

Madalina Vlasceanu: GSG Exec – Social Officer



Comradery is essential for a positive graduate school experience. I believe it is the sense that we are not alone on this uncommon, hard-to-define, long-term reward path that constitutes a notable driving force motivating us. This is why I am enthusiastic to ensure our community of graduate students can enjoy the benefits of a communal spirit, sense of belonging, and social connectedness on the Princeton campus and beyond, by serving as the Social Officer on the GSG committee.

As Social Officer, the committee member in charge of organizing and running anything from small social events to large parties, my main goal will be promoting inclusiveness and diversity, such that anyone in our graduate student community can feel welcomed and connected when attending these events. I am also committed to ensuring the events reach their full potential by connecting members of the community that wouldn't otherwise interact, such as cross-department students or cross-academic club members. Moreover, other important features of these events I am extremely mindful of are the feelings of safety and respect dominating the interactions during gatherings. Most of all, I want these events to be fun and memorable.

My current and past social event organizer experiences include coordinating the prospective graduate student interview weekend in the Psychology Department, organizing recurrent informal cross departmental movie nights both at Princeton and at the University of Rochester, my alma mater. I have also served on the Third Millennium Leaders' board, and the University College London student representatives board, experiences which gave me the opportunity to build essential social, technical, and organizational leadership skills needed for the Social Officer position at the Princeton GSG.

I am a third-year graduate student in the Psychology Department, investigating cognitive processes such as memory, belief, and emotion, with the goal of unveiling more efficient ways of combating misinformation. Currently, I am also a graduate student fellow in the Program in Cognitive Science, a co-organizer of the Emerging Scholars of Psychological Science graduate student speaker series in the Psychology Department, a member of the Psychology Code of Conduct Committee, and a Psychology undergraduate mentor. I am so eager and dedicated to also serve our amazing graduate student community. Thank you for your interest and support!

Yours,
Madalina Vlasceanu