



## *What We Do in the Writing Center*

The Writing Center's peer and professional writing consultants can assist students with brainstorming, drafting, revising/editing strategies, proofreading strategies, reading comprehension, and critical thinking. We can also assist students with citation styles like MLA, APA, and Chicago formatting, and strategies for avoiding plagiarism. Students applying to graduate school will find that WC consultants are good resources for personal statements and internship essays. While we don't do the work for students, we do help them learn during the session by striving to empower them to make their own writing decisions. Our appointments are offered both in-person and online, and are scheduled in 30-minute increments.

### **FALL 2021 HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday  
10am-7pm

Friday  
10am-3pm

### **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:**

[udm.mywconline.com](http://udm.mywconline.com)

### *Contact Us:*

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(313) 993 1022  
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Campus, Briggs  
Building, Room 131

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## WELCOME BACK, TITANS!

*Lauren Rinke, Director of the Writing Center*

To begin, I want to welcome you all back to in-person learning at University of Detroit Mercy. These past 18 months have challenged us all in unique ways. Nevertheless, you have persevered, adapted, and grown both personally and academically. As the new Director of the Writing Center, I am looking forward to getting to know the campus and its students.

My background in higher education has allowed me to work with a variety of students. I have been teaching rhetoric and composition courses for 12 years, both in-person and online. However, the most impactful part of my career has been individual conferences and supervised study with my writing students. I look forward to bringing this passion to my work at UDM. We are so excited to welcome you back to IN-PERSON appointments at the Writing Center, and I look forward to meeting you soon! Please feel free to email me if you have any questions, or you'd like to connect: rinkele1@udmercy.edu



### *The Writing Center's Learning Outcomes*

**Learning Outcome 1:** Students will demonstrate the ability to understand their own writing needs.

**Learning Outcome 2:** Students will demonstrate the ability to make self-motivated, personalized interventions in their own writing by engaging thoughtfully with a writing consultant in order to improve their own learning process.

**Learning Outcome 3:** Students will demonstrate a better understanding of one or more writing (or relevant academic success skills) concepts as a result of an engagement with a writing consultant.

## CONSULTANT BIOS

### *Shermana Akter*

Hi, I'm Shermana Akter and I am a Junior in the Computer Science department expected to graduate in 2023. This is my second year with The Writing Center, which I frequented many times during my freshman year for ENL 1310. My plans after graduating are to work in the automotive industry focused on data analytics with vehicles or development operations. During my free time, I enjoy hiking, drawing, and reading. Specific assignments I enjoy helping clients with at The Writing Center are the ENL 1310 writing assignment and personal statements.

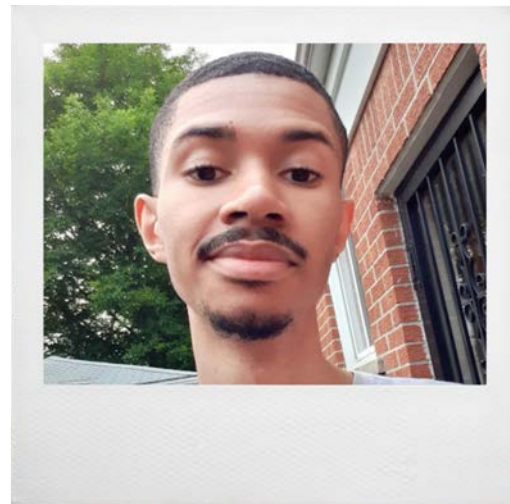


### *Sarah Awali*

My name is Sarah Awali! I'm a Sophomore, and my major is Biology on the PA route. I have been working at TWC since the Winter 2021 semester. During my free time I enjoy staying active by playing tennis and going to the gym, and of course hanging out with family! Some things I can help students with at TWC include: organization of ideas and information, and improvement on sentence structure.

### *Nick Blakey*

I am a Senior with a Computer and Information Systems Major and Creative Writing Minor, I've worked at the WC for 3 years now. I am graduating in December and hopefully getting a job in my select field! In my free time, I like to write my fantasy fiction novel and play video games. I love helping students with brainstorming and cutting excess from their papers. Working with Word Count and keeping things concise but powerful is my forté.



