

Lilyann Gardner

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1. Education

Duke University

MFA in Experimental and Documentary Arts
August 2025-May 2027
GPA: 4.0

University of Notre Dame

BA in Film, Television, and Theatre
Minors in Anthropology and the Gallivan Program for Journalism, Ethics, and Democracy
August 2021-May 2025
GPA: 3.9 (Magna Cum Laude)

University of St. Andrews

Study Abroad
Fall 2023

2. Work Experience

Duke University

Teaching Assistant
January 2026- May 2026

- TA for “Military Imaginaries” course exploring war and photography
- Assisted with the preparation and construction of an exhibition space

Sabin Vaccine Institute

Video and Graphics Intern
September 2025-August 2026

- Edited 20+ video shorts advocating and educating on vaccinology
- Assisted with the creation of graphics for social media channels

Duke Gardens

Student Work Study
September 2025-Present

- Helped organize shipment of 1000+ plant bulbs and subsequently plant them
- Responsible for upkeep of historic gardens- watering, weeding, tilling

American Council of Learned Societies

Communications Intern
September 2024-January 2025

- Interviewed fellows and wrote features for ACLS website

- Produced video content on academia and book publishing

Council on Foreign Relations

Digital Content, Video Intern

June 2024-August 2024

- Produced over 10 shorts for social media channels, totaling 30K+ views
- Helped CFR YouTube reach 270K subscribers and CFR Instagram reach 70K subscribers

Notre Dame Research

Videography and Photography Intern

February 2024-August 2024

- Captured and edited over 500 photos and produced 2 videos
- Created promotional material to utilize grant applications

Saint Joseph School District

Special Education Paraprofessional- Summer School

May 2023-July 2023 & May 2025-July 2025

- One-on-one educational work with developmentally delayed/autistic children, ages 3-4
- Encouraged social play and retention of letters, numbers, and shapes

News-Press and Gazette Company

Multimedia Journalism Intern

June 2022-August 2022

- Conducted interviews and wrote approximately 15 stories for print publication
- Took photos for print publication
- Filmed and edited approximately 15 stories for news broadcast

3. Awards & Publications

The Broad Avenue Filmmakers Award- Fiction

Senior award winner for the Notre Dame Department of Film, Television, and Theatre

May 2025

Senior Thesis Honors

Awarded by Notre Dame Department of Film, Television, and Theatre for senior thesis documentary project titled "Following Fionn"

May 2025

Indianapolis Star Publication

Front page investigative journalism piece titled "From bruises to broken bones, many schools don't report attacks on teachers"

May 2025

Indiana Collegiate Press Awards

1st Place Blog Post 2022 for article titled “Panty raids and beauty contests — Notre Dame’s history of sexist traditions”
April 2022

4. Leadership & Membership

Phi Beta Kappa

Member

Inducted May 2025

The Observer “From the Archives Department”

Writer

August 2021-May 2025

- Wrote or edited approximately 40 stories on topics related to university’s history

Assistant Leader

August 2022-May 2023

- Helped lead over 30 meetings, pitching ideas and editing stories
- Selected dozens of photos to accompany stories

Leader

August 2024-May 2025

President’s Circle Mentorship Program

Participant

June 2024-August 2024

- Attended meetings with a career professional in the field of publication
- Gained insights into postgraduate pursuits

Filmmakers Society

Member

St. Andrews Study Abroad

September 2023-December 2023

- Engaged in conversation on filmmaking techniques
- Brainstormed concepts for films with peers

Film Society

Member

St. Andrews Study Abroad

September 2023-December 2023

- Viewed films and participated in group discussions succeeding the screenings

Anthropology Club

Member

August 2021-December 2022

- Attended meetings involving discussions and film viewings on related anthropological topics

