

Gillian Russo

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EDUCATION

Fordham University, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with a Minor in Theatre

Cumulative GPA: 3.81 | Major GPA: 4.0

May 2021

AWARDS AND HONORS

Honors Program 2017-2019, Dean's List 2017-2019

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Theatre Journalism, Interviews and Profiles, The Journalist and the Law, Honors Writing Intensive

Introduction to Multimedia Journalism

- Learned the fundamentals of print, audio, and video journalism, including strategies such as the Inverted Pyramid Format
- Gained experience working with technology including DSLR cameras, Adobe Premiere, and Audacity
- Wrote and produced an audio story on LGBT volunteering initiatives and a video story about campus mental health

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

The Observer, *Arts & Culture Editor and Newsletter Editor*, New York, NY

September 2017 – Present

- Oversee the assignment, coverage and development of articles in the Arts & Culture section of Fordham's student publication
- Designed the paper's first-ever newsletter using Mailchimp and Photoshop software, and launched it to a growing readership
- Publish biweekly articles concerning cultural and arts events and developments in the New York City area
- Edit writing by fellow students for content and correct grammatical style, overseeing distribution to 2000+ readers
- Attend meetings to discuss issues and topics relevant to readers and brainstorm new ideas for engagement

Plays to See, *Editor and Reviewer*, New York, NY

August 2018 – Present

- Write reviews and critiques of shows within the New York City area, published on an international online forum
- Analyze theatrical works in genres including drama, comedy, musicals and Shakespeare
- Edit writing by fellow reviewers for content and correct grammatical style
- Connect and network with other writers to learn about new shows and issues in the theatre industry

Broadway News, *Intern*, New York, NY

January 2020 – Present

- Write weekly stories focused on New York's theater industry, including short-form breaking coverage and long-form features
- Interview top theater professionals including company managers, press agents, producers and playwrights
- Proofread, fact-check and copy-edit others' writing
- Publish articles in the Wordpress content management system

Writing Wrongs, *Staff Writer*, Reading, PA

August 31 – September 2, 2019

- Wrote 4 long-form feature stories in 48 hours to be included in a book distributed worldwide on Amazon
- Interviewed subjects and attended talks at the LGBT Community Center of Reading
- Researched current events and statistics related to LGBT issues

Prime Publishers – Voices Newspaper, *Intern Reporter*, Southbury, CT

May – August 2018

- Covered a beat: council meetings in one of the largest towns served by the paper
- Composed weekly feature stories about local events of interest alongside veteran reporters
- Utilized computer software to process approximately 50 press releases and 1-2 news stories per week
- Reviewed others' work to maintain cohesive content, style/flow and correct grammatical style
- Trained and on-boarded four incoming employees; reviewed policies, procedures and schedules

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Photoshop, Audacity, Premiere, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Wordpress, Google Suite, InDesign

Conversational Spanish, Basic French

INTERESTS

15-Year Trained Tap Dancer, Theatre/Performing Arts, Poetry Writing, LGBT Issues, History of Fashion Trends