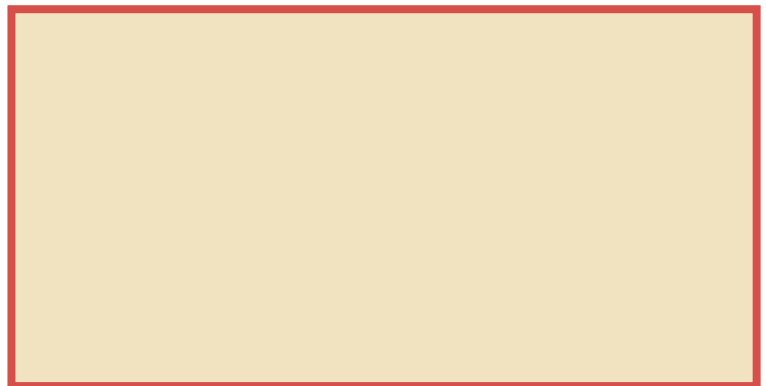
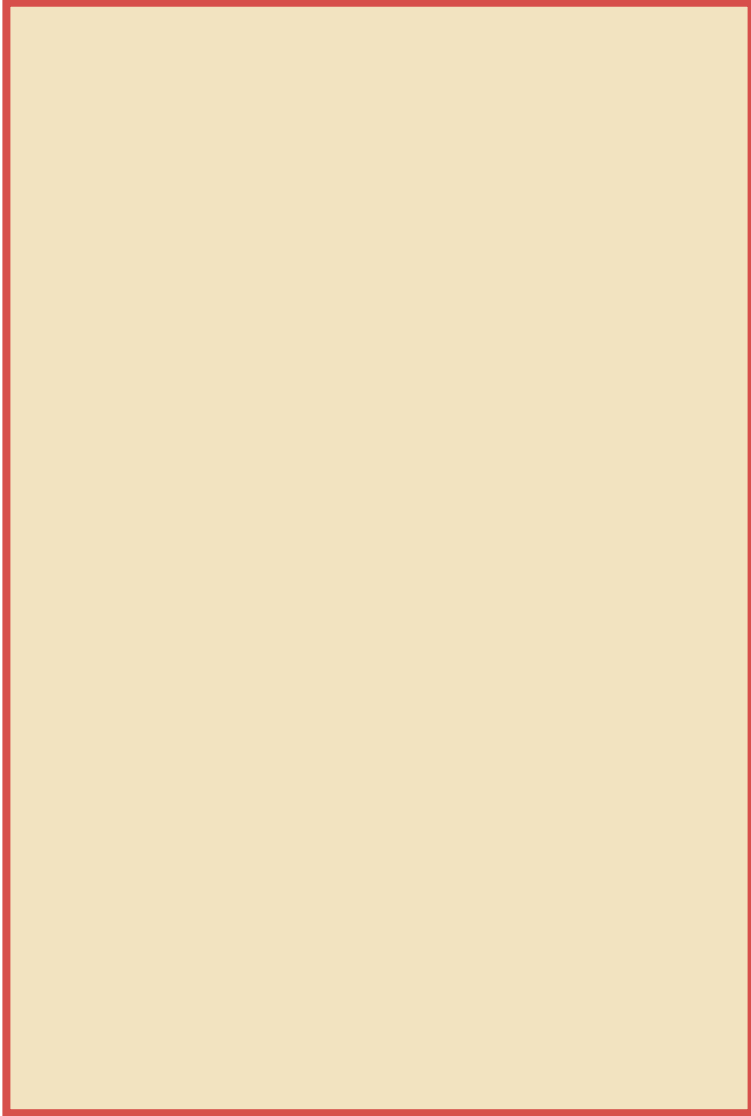


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## *The Literature Review*

**G**rammar is not just the domain of high-minded intellectuals holding court in an ivory tower, nor is it a sadist creation designed to make you feel frustrated and confused. It is a system and structure that is genuinely in existence to help us communicate more clearly—to help us better understand each other and derive meaning from the things we say and write. That is why it's so important to take notice of grammatical mistakes and figure out what you need to do to correct them. Below are nine examples of common grammatical errors.

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## 24th Annual National McNair Research Conference and Graduate Fair

I had the opportunity to attend the National McNair Research Conference in Delavan, Wisconsin in October 2016.

The research presentations were very diverse. I found one poster particularly interesting. It was about finding the location where a Nazi soldier was buried. The student and his mentor were able to go to Israel and use special equipment to analyze the soil to determine and map where the soldier might be located. They actually found what they were looking for and put in a request to get a team to dig, and the panel approved it!

