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TORTURED BY TYPOS

Ever wonder how a typo like “State of the Uniom” got printed on tickets for President Trump's first official State of the Union address? Or how you just pressed “send” on an email before noticing you addressed it to your dear (and very much alive) colleague “Dead Amy”? [This article in Wired](#) provides insight into why it’s so hard to see our own typos. (Take heart: it’s not because we’re sloppy or stupid.)

PUNCTUATION 101

Whether deciding between James’s book and James’ book or remembering the proper use of its versus it’s, apostrophes can bewilder us all sometimes. When in doubt, this new [“Ultimate Flowchart to Using Apostrophes”](#) infographic is a useful guide.

WRITING CAFÉ

Writing Café is open Fridays from 9am-11am. Writing Café is a quiet space where writers can gather to work on individual writing projects. It is located in room 200A of Scott Library. Drop in anytime and stay as long as you like. All you need to bring is your laptop (or just a pad of paper).

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