

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK

HESI PREVIEW 2023 CURRENT STUDENTS

HIGHER EDUCATION CONCENTRATION



Baili Park (She/Her/Hers)

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Bio: I identify as a Korean American, able-bodied, cis-gendered woman. I graduated from Georgetown University where I studied Justice and Peace Studies, Government, and Women's and Gender Studies. I am now a first-year student, working a full-time GAsip in Enrollment Management and a part-time GAsip for Carillon Communities. In my free time, I enjoy golfing, hanging out with my cat, painting, and eating new foods! Please reach out if you have any questions about my experiences as a Terp!

Talk to me about... Internships, Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Socializing



Adriana Feijo (She/Her/Hers)

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Bio: Hi, my name is Adriana Feijoo! I identify as a first-generation, Latina woman. I currently work as an academic advisor in Letters and Sciences and a program coordinator for multi-racial and trans-racial adoptees in the multicultural involvement community advocacy office! I love food, coffee, and spending time with friends and family! Please reach out to me if you have any questions about anything! :)

Talk to me about... Research, Internships, Coursework, Socializing



Jaden Mikoulinskii (She/Her/Hers)

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Bio: I identify as a Ukrainian-American, white, cis-gendered woman. I attended the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire for Sociology and Family Studies. Some roles I held in Wisconsin include Student Body President, Resident Assistant, Student Researcher, Teaching Assistant, Orientation Assistant, and Admissions Intern. I now work as a Graduate Assistant in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions where I specialize in Limited Enrollment Programs, Freshmen Review, and EDI initiatives. I also serve on the Graduate Student Government and the Student Advocates for Graduate Education Coalition where I lobby in Maryland and Washington D.C. for Higher Education Funding, Research Funding, and Collective Bargaining.

Talk to me about... Research, Internships, Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Socializing, Housing, Other

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Karla Monroy (She/Her/Hers)

Higher Education, Master's

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Bio: I identify as a Latina (Colombian American), cis gender, woman. I'm also the child of two immigrant parents, so I was born in Maryland, and I also grew up in the Maryland (specifically in Odenton and Columbia). I attended The University of Maryland, Baltimore County for my B.A. in Modern Languages, Linguistics, and Intercultural Communication. I currently work for the Office of Extended Studies as a Pre-College Program Assistant for the Terp Young Scholars program. I also work as an intern for limited enrollment programs at the College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences and I'm an ambassador for the American College Personnel Association (ACPA). Feel free to email me at kmonroy@umd.edu.

Talk to me about... Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Socializing, Other



Madison Thurston (She/Her/Hers)

Higher Education, Master's

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Bio: Hello! My name is Madison, and I'm a white, cisgender, bisexual woman. I have my Bachelor's in Sociology from Central Michigan University, and I came to UMD straight from undergrad. I currently have a graduate assistantship in Fraternity and Sorority Life as a Resident Director and an overload as an academic advisor in Letters and Sciences. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have about UMD, assistantships, or grad school in general at madisont@umd.edu!

Talk to me about... Internships, Family responsibilities, Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Socializing, Other



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Bio: I identify as a white, able-bodied, cisgender man. I attended two different undergraduate institutions, The University of Alabama in Huntsville and the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, for my B.S. in Mathematics. I have moved 15 times across nine states (20+ if you count moving in & out of campus housing) because of my father's work. I work on campus as an academic advisor in the Office of Letters and Sciences. My hobbies are "grandma hobbies," I like to cook, bake, read, quilt, and crochet. I also like to play video games and learn math in my free time.

Talk to me about... Internships, Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Other

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Higher Education, Master's

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Bio: I identify as a queer, cis-gender, able-bodied, white woman. Originally from Ocean City, Maryland, I have been in the College Park/DC/Baltimore area since being an undergraduate student at the University of Maryland. I graduated in 2019 with a Bachelor's degree in Government and Politics and now work full-time as an academic advisor and program coordinator in the Department of Government and Politics. I am a part-time graduate student planning to graduate in May 2023. I have greatly enjoyed being a part of the HESI community and am grateful for the friends and colleagues I have had the pleasure of getting to know these last two years. My research interests include the transfer student experience and college pathways from two-year to four-year institutions. Feel free to contact me with any questions: griley1@umd.edu.

Talk to me about... Working Full time, coursework



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Bio: I identify as a white, cis-gender woman (and Type 1 Diabetic!). I am a triple Terp and completed my bachelor's in Communication and my master's in Higher Education at UMD. I was born and raised in the DC area. I work full time as an Academic Advisor in the College of Journalism. My research interests surround holistic academic advising and the educational experiences of students with invisible disabilities. I live in Baltimore city with my husband, Joe and my dog, Archie. Feel free to reach out at any time!

