# LYDIA PRENDERGAST

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#### **Education**

Emerson College

Boston, MA

BFA in Creative Writing, Minors in Journalism and Women, Gender, & Sexuality GPA: 3.87, Dean's List Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022

Sep. 2020 - May 2024

#### **Work Experience**

The de Groot Foundation Boston, MA

Outreach Coordinator

Oct. 2022 - present

- Thinking partnership with the foundation founders; communicates on creating new forms of outreach while continuing to update current forms (i.e. official website, social media platforms, emails)
- Corresponds with grant winners to celebrate their work and circulate it within the literary community

# **International Women's Writing Guild**

Boston, MA

**Production Management** 

Oct. 2021 - present

- Corresponds with workshop facilitators, provides tech support on Zoom writing workshops
- Copy-edits internationally distributed literary journals and monthly newsletters
- Offers tech support, outreach, and communications at a week long summer conference

Art Moves Boston, MA

Co-President Sept. 2021 - present

- Refines Art Moves aesthetic identity on Instagram and EmConnect
- Maintains a positive, inclusive reception of Art Moves to the student body and beyond
- Organizes, manages, and attends bi-weekly meetings and scheduled events

### **SAVERS Thrift Store Company**

Norwood, MA

Cashier and Floor Organizer

May 2021 - August 2022

- Handled customer service with strong communication/welcoming skills and product/customer base knowledge
- Organized, filed, and cleaned the store floor and shelving to create an enjoyable experience for customers

#### **Independent Fashion Project**

Boston, MA

Lead Poet

Jan. 2021 - April 2022

- Collaborated on a team of twelve artists to create experimental fashion videos about the US environmental crisis
- Created poetry based on photo, journal, and video ephemera captured by the Director during a cross-country road trip
- Premiered in the multifaceted film and exhibit in Distillery Gallery for the month of April 2022

#### **Publications**

• "Our Lady of Health", Wilder Things Magazine	Jan. 2023
• "i cannot find it in me to pray, but", CantonWrites	June 2022
• "lay it out in lavender," WACK Magazine	April 2022
• "How Art Awakened My Sense of Poetry", Trish Hopkinson Poet	Feb. 2022
• "nourish", Press Pause Press, The Midnight Snack	Nov. 2021
• "i use my own teeth instead of painted nails", Poets Choice	July 2021
• "Knitting", WACK Magazine	May 2021

# **Volunteer Experience**

Boston Book Festival	October 2022
Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk and Fundraiser	2016 - present

#### Skills/Interests

Technical Skills: Managing Social Media, Zoom tech support, Website creation, Adobe creative cloud, Microsoft Excel Interests: Reading, Writing, Activism, Fashion, Knitting, Scrapbooking, Baking, Acting, Singing