# Brianna Mielle Deña

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## Awards and Fanzine Publications **Short Stories**

- Once in a Lullaby, Bullet's Crescendo August 2024 https://bulletscrescendo.carrd.co/
- Hyacinths at High Noon, Saint Amaranth Zine March 2024 https://stamaranthzine.carrd.co/
- Into the Dark, Maker's Dozen Zine, Book 1 Feb 2024 https://makersdozenzine.carrd.co/
- Cake in the Garden of Eden, Maker's Dozen Zine, Book 1 Feb 2024 https://makersdozenzine.carrd.co/

#### Flash Fiction

The Fish Stayed, Scholastic Art and Writing Awards (Silver Key) - Jan 2016

## Education

### **Extension Certificates (edX)**

- Working as a Game Writer, University of British Columbia (July 2023)
- **Interactive Narrative**, University of British Columbia (April 2023)
- Worldbuilding for Video Games, University of British Columbia (April 2023)
- Writing Video Game Scenes and Dialogue, University of British Columbia (April 2023)
- Writing Video Game Characters, University of British Columbia (August 2022)
- Video Game Writing Essentials, University of British Columbia (July 2022)

### The University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Psychology, Certificate in Forensic Science (GPA 3.8)

- Awards: Ruth Martin Scholar, Dean Scholar, Departmental Honors
- Electronic Game Developers Society (EGaDS): Member for three years, frequent game jam participant, usually in a narrative or art role.

### Skills

### Narrative, Design, and Voice Direction

- Game Writing: Writing barks + trigger scripting, branching dialogues, codex entries, quests.
- Scriptwriting: Writing dialogue with tension, foreshadowing, humor, character development.
- Worldbuilding: Developing settings, nations, histories, cultures, maps, peoples.
- **Directing Voice:** Casting, performance coaching, script analysis, pacing.

### Software

- **Screenplay:** Celtx, Final Draft, Scrivener, Microsoft Word.
- **Interactive Narrative:** Articy Draft 3, Twine, Excel.
- Industry Software Suite: Atlassian Suite (Jira, Confluence, etc), Miro, Slab.

## Personal Projects

#### **Narrative Games**

Tau Saves the World (In Progress) - https://raith-hamzah.itch.io/tau-saves-the-world All Paths Lead to You (July 2022) - https://mielle-pena.itch.io/all-paths-lead-to-you

## Work Experience

## Program Coordinator (March 2022 - March 2023)

**University of Washington** (Seattle WA, USA)

- Coordinated data and document collection for annual faculty reappointment cycle
- Collection and completing of faculty appointment and promotion packets, including soliciting letters of recommendation, ensuring completeness of required forms and documents.
- Establish annual calendar of Grand Rounds event,
- Work directly with speakers to ensure all logistics, including travel, content of GR, agenda preparation, learning goals, media needs and releases.
- Plan, develop and arrange travel and itinerary of all guest speakers/visiting professors to the department, including expenses, honoraria, and other scheduling needs.

### Research Assistant (July 2021 - March 2022)

Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (Seattle WA, USA)

- Tracked laboratory sample supplies, requisition forms, and assembled kits for trial subjects.
- Tracked and processed blood and urine samples and radiology scans from internal and external providers, following study specific guidelines for collection, labeling, and shipping.
- Worked with sponsor representatives to review and correct data recorded in case report forms, exercising judgment on query resolutions.

## Intern (Slush Reader) (September 2018 - January 2019)

Goldwake Press (Austin TX, USA)

Worked as a first reader for poetry collections and novel submissions and filtered out submissions that did not meet quality standards.

## Research Assistant (August 2017 - January 2018)

**University of Texas at Austin** (Austin TX, USA)

- Used Qualtrics and RedCap to give surveys to clinical clients and study participants.
- Implement edprocesses to create, document, and update scoring metrics for our data.
- Wrote my Psychology Honors Thesis under the supervision of Dr. Jasper Smits.
- Scheduled follow-up appointments for clinical patients, organize our patient database. Conducted community outreach, writing to various potential patients about the lab.

## Membership Coordinator (August 2017 - December 2018)

College Houses (Austin TX, USA)

- Organized a team of 30 people to perform weekly labor tasks.
- Trained members to perform above tasks and ensure that they were completed each week.
- Organized and budgeted large-scale maintenance and building projects.

## Research Assistant (August 2017 - December 2018)

**University of Texas at Austin** (Austin TX, USA)

- Worked on Project SEED (Social, Emotional, and Educational Development of children of US Immigrants) under the supervision of Dr. Su Yeong Kim.
- · Recruited, trained, coordinated, and supervised junior RA's.
- Wrote the instructional prompts for psychological assessments.