Talk to me about... Research, Working Full time, coursework, Housing, Socializing



Veronica Vaisman (She/Her)

Higher Education, Master's

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Bio: I identify as a white, Brazilian-American, cisgender, heterosexual, able-bodied woman. I am from Westchester, NY and completed my undergraduate coursework at the University at Buffalo. I am currently the Graduate Assistant for the Office of Visitor Engagement and Services where I work with prospective students and families, student workers, and our UMD tour guides. Additionally, I hold an overload position with the Carillon Communities in the Office of Undergraduate Studies. I am happy to answer any questions or chat if you would like! My email is: vvaisman@umd.edu. Go Terps!

Talk to me about... Research, Working Full time, Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Housing, Socializing

HIGHER EDUCATION CONCENTRATION



Piper Holly (She/Her/Hers)

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Bio: I identify as a Black, cis-gendered, heterosexual woman. I grew up in the metro Detroit area. I went to a large, public, research institution in Michigan where I majored in Psychology. I have a 9.5 month assistantship in the University Career Center. Feel free to reach out to me at pholly@umd.edu!

Talk to me about... Family Responsibilities Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Housing, Socializing

STUDENT AFFAIRS CONCENTRATION



Joyce Seoyoung Jang (They/Them)

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Bio: Hello! I was born and raised in San Jose, California (Ohlone land) before attending undergrad in Los Angeles (Tongva land), from where I came straight to the Master's program. I am a nonbinary, bisexual, neurodivergent 2nd generation Korean American. I was a resident director in my first year and am currently a GA with Bias Incident Support Services. Please talk to me about anything, including my thesis research, experience with disability/accommodations, or just learning to enjoy the DMV--always happy to chat! You can reach me at joycej@umd.edu.

Talk to me about... Research, Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Housing, Socializing, and Other



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Bio: I identify as a Black, cis-gender, heterosexual, woman. I was born and raised in Houston, Texas. I received my undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a major in Community and Nonprofit Leadership and minors in Education Policy and African American Studies. Before attending UMD, I worked full-time in the nonprofit sector for four years. I currently hold a 12-month assistantship in the Office of External Relations in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at dpowell@umd.edu.

Talk to me about... Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Housing, Socializing, and Other



Lindsay Inge Carpenter (She/ Her/ Hers)

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Bio: I am a 4th year doc candidate in the student affairs program, and am currently working on my dissertation proposal on the topic of international teaching assistants' experiences on U.S. campuses. In addition to being a part-time student, I work full-time as the Head of Research Education at UMD Libraries. Outside of work, my favorite thing to do is spend time with my husband and very rambunctious toddler.

Talk to me about... Research, Family Responsibilities, Coursework,

STUDENT AFFAIRS CONCENTRATION



Ulysses Crawford II (He/Him)

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Bio: I identify as a Black, able-bodied, cis-gendered heterosexual man. I grew up in North Carolina and attended Fayetteville State University, an HBCU where I studied Communication and Media Studies. I was heavily involved in leadership in our television station, esports program and residence life. I work as a graduate assistant caseload advisor in the Office of Letters & Sciences. Feel free to contact me at ucrawfor@umd.edu.

Talk to me about... Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Housing, Other



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Bio: Hey Y'all! I am a Black (Caribbean and Panamanian) Christian woman from Atlanta, Georgia. Before coming to UMD, I graduated from the University of Georgia and then worked at the Fashion Institute of Technology as a Residence Hall Director for 2 years. In relation to student affairs, my passions include black students' campus sense of belonging, admissions/ recruitment, and mentorship. At UMD, I serve as the Graduate Assistant of Recruitment for Honors College. Feel free to email me at kbest12@umd.edu. Let's chat about whatever you want!

Talk to me about... Coursework, Housing, Socializing, Family Responsibilities, and Other



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Bio: I identify as a white, queer, cisgender woman. I grew up outside of Boston and received my BS and MEd from the University of New Hampshire (math and counseling, respectively). I worked full-time in-residence life at UNH (6 years) and UC Santa Barbara (11 years) prior to returning to school as a full-time student at UMD. For my GA, I am an instructor with the Leadership Studies Program. I currently live in downtown Silver Spring with my wife, Kristine, and my cat, Darrell.

Talk to me about... Working full time, coursework, other

STUDENT AFFAIRS CONCENTRATION



Daniel Stott (He/Him)

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Bio: I identify as a white, transgender, queer man. I grew up and attended university in Connecticut. I came to Maryland for my Master's soon after I graduated with my Bachelor's degrees. I currently serve as the Graduate Coordinator for Human Resources in the Department of Resident Life, primarily assisting with Resident Assistant selection. I live in College Park with my adorable orange tabby cat named Raichu! Feel free to reach out at dstott@umd.edu.

Talk to me about... Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Housing, Socializing



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Bio: I identify as a Filipina, able-bodied, cis-gender woman. Although I was born and grew up in the Philippines, Northern Virginia and the DC Metro Area has been home for me for 13 years. I went to a large, public, research institution in Virginia where I double majored in Global Affairs and Spanish. This is my second year as the Graduate Coordinator for APIDA Student Involvement at the Office of Multicultural Involvement and Community Advocacy (MICA). This past summer, I interned at APIA Scholars, a non-profit based in Washington DC. Feel free to reach out at jsuegay@umd.edu !

