

# Meet the Team



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When new acquaintances find out I teach writing, it's not unusual for them to lament a broad decline in the nation's writing skills. How does it make me feel, they ask, that students, say, don't know the difference between adjectives and adverbs? Or, can I believe it that people hardly even know what apostrophes do, let alone where to put them? As someone who treasures good, careful prose, I'm sympathetic to these worries. But as an educator, I think it's important to steer the conversation in a different direction. What makes us think that students' knowledge of the parts of speech would ...

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## Graduate Tutors



**Sahil Nawab**

**Education:** MEng Biomedical Engineering (WPI), BS Biochemistry and Professional Writing (WPI)

**Academic writing experience:** business writing, medical writing, visual rhetoric, application materials

**Fun fact:** I've worked on kid's books about marine biology (Jonathan Bird's Blue World)

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**Madelyn Marcotte** (she/her/hers)

**Program:** MS in Data Science

**Undergraduate Major:** Data Science

**Other Academic Interests:** Professional Writing, Computer Science

**GPS:** Heal the World (A&B 2020)

**HUA Depth:** Writing & Rhetoric

**IQP:** Hawaii, C'23

**Extracurriculars:** Data Science Council, Running Club, Outing Club

**Hometown:** Jackson, NH

**Fun Facts:** A few years ago I spent two weeks camping on the West Coast in a Honda Civic with three other people

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# Undergraduate Tutors



**Ryan Dillon (she/her/hers)**

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Computer Science and Professional Writing

**Minor:** N/A

**Other Academic Interests:** Data Visualization, Behavioral Economics

**HUA Depth:** English

**IQP:** Cape Town, B'23

**Extracurriculars:** Varsity Rowing, Phi Sigma Sigma, Women in Computer Science

**Hometown:** Rutland, MA

**Fun Facts:** I used to dance competitively for 12 years

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**Alexandra (Alex) Weiss (she/her/hers)**

**Year:** Junior

**Major (intended):** Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Other Academic Interests:** Renewable energy and energy sustainability

**HUA Depth:** Spanish

**IQP:** TBD

**Extracurriculars:** Outing Club, Green Team, WECE, IEEE

**Hometown:** Santa Cruz, CA

**Fun Facts:** I love rock climbing, hiking, and cooking.

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**Danielle Cook** (she/her/hers)

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Biomedical Engineering and Professional Writing

**Minor:** N/A

**Other Academic Interests:** Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering

**HUA Depth:** Writing and Rhetoric

**IQP:** White Mountains, NH, A'23

**Extracurriculars:** BMES, SWE, ACS on Campus

**Hometown:** Coventry, RI

**Fun Facts:** I have a fraternal twin sister and a serious coffee addiction.

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**Kashish Gupta** (she/her/hers)

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Biomedical Engineering and Bioinformatics & Computational Biology

**Minor:** N/A

**Other Academic Interests:** Professional Writing,

**HUA Depth:** Writing & Rhetoric

**IQP:** TBD

**Extracurriculars:** Biomedical Engineering Society, Engineers Without Borders, Society of Martial Artists, Rangeela

**Hometown:** Seattle, WA

**Fun Facts:** I love watching thunderstorms and will go outside to walk in the rain any chance I get.

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**Nate Randa (he/him)**

**Year:** Junior

**Major:** Civil Engineering and Professional Writing

**Minor:** N/A

**Other Academic Interests:** Urban planning, linguistics

**HUA Depth:** Writing & Rhetoric

**IQP:** London C'25

**Extracurriculars:** WPI Campus Radio

**Hometown:** Sherborn, MA

**Fun Facts:** I'm a DJ and have a twin brother who also goes to WPI.

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**Ava Waddell (she/her/hers)**

**Year:** Sophomore

**Major:** Mechanical Engineering and Professional Writing

**Minor:** N/A

**Other Academic Interests:** Aerospace Engineering

**GPS:** N/A

**HUA Depth:** Writing & Rhetoric

**IQP:** Pending

**Extracurriculars:** Alpha Phi, SWE, CHA, ISC

**Hometown:** Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago

**Fun Facts:** I was on the national water polo team for my home country

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**Grace Ghaly** (she/her/hers)

**Year:** Sophomore

**Major:** Biomedical Engineering

**Minor:** N/A

**Other Academic Interests:** Bioinstrumentation

**GPS:** N/A

**HUA Depth:** Writing & Rhetoric

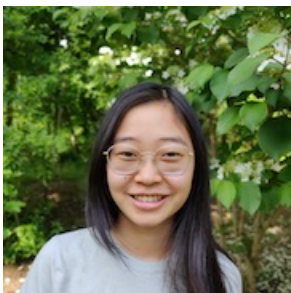
**IQP:** I don't know yet!

**Extracurriculars:** BMES, SWE, Coptic Club

**Hometown:** Marlborough, MA

**Fun Facts:** I have collected over 70 keychains from all the different places I've visited!

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**Ally Paik** (she/her/hers)

**Year:** Sophomore

**Major:** Computer Science and Professional Writing

**Minor:** N/A

**Other Academic Interests:** Software engineering

**GPS:** N/A

**HUQ Depth:** Writing & Rhetoric

**IQP:** TBD

**Extracurriculars:** Engineering Ambassadors, Christian Bible Fellowship

**Hometown:** Sharon, MA

**Fun Facts:** I was born in Canada and grew up in Washington state

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**Arayah Remillard** (she/her)

**Year:** Senior

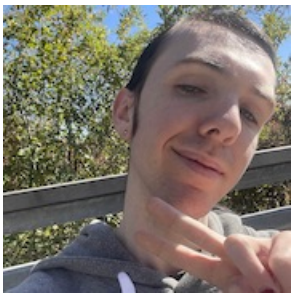
**Major:** Computer Science

**IQP:** White Mountains, NH, A'23

**Hometown:** Ludlow, MA

**Fun fact:** I'm allergic to cats but I can't help but adore them. I have one named Carlos!

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**Charles Dugaw** (Any/All)

**Year:** Sophomore

**Major:** Interactive Media and Game Design, Computer Science

**Minor:** N/A

**Other Academic Interests:** Accessibility in games

**Extracurriculars:** IGDA

**Hometown:** Spartanburg, SC

**Fun Facts:** You can find my personal game dev projects at <https://dugawdev.itch.io/>

You can also find me in the Creative Writing Club's zines!

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**Elizabeth Papa** (she/her/hers)

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Interactive Media and Game Development (BA)

**Minor:** Computer Science

**Other Academic Interests:** My degree concentration is in writing.

**GPS:** N/A

**HUA Depth:** Writing & English

**IQP:** On campus, A'23-C'24

**Extracurriculars:** Creative Writing and Women in Computer Science

**Hometown:** Johnston RI

**Fun facts:** I earned my black belt when I was 13 years old after 8 years of experience in Karate.

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**Melica Zekavat** (She/her/hers)

**Year:** Junior

**Major:** Data Science

**Minor:** Bioinformatics

**Other Academic Interests:** Political Science

**GPS:** N/A

**HUA Depth:** Art

**IQP:** Upcoming - Thessaloniki, Greece, D'25

**Extracurriculars:** Ketones A Capella

**Hometown:** Natick, MA

**Fun Facts:** I have 4 cats, I built a skateboard this summer, and I took piano lessons for 8 years.