

# Lilly Harper Ryan

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## EDUCATION

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Miami University, Oxford, OH

*Master of Arts in Political Science*

Graduate GPA: 4.0

*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science*

Undergraduate GPA: 3.94

- Minor in Disability Studies
- Graduated Cum Laude

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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*Graduating with Departmental Honors in Political Science*

Dec 2024

*Alumna Guest Speaker for the Menard Center of Democracy at Miami University*

Aug 2024

*Received the Cyril Kofe Daddieh Award*

Spring 2024

- This award recognizes outstanding continuing students in the Department of Political Science who have compiled an impressive overall academic record and excelled in their major.

*Miami University Honors College Member*

Aug 2021-Present

*Miami University Dean's List*

Five/Six Semesters

*Miami University Presidents List*

One/Six Semesters

## RELEVANT PROJECTS AND RESEARCH

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Master's Thesis: Time's Running Out: How the New York Adult Survivors Act Temporarily Extended the Statue of Limitations for Sexual Assault Survivors

Aug 2024 – Present

- The use of statutes of limitations for sexual assault and rape survivors puts survivors on a ticking clock to come forward with their stories to receive justice. This case study investigation analyzes the New York Adult Survivors Act and how it works to give justice to survivors whose clock ran out.

Minor Capstone Research: The Failure of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Aug – Dec 2024

- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was supposed to bring equality and protection to individuals with disabilities, but the ADA has fallen short. My research examines the legislation, its implementation, and enforcement to understand better how the ADA has failed to provide true accessibility.

Honors Senior Capstone Research: West Virginia Leads the Nation in Disability Rates

Sep 2023 – Present

- Despite West Virginia's small population, the state has the highest disability rate in the country. Current scholarship fails to examine the cause of this elevated figure; this project aims to fill the gap in research and explore the rate of disability in West Virginia to better understand why the State has such a disproportionally high rate.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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Intern, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito

Charleston, WV | July - Aug 2024

- Worked with the Senator and her staff to complete State-based responsibilities.
  - o Traveled to meet with individuals, businesses, and local and state government officials to discuss support the Senator may bring to current projects.
  - o Assisted in facilitating funding and finalizing grant proposal request forms.
- Aided in completing constituent casework and connecting with individuals in the field.
  - o Collaborated with the State Director and Economic Development Chair to attend meetings and interact with constituents, helping to resolve issues facing them.

Co-Communication Director, Sam Lawrence Campaign for Ohio State House      Oxford, OH | Jan – Nov 2022

- Managed all communications aspects of the campaign and monitored all social media activity.
  - o Responsible for overseeing all teams tasked with communication aspects of the campaign.
  - o Guided research, supervised the creation of statements for debates, and organized sponsors.
  - o Responded to email correspondence from officials, supporters, and news outlets.
- Lead the creation and distribution of blog posts, the weekly newsletter, and the operations calendar for the campaign.

Intern, Attorney Chad D. Barry, L.C.

Huntington, WV | Jan – May 2021

- Gained foundational knowledge in the field of law working for an attorney specializing in personal injury matters.
- Assisted in drafting legal documents such as contracts, memos, and briefs.
- Interacted with clients through client meetings, taking notes, and participating in client interviews.
- Supervised and was responsible for transporting documents, files, and checks from the firm.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Student Assistant, Miami University Political Science Department

Oxford, OH | Sep 2024 – Present

- Executed various administrative tasks, such as organizing files and compiling documents.
- Communicated effectively to answer phone calls from students, faculty, staff, and others.
- Aided students and others in solving their problems, directing concerns, and assisting their needs.
- Worked with office staff and the Head of the Department of Political Science to meet vital deadlines.

Host, The Pickle and Pig

Oxford, OH | April 2022-March 2023

- Managed customer bookings and large private party reservations.
- Organized and oversaw the seating, planning, and structure of server at seating rotation.
- Supervised the inflow of customers to control and balance the orders sent to the kitchen.
- Solved complex problems by adapting to customers' requests, making wise and quick decisions.

Hostess and Waitress, Gino's Pizza

Huntington, WV | Seasonal (Dec 2021-Present)

- Maintaining a clean facility while managing and fulfilling customers' requests.
- Managing accuracy in communicating dietary needs and preferences.
- Overseeing customer experience, supervising wait times, and directing customer seating.
- Providing a high standard of customer service in a busy environment and managing multiple tasks.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT**

Advisory Board Member, Menard Family Center for Democracy

Aug 2021- Present

- Guided the Center on how best to spend money to support on-campus activities for students.

Member, Women in Law at Miami University

Aug 2021- Present

- A community for women in law, providing resources, mentorship, and professional opportunities.

Member, Beta Tau Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega

Jan 2022-Present

- Worked to host events and raise money for the Dove House, a local women's shelter, and educate, raising awareness about Domestic Violence.

Member of Modeling Committee, Miami University Fashion and Design (MUF&D)

Aug 2021- Present

- Modeled for MUF&D and other businesses and walked on the runway at one of the largest student-run fashion shows in the country.

Member, Miami University Student Foundation

Aug 2023- Present

- Raised thousands of dollars annually for student scholarships through club fundraisers and connecting with alumni.

Member, Up Magazine at Miami University

Jan 2022 – Present

- Participated in photoshoots for brands and the organization's website, blog, and magazine.