***Ken Dada***

I am a senior biology major, and I have been at the writing center since the winter of 2019. I hope to attend medical school next year to continue my dream of becoming a physician. In my free time, I like to go to the gym and play sports like soccer and basketball. I believe that I can help students with their full essays and making sure that everything flows together, as well as syntax!



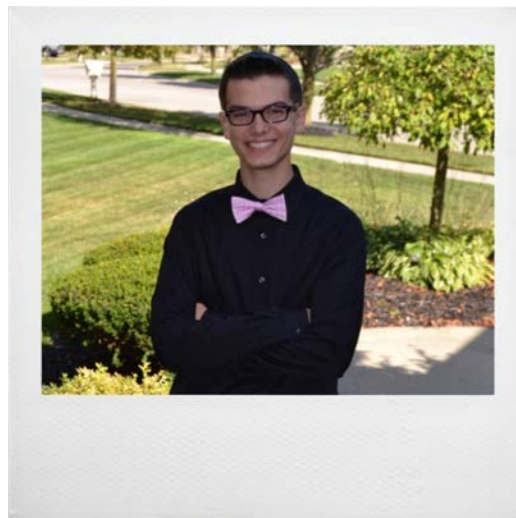
***Natalia Grasso***

I am a double major in History and Political Science with a minor in Philosophy. I am a second semester Senior graduating this fall with plans to attend law school. I've worked for The Writing Center for about a year and a half now and I really thrive when I'm helping clients brainstorm what they want to write about, and what they're passionate about within the structure of the class they're taking. I believe there is something for everybody in every class on this campus. I love collaborating with clients to get their best draft possible. In my free time I love to read, exercise and practice archery!



***DJ Leppek***

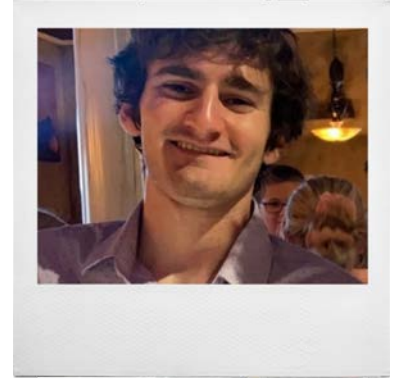
I am a Senior pursuing a Business and English major with concentrations in Marketing and Professional Writing. I have been working at The Writing Center for just under two years. My future plans are to go into the Marketing or Sales world. In my free time, I like to go outside to the beach and play sports. I specialize in MLA Format, brainstorming, topic creations, and punctuation in essays.





**Jake Nagorski**

My name is Jake Nagorski, I am a third year Industrial and Organizational Psychology major and English minor, and after completing my Bachelor's, I plan to attend graduate school. This is my second semester working at TWC. In my free time, I like to read history, philosophy, and literature. I also enjoy writing and researching. I can help clients with paper formatting, grammar, and citations.



**Stuart Tucker**

I was an English major focused on literature studies. I have enjoyed working at our Writing Center since 1993, so...a long time. My future plans are to continue to be amazed at students' discovery processes, regarding both the content of their subject areas and how they organize and think about them. In my free time, I am a longtime professional drummer in the Detroit area, specializing in accompanying singer-songwriters and other Americana musical artists. I like swimming in the Great Lakes, visiting museums, libraries and gardens, and hiking in the woods. As far as helping students in TWC, I know well the fine points of grammar and syntax but also want to help students take a second look at their ideas and source selection and its appropriateness. A highlight feature of my skills is working with ESL grad students.



*Writing*  
**INTRODUCTIONS & CONCLUSIONS**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
**1:00-1:45PM**  
**BRIGGS 129**

Bring your graded essays or drafts with you. Space is limited to 10 students. Pre-register to guarantee a spot. Call (313) 993-1022 or email [writingcenter@udmercy.edu](mailto:writingcenter@udmercy.edu)

**UPCOMING**  
*Workshops*



*Syntax*  
**SENTENCE VARIETY**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
**1:00-1:45PM**  
**BRIGGS 129**

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