Talk to me about... Internships, Coursework



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Bio: I identify as a cis-gender Christian, Black woman. I am from the Kansas City, Missouri. I attended Baker University (BA), and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (MA). I currently work as a Project Coordinator at the Center for Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education (CDIHE). My research interest surrounds staff of color perceptions of campus racial climate, and the educational experiences of Black women. I am a fifth-year full-time doc student that has worked part-time and full-time. Feel free to contact me at dissassa@umd.edu, regarding research, graduate assistantships, working full-time, housing, and coursework.

Talk to me about... Working full time, coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Housing

STUDENT AFFAIRS CONCENTRATION



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Bio: I identify as a 1.5 generation Korean American, cis-gender, Christian woman from Central Texas. I went to Baylor University for undergrad where I studied business and am currently the GA for Club and Career Engagement at the Smith School of Business! I worked previously in-residence life and admissions, and my research interest is in the effects of Asian American film representation on AAPI college students' self-perception. Last summer, I did my summer apprenticeship and 1-credit practicum at Montgomery College. I also love puzzles, Marvel, reading, and advocating for therapy. Hit me up at gkim14@umd.edu!

Talk to me about... Internships, Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Socializing



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Bio: I identify as multiracial (Guatemalan and white), heterosexual, cisgender, temporarily able-bodied and able-minded, Christian, and come from a working class background. I'm originally from Lansing, Michigan and I got a bachelors in film at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. I started this program as a full-time masters student in 2021 but am now a part-time student after beginning a full-time role. I work as a Coordinator for Latinx Student Involvement in the Multicultural Involvement and Community Advocacy office in the Stamp Student Union, and my goals in student affairs are to create welcoming environments for students of color. You can talk to me about working full time and being a student, ask me about some of my favorite movies and tv shows, chat about what we're listening to right now, or anything else under the sun! Feel free to reach out to me at ajmul@umd.edu.

Talk to me about... Internships, Coursework

STUDENT AFFAIRS CONCENTRATION



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Bio: I identify as a queer, cisgender, Asian American, able-bodied woman. I was born and raised in California but did both my undergrad and masters at the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to coming to UMD, I worked in various student affairs roles. I currently serve as the graduate assistant for the Student Affairs Concentration and am in my third year in the doctoral program. My research focuses on cross-racial interactions & friendship groups and queer students of color.

Talk to me about... Research, Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Housing, Socializing



Jada DaMae Anderson (She/They)

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Bio: I identify as a biracial Black and white lesbian femme. Other salient identities I have include being a first-generation low-income (FGLI) college student and having a cognitive disability. I grew up in sunny Southern California in Riverside County raised by an amazing single mom. I studied Sociology, Education studies, and Theater production at UCLA from 2015-2019. As a working student I held many production jobs in TV & sports entertainment to help fund my studies. From 2019-2021, I worked as an Asst Resident Director and then Resident Director for UCLA's Res Life department. At UMD, I am a Graduate Advisor for Student Entertainment Events & a Graduate Team Manager for the ('06 National Champions & 2023 Top 10 ranked) Terps Women's Basketball program. My service dog, Wookers, & I live with two other people in my cohort in Hyattsville! Feel free to chat with me about working multiple jobs while doing the program, coming back to school after working full-time, first gen experiences, apartment hunting, and anything pop culture or sports-related! Reach me at jdamae@umd.edu.

Talk to me about... Internships, Graduate Assistantships, Housing

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY CONCENTRATION



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IEP, Master's

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Bio: Hey there! My name is Joey Haavik (he/him), and I identify as a white, cis, queer member of the Jewish community at the University of Maryland. Originally from the Baltimore area, I went to St. Mary's College of Maryland for my undergraduate education where I studied English Literature and French Language and Literature. This led to an interest in working in international development and international education, which brought me eventually to the IEP program. My research interests include global climate change education, disaster risk reduction, and internationalization in higher education policy. As a graduate assistant, I currently hold one GA as the president of the Graduate Student Government as well as a 10-hour overload in the Smith Business School serving diversity initiatives.

Talk to me about... Internships, Coursework, Graduate Assistantships, Housing, Socializing



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Talk to me about... Research, Internships, Coursework, Socializing

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY CONCENTRATION



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Bio: I identify as a Black, cisgender heterosexual, able-bodied woman. I'm from Flint, Michigan & am a graduate of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University where I studied Psychology and Student Affairs respectively. I am now located in Hyattsville, Maryland. Prior to starting my program in 2021, I was a faculty member in the United Arab Emirates for 3 years. I currently serve as a Graduate Assistant for the IEP program here at UMD. Additionally, at UMD, I hold an overload position as a Graduate Research Assistant with faculty members in the Higher Education program. During my time at UMD, I have participated in several study abroad programs. My research interests focus on raising critical questions around policy borrowing, globalization, and the privatization of higher education. Feel free to reach me at shywren@umd.edu.

Talk to me about... Research, Internships, Coursework, Socializing, Housing, Graduate Assistantships