scholars and scholar-activists in successfully and efficiently write, edit, and publish without sacrificing their voice, identities, and values. I have extensive experience as an editor for trans scholars, LGBTQIA+ scholars of color, and femmes and women of color in the fields of sociology, trans and queer studies, Black feminism, social psychology, and racial and ethnic studies. I am an experienced writer and editor in quantitative and qualitative methods, as well as public scholarship, anthologies, and book chapters. I am the [founding editor](#) of the Conditionally Accepted column for marginalized scholars on [InsideHigherEd](#), which was expanded into a 2024 anthology, [Conditionally Accepted: Navigating Higher Education from the Margins](#); I also co-edited [Counternarratives from Women of Color Academics: Bravery, Vulnerability, and Resistance](#). My [portfolio](#), publications and [books](#), and [CV](#) are available for your reference on my website.

Mary Flannery

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Experience: I have a PhD in English from the University of Cambridge and am currently completing a [project](#) at the University of Bern supported by a \$2.3M grant. I have also been a research fellow at the University of Oxford (thanks to a grant from the European Commission) and I'm the author of three books, including a [biography of Geoffrey Chaucer](#) for the general reader. As a dissertation coach, editor, and grant consultant, I've worked with both emerging and established scholars in the humanities. I wanted to inform you of my availability should any graduate students at Boston University be looking for one-to-one support of this kind. Among the services I provide:

- dissertation coaching (holistic support for doctoral candidates, including regular meetings, feedback on drafted material, and contact via email)
- proofreading and line edits (ensuring that spelling, grammar, and expression are correct and clear)
- grant consulting (supporting researchers in the process of applying for grants and fellowships)

Further information about my work (including testimonials) may be found on my [website](#).

Steven Markofsky

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Experience: I've been providing a range of academic services to university students for nearly 20 years, including academic writing assistance, research mentoring, application guidance, and test preparation from college through the graduate/professional level.

\$160/hr online \$175/hr in-person*

Polished Owl Consulting, Pamela Pollock

Contact: [Polished Owl Consulting](#)

My goal is to empower graduate students and scholars at all stages with their English language, communication, and teaching skills.

Online Databases

Editors Canada info on hiring an editor & [online directory](#)

NCFDD (National Center for Faculty Diversity & Development) maintains a list of [Professional Editors](#), some of whom offer a discount for NCFDD members

→ if you haven't created your NCFDD account already, it's free to join with your BU email!

Editors of Color Database maintains a [substantial database](#) of editors across the US and Canada!

The Editorial Freelancer's Association (the EFA) posts job listings to help you [hire a freelance editor](#) & low-cost webinars to learn these skills

→ EFA also provides a [helpful guidebook](#) on how to hire an editor for your project

Writing Short is Hard a professional editor specializing in academic work:

<https://shortishard.com/>