



HAILEY CLOSSON

Journalist and Poet

Experience

Skills

Education

Hire Me

EXPERIENCE

News Reporter

The Baltimore Sun

06/2023-08/2023

I investigated sociopolitical matters that affect Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County, Carroll County, and Anne Arundel County residents such as environmental racism and sustainability, health disparities, crime, and education inequities. I published articles and briefs about local art, food, and entertainment businesses and events in Baltimore City, Annapolis, and Howard County. I assisted coworkers in gathering sources and fact-collecting for their projects

Research Assistant

The Howard Center for
Investigative Journalism

01/2023- Current

I extract data from articles published in American publications from 1789-1963 about lynching coverage in the press. I study the representation of lynch mobs and lynching victims between Black and white American publications, the assignment of justice, and the responsibility of the press in violence against African Americans from pre-Civil War to the Civil Rights Era.

I identify gaps in lynching coverage including missing cities, lack of mob and victim identification, and out-of-state lynching coverage across publications. I investigate the legitimacy of accusations against the accused matched with the press' use of racial stereotypes to encourage extralegal activity.

Freelance Reporter

The Black Explosion
10/2022– Current

I discover and pursue stories about people of color on the University of Maryland's campus and the greater College Park community. I use social media to engage with the public and assess article feedback to improve news coverage. I covers cultural discussions in the Black diaspora including black health crises, sexuality, religion, and class.

Freelance Reporter

The Diamondback
09/2022– Current

I reports matters that affect students at the University of Maryland and surrounding College Park neighborhoods such as campus developments and housing. I localize national news to College Park and interviews students about the implications of public policies on education, class, gender, race, and religion. I cover student events and campus entertainment.

Copy Editor

The Diamondback
08/2022–01/2023

I fact-checked, researched, and edited print content for grammar and syntax errors. I researched and contacted reporters to verify source information. I edited material to fit The Diamondback and Associated Press stylebooks.

Database Coder

University of Maryland
School of Public Policy
06/2022–08/2022

I examined bill hearings from the Maryland General Assembly to analyze the implications of legislators' policies. I defined the socioeconomic effects of each policy across different demographics. I analyzed policies for their target demographics and assessed how policymaker's perceived racial and ethnic background influences voters' partisanship and understanding of the policymaker's proposed policies.