

# Graduate College Rebel Ambassadors program

Congratulations to  
our incoming cohort  
2017-2018

# Janna Bernstein

Janna Bernstein is a doctoral student in the Department of Teaching and Learning, with an emphasis in Cultural Studies, International Education, and Multicultural Education (CSIEME). Born and raised in the suburbs of Los Angeles in the San Fernando Valley, Janna received her B.A. and M. Ed. from the University of Southern California. Janna's research interest is how religion and spirituality have an impact on college students' identity development. Additionally, Janna works on campus full-time as the Assistant Director of Leadership and Scholar Development within the Division of Student Affairs. As a lifelong learner, Janna is always looking for new ways to engage in professional development opportunities and is thrilled to continue her role as a Graduate Rebel Ambassador!

# Michael Biesiada



Michael Biesiada is a fourth-year Ph.D. student in the School of Public Policy and Leadership, supervised by Dr. Helen Neill. His area of interest investigates the impact of legislation on firm value. His dissertation research focuses on the impact of the Dodd-Frank Act on the Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) market.

# Bree Boppre

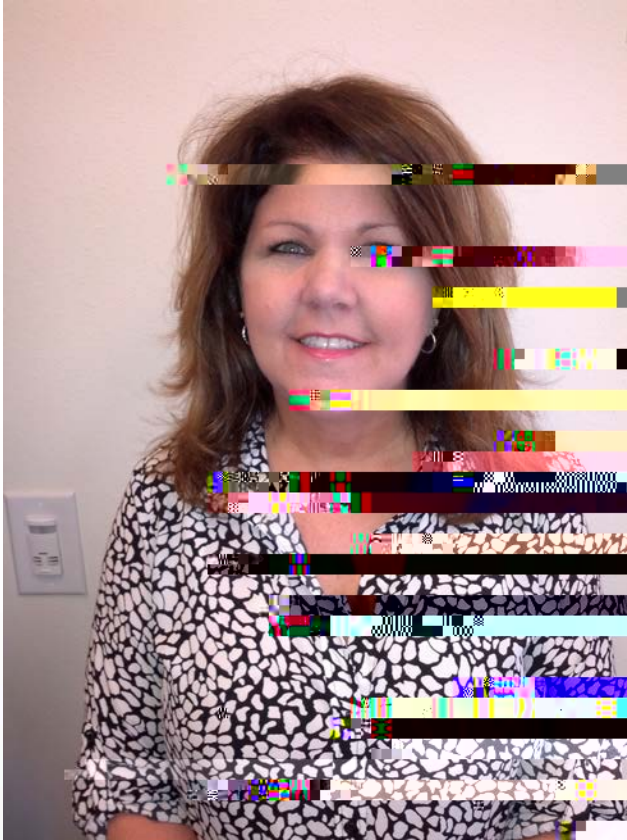
Bree is a doctoral candidate in Criminology and Criminal Justice under Dr. Emily Salisbury.

Her research and teaching involves correctional rehabilitation with a focus on gender and race. Her prior research has been published in





# Christine Haynes



Christine (Chris) Haynes is a second-year M.Ed. student in Higher Education. She is interested in how to best serve emerging student populations, including first-generation college students and returning learners, such as veterans and displaced workers. Chris serves as the graduate vice president for the university's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and is proud to serve as a Grad Rebel Ambassador.





# Erika Masaki

Erika Masaki is a PhD candidate in the Department of Political Science supervised by Dr. Jonathan Strand. She specializes in the study of regional and international cooperation on environmental issues, and is also interested in the study of political philosophy. She completed the Graduate College Teaching, Research, and Mentorship Certificates and has served as a Grad Rebel Ambassador for the past two years. She is looking forward to continuing the Ambassador program and engaging with members of the campus and Las Vegas community.

# Daniel Mast

Daniel Mast is a doctoral candidate in the Radiochemistry program and conducting research in the High Pressure Science and Engineering center. Daniel's work is focused on structural analysis of technetium containing systems under extreme conditions. Pressure and temperature are used to manipulate the atomic structure and chemical reactivity of materials. Systems of interest included technetium metal, dioxide and heptoxide as well as the related transition metal systems. This work has led to conducting experiments or internships at several DOE labs: ANL, LBNL, LLNL, INL, BNL, and ORNL. Daniel also provides service crystallography for UNLV researchers. He has participated in the Nuclear Fuel Cycle summer school as a Teaching Assistant, teaches at the biannual ANS Nuclear Science workshop and hope to pursue more teaching opportunities.