

## **Brandy Briones: GSG Exec – Communications Director**

I am a fifth year Ph.D. joint degree student in the Psychology and Neuroscience departments. I believe a strong community support system not only brings happiness and welfare, but also promotes consideration and elevates the graduate student life in the spaces we share. That being said, I would love to be your next GSG Communications Director and be an advocate for diversity and transparency within the graduate student community through fast and efficient communication.

I have years of experience in government and other organizations from my time in high school, as an undergraduate at UCLA, and here at Princeton. In high school I was an elected representative on the Associated Student Board, and helped organize school functions including, homecoming, various assemblies, and grad-night. For three years I served as an executive board member (Vice President, 11'; Assistant Director, 12'; Director, 13') for a non-profit mental health organization called Active Minds, Inc. The Active Minds UCLA chapter serves as a liaison between UCLA students (undergraduate, graduate, and professional) and the counseling and psychological services center. Some of the social programs I organized for Active Minds included meditative and stress-reducing events, team building retreats, game nights, dinners, and intramural sports. Additionally, I was on the UCLA Student Wellness Committee as the public relations director, where I helped to coordinate CPR/First-Aid courses, health-related event banquets, and group meetings.

My first year at Princeton, I was the Executive Secretary for LGSA, which involved updating the members about upcoming events, planning weekly dinners and other various outreach events. Last year, I was a Resident Graduate Student for Wilson College where I held weekly study breaks for my zee groups, and organized activities for all the students of Wilson College including: instructor-led art sessions, trips to watch the Brooklyn Nets, group yoga, intramural sports, and movie nights, to name a few.

These experiences make me a great candidate for the Graduate Student Government Communications Director position. As Communications Director, I would be committed to effectively communicating between the GSG, its constituents, and the University on behalf of the graduate student government to ensure everyone's voices are heard! Thank you!