



Editorial Resources List

NEO STC Panel Discussion: Editing Tools, Resources, and Processes

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Reading

Books

[STC Technical Editing SIG Virtual Bookshelf](#)

[Copyediting Erin Brenner's Resources for Editors](#)

Cite Right • Charles Lipson

The Copyeditor's Handbook, 2nd ed. • Amy Einsohn

Style: Lessons in Clarity and Grace, 10th ed. • Joseph M. Williams and Gregory G. Colomb

The Subversive Copy Editor • Carol Fisher Saller

Industry Publications

[Copyediting Newsletter](#)

A top-notch newsletter, founded in 1990, that explores the usage and evolution of the English language with a focus on the concerns of copyeditors.

[Corrigo Newsletter](#)

Online newsletter of the STC Technical Editing SIG published quarterly. Articles cover a wide variety of current and applied technical editing topics.

Style Guides

Note: Many, but not all, of these style guides are online, and many require paid subscriptions.

Academic/Book Publishing

[The Chicago Manual of Style Online](#)

One of the "go-to" style guides for determining style conventions (and even settling debates).

Business Writing

[The Gregg Reference Manual Online](#)

Comprehensive guide to business writing with simple explanations and plentiful examples.

Government Writing

[The Government Printing Office Style Manual](#), 2008 ed.

Style guide of the US Government Printing Office that contains federal government printing standards.

Medical Writing

[AMA Manual of Style Online](#)

The industry-standard style guide for anyone involved in medical and scientific publishing.

Newspaper/Magazine Writing

[Associated Press Stylebook](#)

The style guide for journalists, the media, and those publishing in less technical fields (including B2B trade publications).

Science Writing

Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers, 7th ed.

A style manual describing both general and scientific publication style and format for scientific papers, journal articles, books, and other forms of publication.

Social Science Writing

[Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association](#), 6th ed.

The industry-standard style manual for those writing in the social and behavioral sciences.

Technical Documentation

[Microsoft Manual of Style for Technical Publications](#), 3rd ed.

An essential style guide for those who write or edit about computer technologies.

Sun Microsystems *Read Me First! A Style Guide for the Computer Industry*

A definitive reference for writing and editing technical documentation.

Web Writing

[The Yahoo! Style Guide](#)

An updated guide for those who write or edit for the web or produce digital content.

Secondary Usage Guides

The Careful Writer • Theodore M. Bernstein

The Copyeditor's Handbook, 2nd ed. • Amy Einsohn

The Elephants of Style • Bill Walsh

Fowler's Modern English Usage, 2nd ed. • H. W. Fowler

Garner's Modern American Usage • Bryan A. Garner

Lapsing Into a Comma • Bill Walsh

Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage • E. Ward Gilman (Editor)

Woe is I: The Grammarphobe's Guide to Better English in Plain English • Patricia T. O'Conner

Words into Type • Marjorie Skillin and Robert M. Gay

Word Court • Barbara Wallraff

Your Own Words • Barbara Wallraff

Reference Websites

[AcronymFinder.com](#)

Extensive dictionary of acronyms, abbreviations, and initialisms; search results are filtered by category and ranked by how commonly they are used.

[Dictionary.com](#)

The world's largest and most authoritative free online dictionary and mobile reference resource.

[Merriam-Webster Online](#)

Online dictionary from trusted dictionary provider, Merriam-Webster, with 40 million monthly visitors.

[Metric Unit Conversion Calculator/Chart](#)

Website with unit measurement conversion tools hosted by Science Made Simple.

[Purdue Online Writing Lab](#)

Online collection of writing resources and instructional material from the Online Writing Lab at Purdue University.

URL Shorteners

[O'Reilly Article](#) on the "best of 2012" URL shorteners

[Goo.gl](#)

The official URL shortening service from Google that shows real-time click analytics (reliable and trusted).

[Bit.ly](#)

One of the most popular URL shortening services with real-time traffic and analytics data and sharing functionality. Twitter is integrated with Bit.ly services for tweeting posts.

[Su.pr](#)

The official URL shortener from StumbleUpon that can be used to syndicate content on StumbleUpon, Facebook, and Twitter.

[TinyURL.com](#)

Another good URL shortener with a preview feature that can be used with a browser to make the process faster.

E-mail Groups/Listservs

[Copyediting-L](#)

High-traffic listserv for those interests in discussing the finer points of copyediting.

[STC Technical Editing SIG Discussion List](#)

E-mail list of the STC Technical Editing Special Interest Group (open only to SIG members).

Social Media

Blogs

[An American Editor](#) (Rich Adin)

A blog from an experienced editor who posts regular articles about the business aspects of editorial work and editing techniques and tools, as well as opinion pieces on the publishing industry.

[Blogslot](#) (Bill Walsh)

A website and blog by Bill Walsh called "a spot for copy editors" since 1995.

[Copyediting Blog](#) (Erin Brenner)

The official blog of *Copyediting* newsletter, including "Tip of the Week" and other spot-on posts about editing in the real world.

[Editor-Mom](#) (Katharine O'Moore-Klopf)

A blog from a veteran medical copyeditor with a specialty in editing manuscripts written by non-native speakers of English. Also maintains the [Copyeditors' Knowledge Base](#).

[Grammar Girl](#) (Mignon Fogarty)

A podcast series of short tips on grammar and word choice created and hosted by Mignon Fogarty.

[The Grammar Guide](#) (Pam Nelson)

A blog hosted on the ACES website from a veteran copyeditor covering editing and usage, including frequent quizzes.

[Grammar Underground](#) (June Casagrande)

A blog from a writer and journalist whose weekly grammar/humor column, "A Word, Please," appears in community newspapers in California, Florida, and Texas.

