

Lulu Abdun / Public Interest Technologist in Memphis, TN

Recent college graduate and graduate of two technology bootcamps learning HTML5/CSS3, JavaScript, Python, SQL, Java, and React. Looking to be involved in community-based and community-focused systemic change with a focus on technology. By having a background in social science and working at the intersection of social change and technology, I hope to make a positive impact to find data-driven solutions that affect our world. Seeking position as a Front-End Software Engineer.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Community Engagement Liaison, A. Philip Randolph Institute, Memphis, TN,
September 2019 – November 2019

- Mobilized over 100 community members to exercise their right to vote in local elections
- Canvassed in Memphis, TN and Southaven, MS encouraging constituents to vote

Robotics & Mobile App Development Teaching Assistant, CodeCrew, Memphis, TN,
August 2019 – December 2019

- Mentored and engaged with about 50 underrepresented students in the area of computer science
- Assisted with two computer science courses for middle school students using MIT App Inventor 2

Web Developer, ALLMemphis, Memphis, TN, July 2019 – Present

- Collaborate with staff and teachers to design software for teacher, staff, and principal dashboards and data visualization for tracking student success
- Maintain [WordPress site](#) performing front-end development

Legal Technology Assistant, Siskind Susser Immigration Lawyers, Memphis, TN, June 2019 – Present

- Design, test, and deploy artificial intelligence-based applications to advance immigration law into the tech space (i.e. [DACA Renewal App](#))
- Assist with design and management of [Squarespace site](#)

Field Researcher, Levitt Foundation, Memphis, TN, June 2019 – July 2019

- Collected data from Levitt Shell attendees to build community through music and to assist with funding endeavors for Memphis

Heirs Property Intern, Memphis, TN, March 2019 – Present

- Research status of African American heirs property in the South and ways to resolve heirs property issues
- Compile legal documents and provide technical assistance, including documenting steps to put property in LLC, corporation, or trust

Researcher & Writer, Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, March 2019 – December 2019

- Assisted with deployment of Ida B. Wells documentary
- Researched Black education prior to Brown v. Board of Education in Benton County, MS, and Fayette County, TN; the impact of automation and technology on higher education; and the impact of activism and discrimination on mental health

SKILLS

Cross-Cultural
Communication

Community
Outreach

Leadership

Problem
Solving

Computer
Programming
JavaScript, Python,
Java, HTML/CSS,
SQL, React

Survey Creation

Statistical
Analysis &
Software
R, SPSS

Social Science
Research

Languages
Intermediate Spanish,
Novice Kinyarwanda

Project
Management

Policy Analysis

AWARDS

InnovAction
Award for
innovation in
law practice
management

Phi Beta Kappa

Summa Cum
Laude

- Published blog and social media posts about issues affecting Memphis, such as Just City’s Court Watch program and civil rights issues

Fulbright Semi-Finalist

Web Developer, CasaLuz, Memphis, TN, January 2019 – Present

- Manage [website](#) through WordPress performing front-end development
- Edit and upload videos about CasaLuz—the first and only non-profit organization in the Memphis/Shelby County area that culturally and exclusively serves the Hispanic/Latino victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes.

Senior Service Leadership Award

Undergraduate Presentation Award

Interfaith Community Engagement Fellow, Office of Community Engagement & Service, Oxford, OH, February 2018 – December 2018

- Founded multifaith umbrella organization (Interfaith Council) consisting of 20 faith-based groups at Miami University and in Oxford
- Served as the Council’s founding president by conducting meetings and collaborating to create interfaith programming

Temple Israel Fellowship

Citizenship Award, Hillel at Miami University

Research Intern, United States Courts, Western District of TN, Memphis, TN, June 2017 – July 2017

- Created a reentry organizations chart and memorandum for Federal Judge Sheryl H. Lipman
- Researched international incarceration approaches and alternatives to sentencing
- Revised and updated a reentry resource packet for U.S. Probation Office for the Western District of TN
- Assisted with legal writing for law clerks and Judge Lipman

Director of Ambassadors & Advocacy Chair, Miami University Diversity Affairs Council, Oxford, OH, August 2016 – May 2018

- Facilitated discussions with over 60 diverse, cultural student organizations on Miami University’s campus
- Organized monthly meetings with student organizations coordinating logistics while leading a committee of 10 ambassadors from various diverse student organizations at Miami University

Freelance Digital Designer, Memphis, TN, March 2016 – Present

- Create websites and digital marketing designs for clients (ie Cindy and Helmut’s Wedding, Pilates Plus, Shainberg Strategies, Twigia Jewelry, etc.)

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Culture, Affects, and Relationships (CARE) Psychology Lab, Oxford, OH, February 2016 – May 2018

- Interpreted and analyzed data from the Race Card Project, which included six-word phrases about race and narratives to explain these phrases, to identify recurring themes
- Participated in weekly lab meetings by summarizing articles, listening to presentations, and having discussions

EDUCATION

Tech901, Web Programming Course — 2019

LaunchCode, Liftoff Course & LC101 Programming Course — 2019

Miami University, B.A. Psychology & Black World Studies, minor in Linguistics — 2018

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Public Policy & International Affairs Fellow — 2017

SIT Study Abroad, Post-Genocide Restoration & Peacebuilding, Kigali, Rwanda — 2017

