

Lillian Reese

PORTFOLIO:

<https://lillianreese.github.io/portfolio/>

EXPERIENCE

Peer Recovery Specialist

June 2023-Present

Suncoast Center, Inc. – *St. Petersburg, Fla.*

- Mentor people in recovery while providing non-clinical, evidence-based peer experience to help navigate services
- Use different communication skills to assist people in recognizing, developing goals and strategies to address mental health conditions and substance use

Legal Assistant

November 2021-Present

Evian Legal, LLC – *Miami, Fla.*

- Draft briefs and memos after researching and analyzing statutes, regulations and precedents cases to provide insights to attorneys, coalitions, victims and clients for cases ranging from social advocacy to state-to-state licensing requirements
- Manage administrative responsibilities, such as scheduling, communicating with clients, and handling confidential information, ensuring seamless operations in the legal advocacy process

Communications Assistant - Secret Clearance

December 2020-February 2023

Tech Wizards, Inc. – *King George, Va.*

- Facilitate internal and external communications, including crafting and disseminating press releases, social media content and company newsletters, enhancing its public image and maintaining inter-company morale
- Utilize meticulous attention to detail to identify bugs, inconsistencies and potential improvements, contributing to the seamless operation of advanced technology systems

Media Relations Intern

April 2018-January 2021

University of Maryland Athletics – *College Park, Md.*

- Curate relevant content focused on women and minority sports teams by writing news releases, special-interest profiles, photographing games and creating in-game social media content to empower athletes, promote inclusivity and foster a positive online presence
- Use data-driven insights to refine social media tactics, optimize posting schedules, and tailor content to resonate with the target audience, enhancing the overall impact and influence of the women's athletic programs on social media platforms.

Urban Affairs Reporter

August 2020-December 2020

Capital News Service – *Baltimore, Md.*

- Lead an investigation into the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on various communities across Baltimore by conducting extensive research and attending socially distanced interviews, meetings and community events to gather firsthand accounts from residents, business owners, religious and community leaders

Researcher

December 2019-August 2020

The Ciesla Foundation – *Washington, D.C.*

- Co-lead successful launch of [Sports Equality for Women \(SEW\)](#), a blog highlighting the stories of all women in sports
- Compile research materials, fact-check information and create comprehensive briefs that aid the production team to in telling the stories of lesser-known social justice issues and heroes

Student Biographer

June-December 2019

University of Maryland Office of Donor Relations and Stewardship – *College Park, Md.*

- Conduct in-depth interviews with university alumni to gather information about their personal and academic experiences, achievements, and memories at the university

Advertising Photography Intern

Maryland Sports Properties, Outfront Media Sports Division – *College Park, Md.* July-December 2019

- Capture high-quality photographs on behalf of well-known clients, including Under Armour, to deliver visually appealing images that showcase brand presence at various sporting events including football, men’s and women’s basketball

Reporter January-May 2019

Hyattsville Life & Times – *Hyattsville, Md.*

- Participate in community events, meetings and gatherings to stay informed about local happenings, ensuring accurate and relevant local coverage
- Conduct in-depth research and interviews to uncover unique feature and human interest stories

Copy Editor January-April 2019

The Diamondback – *College Park, Md.*

- Thoroughly proofread to identify and correct errors in facts, grammar, spelling, punctuation and syntax, to maintain the newspaper's standards before publication

EDUCATION

Peer Experience Certified Recovery Peer Specialist Training, 2023	Peer Support Coalition of Florida
<i>Bachelor of Arts</i> , Multi-Platform Journalism, 2016-2020	University of Maryland, College Park
<i>Bachelor of Arts</i> , Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2016-2020	University of Maryland, College Park

CERTIFICATIONS

Working towards Certified Recovery Peer Specialist - Adult – Florida Certification Board	2023
Common Access Card – United States Diplomatic Security Service (DSS)	2022
Secret Security clearance – United States DSS	2021

SKILLS

Associated Press style	
Motivational Interviewing	
Photography	
Public speaking	
Search Engine Optimization	
Videography	
Coding languages	HTML5, CSS, Javascript
Content Management Systems	Asana, AVATAR, Box, Canva, Clinician, Clio, Ellucian Advance, Hootsuite
Microsoft Office suite	Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Project
Adobe Creative Cloud suite	Photoshop, Lightroom, Illustrator, Audition, Premiere Pro, InDesign
Social media platforms	Facebook, Instagram, GitHub, LinkedIn, Twitter, TikTok