My favorite speaker at this conference was the keynote speaker, Dr. Sylvester James Gates Jr. First of all, his presentation kept the whole audience at attention because he spoke in a way that relates to everyone. His life story was incredible. I was in awe at how much hard work he does and what he has accomplished. Now he decides what kind of work he would like to do. He definitely became my new role model. He showed me how history can be made and I hope to do that one day.

In conclusion, I am so glad I attended this conference. I am at a point where I've been feeling very discouraged, like maybe I'm not good enough or ready for the next big step. This conference is exactly what I needed. It was refreshing and reminded me that I'm not the only one who feels this way and that it's completely normal. I am more motivated because of the individuals who attended and shared their experiences with me. I met a graduate program I am seriously considering and I have realized the importance of funding in programs.

- Elizabeth Ramirez

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February

Devlin Hall, Rm 106

**Grad Prep Meeting** (2 - 3 p.m.)

Dr. Jeffrey Jarman, "*Critical Thinking Skills*"

**Research Assembly Meeting** (3 - 4 p.m.)

Ashley Cervantes, "*Methodology and Data Collection*"

10 Devlin Hall, Rm 106

**McWrite** (2 - 3 p.m.)

David Caylor, "*Integrating Sources*"

25 Devlin Hall, Rm 106

**Faculty Led Seminar** (10 a.m. - noon)

Dr. Michelle Redmond, "*Writing for Publication*"

27 **Research Proposals Due**

March

Devlin Hall, Rm 106

**Grad Seminar** (2 - 3 p.m.)

Student Money Mgmt, "*Managing Grad School Debt*"

**Research Assembly Meeting** (3 - 4 p.m.)

Ashley Cervantes, "*Parts of a Manuscript*"

11 Devlin Hall, Rm 106

**Faculty Led Seminar** (10 a.m. - noon)

LaWanda Holt-Fields, "*McNair Alumni Panel*"

Devlin Hall, Rm 106

**Grad Seminar** (2 - 3 p.m.)

Ashley Cervantes, "*The Back-up Plan*"

April

1 Devlin Hall, Rm 106

**Faculty Led Seminar** (10 a.m. - noon)

Dr. Robert Weems, "*What it Took to Get My PhD*"

7 Devlin Hall, Rm 106

**McWrite Meeting** (2 - 3 p.m.)

David Caylor, "*Writing in Review*"

**Research Assembly Meeting** (3 - 4 p.m.)

Ashley Cervantes, "*Research Concerns*"

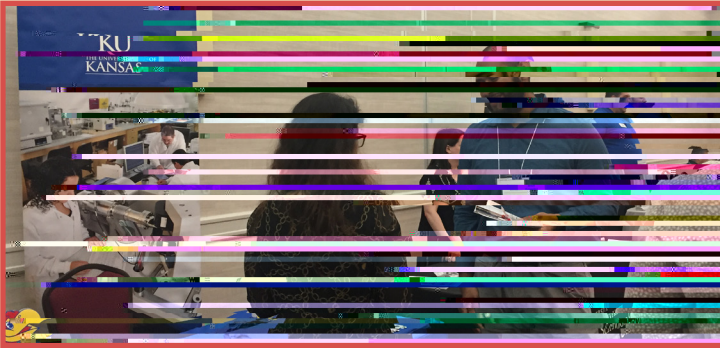
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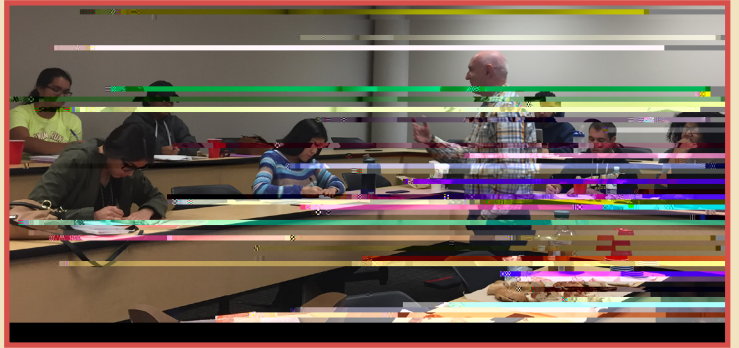
Connie Dietz, "*Portraying a Professional Image*"

**D**r. Michael L. Blakey is a Biological Anthropologist who specializes in physical anthropology and its connection to the history of African Americans. He spent 3 years as the director of the African Burial Ground Project researching the 6.6 acre burial ground which is now a national monument. His work and that of his team from the Montague Cobb Biological Anthropology Laboratory at Howard University (an HBCU) gave us insight to the lives of African American slaves and freemen in New York City.

Blakey received his B.A. degree in anthropology from Howard University in 1978. He continued his studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and earned his M.A. degree in 1980. He travelled to England to do research on the



Jesus speaks to a graduate admissions officer during the 2016 MNK Heartland McNair Conference graduate school fair.





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