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### WRITING LESSONS FROM TED-ED

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Leave it to TED to make writing lessons fun, engaging, and concise. The TED-Ed writing series features short videos that shed light on common writing concerns. These include:

- [When to use apostrophes](#)
- [How misused modifiers can hurt your writing](#)
- [How to use a semicolon](#)
- [The Oxford comma debate](#)
- And my all-time favorite: [Beware of nominalizations \(AKA zombie nouns\)](#)

Find a list of all 30 TED-Ed writing videos [here](https://ed.ted.com/series/the-writer-s-workshop) (https://ed.ted.com/series/the-writer-s-workshop).

### WHYY'S MAIKEN SCOTT ON COMMUNICATING SCIENCE

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Maiken Scott, radio host and creative director of WHYY's The Pulse, is coming to Jefferson to share her experiences as a science communicator. She will address challenges in communicating science and offer tips on how to communicate science effectively to the public.

- Date and time: Thursday, October 18, at 5:30 pm
- Location: Hamilton 505
- Other details: All Jefferson faculty, staff, and students are welcome. Registration is not required. Light refreshments will be provided.

This event is sponsored by the Graduate Student Association and Jefferson Humanities & Health. For more information, email Tess Cherlin (tess.cherlin@jefferson.edu).

### PAYWALL: THE BUSINESS OF SCHOLARSHIP

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The number of open access journals in academic publishing is growing at a rapid rate. If open access is something you're hearing about and want to learn more, join the upcoming free screening of [Paywall: The Business of Scholarship](#), a recent documentary on [open access](#) and academic publishing. There will be time for discussion and questions following the screening.

- Date and time: Monday, October 29, from noon – 1 pm
- Location: Scott Memorial Library 200A
- Other details: All Jefferson faculty, staff, and students are welcome. Registration is not required. Light refreshments will be provided, but please bring your lunch.

Interested but can't attend? Watch the movie [here](#).

—From the Center for Teaching and Learning's [Office for Professional Writing, Publishing, and Communication](#) (formerly the Writing Center).