[Proofreader's Parlour](#) (Louise Harnby)

A blog for editors and proofreaders that provides information, advice, opinion, comment, resources, tips, and knowledge sharing related to the business of editorial freelancing.

[The Subversive Copy Editor](#) (Carol Saller)

A blog from Carol Saller, a senior manuscript editor at the University of Chicago Press, an editor of *The Chicago Manual of Style*, editor of the *Chicago Manual of Style Online's* Q&A, and author of several children's books.

[words / myth / ampers & virgule](#) (Dick Margulis)

"Occasional essays on working with words and pictures—writing, editing, typographic design, web design, and publishing—from the perspective of a guy who has been putting squiggly marks on paper for over five decades and on the computer monitor for over two decades."

[You Don't Say](#) (John E. McIntyre)

A blog from "veteran drudge" John E. McIntyre who writes about language, usage, and journalism.

LinkedIn Groups

ASBPE

Copywriting & Copyediting

Council of Science Editors

Friends of the American Copy Editors Society

LinkEd & Writers

NOCA – Northeast Ohio Communications Advocates

STC Technical Editing SIG

STET: Professional Copy Editors

Twitter

@BryanAGarner

@EricStangel

@FakeAPStylebook

@Fritinancy

@GrammarGirl

@GrammarMonkeys

@grammarphobia

@mightyredpen

@StanCarey

Professional Organizations

[American Copy Editors Society](#)

Empowering editors to be their best since 1997.

[Association of Proposal Management Professionals](#)

Association for “professionals dedicated to the process of winning business through proposals, bids, tenders, and presentations.”

[American Medical Writers Association](#)

The leading association for medical communication professionals since 1940.

[ASBPE](#)

Fostering B2B editorial excellence in the business, trade, and specialty press. Founded in 1964 as the American Society of Business Press Editors.

[Board of Editors in the Life Sciences](#)

Board founded in 1981 to award certification to manuscript editors in the life sciences.

[Council of Science Editors](#)

Group established in 1957 by a joint action of the National Science Foundation and the American Institute of Biological Sciences. Changed names in 2000 from Council of Biology Editors.

[Editorial Freelancers Association](#)

A not-for-profit organization consisting of freelance editors, writers, indexers, proofreaders, researchers, publishers, and translators. Headquartered in New York City and volunteer run.

Training

[AMWA Continuing Education Programs](#)

Live and self-study workshops, plus an annual conference.

[Copyediting Audio Conferences and Webinars](#)

Highly recommended 90-minute audio conferences and webinars presented by leading editors on tricks of the trade and specialty editing topics. CD recordings are also available for purchase.

[Copyediting On-Demand Training](#) (and podcasts)

Series of 45- to 90-minute training sessions with follow-along supplements. Included with a Gold or Platinum *Copyediting* membership.

Copyediting Tip of the Week: “Copyeditor Training” ([Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#))

[Editorial Bootcamp Workshop and Webinars](#)

Workshop course and webinars for those interested in nonfiction scholarly copyediting and proofreading.

[Editorial Freelancers Association Online Courses](#)

EFA-offered online courses designed for editorial freelancers and “housed” within Yahoo Groups.

[EEI Communications Editing Courses](#)

Metropolitan Washington, DC-based training vendor with an extensive offering of classroom-based editing classes for proofreaders, copyeditors, and substantive editors.

[STC Technical Editing Fundamentals Online Certificate Course](#)

Online certificate course for beginner through advanced technical editing practitioners with a mix of lecture, discussion, interaction, and exercises.

[STC Technical Editing SIG Resource Directory](#)

Online resource directory containing links to editing, education, general, grammar, organizations, style, and usage categories.

Certificate Programs

[AMWA Certificate Programs](#)

Continuing education programs that offer certificates in essential skills, business, composition and publication, concepts in science and medicine, and regulatory and research.

[Copyediting Certificate](#), UC San Diego Extension School

A comprehensive, self-paced online copyediting certificate to build a solid background in the basic tools and techniques of copyediting.

[CSE Publication Certificate Program](#)

A certificate program in scholarly publication management launched in the spring of 2012.

[Editing Certificate Program](#), University of Chicago Graham School of General Studies

A classroom-based editing certificate program with a strong connection to the *Chicago Manual of Style*.

[MediaBistro Copy Editing Certificate Program](#)

Six-course online program that includes intro, intermediate, and advanced copy editing classes and a solid grammar foundation. Includes [AvantGuild](#) membership and a [Freelance Marketplace](#) listing.

[Professional Sequence in Editing](#), UC Berkeley Extension

Four-course sequence in copyediting, line editing, and developmental editing taught by working professionals offered in either an online or classroom format.

Conferences

[ACES 2013](#)

The 17th national conference of the American Copy Editors Society to be held April 4–6, 2013, in St. Louis, MO.

[AMWA 73rd Annual Conference](#)

Annual conference of the American Medical Writers Association to be held November 7–9, 2013, in Columbus, OH.

[APMP's Bid & Proposal Con 2013](#)

Largest educational event for proposal management, capture, business development, and graphics professionals to be held May 28–31, 2013, in Atlanta, GA. Hosted by the Association of Proposal Management Professionals.

[ASBPE National Editorial Conference](#)

Two-day annual conference focused on the business press.

[Communication Central Annual Conference](#)

Annual conference held every autumn for those seeking to launch or improve their editorial businesses.

[CSE 2013 Annual Conference](#)

The annual conference of the Council of Science Editors to be held May 3–6, 2013, in Montreal, QC. The theme is Communicate Science Effectively: The World Depends on It!

[STC Technical Communication Summit](#)

The 60th annual conference of the Society for Technical Communication to be held May 5–8, 2013, in Atlanta, GA.