Welcome from Your Transfer Peer Counselor Coordinators

Welcome to Brown!

We are incredibly excited to meet you all! Before you arrive on campus take a moment to congratulate yourselves. Pat yourself on the back not solely for your acceptance, but also for your courageous decision to leave your former institution. Plenty of students recognize that their current college may no longer be the best fit, but few make the brave decision to seek something new. The hard part is over and you’ve made the right decision—trust us, we’ve been there too. So, welcome!

In this packet, you will find information about the transfer process, Brown, Orientation, and the Transfer Counselors’ bios. Although each of you will be assigned a specific counselor who will contact you prior to the beginning of term, feel free to reach out to any of the others who share interests with you. Talking to all the counselors is a great way to ease any concerns you may have about coming to Brown, and it will give you an idea about the diverse groups, clubs, activities, and concentrations offered on campus. Each counselor is eager to support you throughout your transition, so please reach out!

You will have the chance to meet all of the counselors face-to-face during Orientation. Transfer Orientation is an excellent way to learn about Brown, and it will be packed with information, social events, and advisement. Each program is designed to assist your assimilation into the community and foster your success at Brown. Participation will help provide you with the tools you will need to uncover all that Brown has to offer without getting overwhelmed. There are a LOT of ways to get involved, and many exciting opportunities on the horizon! Furthermore, you’ll have plenty of opportunities to meet and socialize with your transfer class. The transfer community is strong, close-knit, and highly involved on campus. We’re all looking out for each other, and you may find it comforting to know that hundreds of students began at other schools before finding their home here on College Hill.

As your Transfer Coordinators, we aim to make your transition to Brown as comfortable and seamless as possible. We thus encourage you to take advantage of every resource we can provide, from academic advising to social and emotional support. Keep a lookout for emails you receive that may include important dates and information, and check your Facebook for invites to groups and events. Please DO NOT hesitate to contact us before the semester begins to ask any questions, or simply to say hello—we can’t overemphasize how excited we are to meet you. Keep in mind: any excitement, apprehension, or confusion you’re feeling now has been felt before, and we’re here to help you through it. We can’t wait to hear from you!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Summer, Fran, and JD
Your Transfer Counselor Coordinators

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**HOMETOWN:** St. Petersburg, FL

**CLASS:** 2017

**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Boston College

**TRANSFERRED:** Sophomore (fall 2014)

**CONCENTRATION:** International Relations

**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** East Asian Studies, Hispanic Studies, A Cappella, World Language Study

**INTERESTS:** From an academic standpoint, I’m fascinated by the relationship between the United States and Japan, and would also like to delve into the sociopolitical ties between the latter country and China some time during my next few years at Brown. When not devoting my waking hours to the study of the Japanese language (happily so!), I enjoy illustrating a weekly comic in the Herald, writing a blog for The Bruin Club, singing with The Bear Necessities, winding down with a few (or twenty) episodes of Archer (and occasionally Fresh Off the Boat and Sherlock as well), and listening to music ranging anywhere from Fleet Foxes to Shostakovich.

**ABOUT ME:** Perhaps stemming from my cross-country moves as a kid (California –> Virginia –> Florida), I love traveling to new and exciting destinations! I had the chance to spend a few weeks in Japan a little over a year ago, and am hoping to study abroad there this next year. At the same time, the thought of one less semester at Brown is a bit depressing, as, albeit a bit trite to say, transferring here as afforded me the ability to study and do things that I wouldn’t have imagined even a year ago, such as going on a cross-country tour with my a cappella group. Anyways, feel free to contact me via Facebook, text, email, Tumblr, carrier pigeon, smoke signal, or soothsayer if you have any questions, and welcome to Brown!
Qiheng (Sergio) Chen

**HOMETOWN:** Beijing  
**CLASS:** 2017.5  
**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** University of Toronto  
**TRANSFERRED:** Sophomore, fall 2014  
**CONCENTRATION:** Computer Science and History  
**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** Brown Political Review, undergraduate research, funding programs (e.g. LINK, UTRA), Alpha Delta Phi, intramural sports, christian fellowship

**INTERESTS:** Academically, I am interested in computational linguistics, which leads me to do a research in optical character recognition of blurred historical documents. Beside computer science, I love reading about Tibetan politics and social culture under communist regime. Outside of classroom, I love debating about education privilege, and anything you may think of; I play various sorts of sports, including soccer, table tennis, badminton and pool.

**ABOUT ME:** I was born in Beijing and lived there until I finished high school. I spent freshman year at the University of Toronto, during which I visited Brown three times regardless of the forty-hour roundtrip by Greyhound. Also, you will find out I do not fit into the stereotype of Chinese raised up by tiger parents. I love being adventurous and always willing to try new things. My quirky stories range from ordering ten scoops of green tea ice cream in a Japanese buffet, to biking to the furthest end of the Versailles, to studying craft beer making. I love taro/rose boba tea; while on campus, you can always ask me out to SnowTea which serves the best boba tea on college hill. Before that, if you have any questions or just want to talk, do not hesitate to call, text, email, or Facebook me. Or WeChat me! That's a social app going virulent in China; you can try it too!
David Chy

HOMETOWN: Cranston, RI  
CLASS: 2015.5  
PREVIOUS SCHOOL: Community College of Rhode Island  
TRANSFERRED: Fall 2013  
CONCENTRATION: Political Science  
ALSO FAMILIAR WITH: Economics, BEO, and International Relations

INTERESTS: Academically, I am interested in international and comparative politics, particularly regarding contemporary affairs. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy running, hiking/camping, and watching Netflix (House of Cards and The Office).

ABOUT ME: As a native Rhode Islander, I can tell you a lot about life in Rhode Island outside College Hill. I transferred from community college and found, at Brown, the most open and welcoming community around. It offers freedom like nowhere else-if you want something, you can make it happen. Please do not hesitate to call, text, email, or Facebook me if you have any questions or if you just want to chat!
Gus Esselstyn

**HOMETOWN:** Higganum, CT  
**CLASS:** 2017  
**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Tufts University  
**TRANSFERRED:** Sophomore (Spring 2015)  
**CONCENTRATION:** English, non-fiction writing  
**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** Public policy, MCM, Ivy Film Festival (IFF), Post- Magazine, Brown Daily Herald (BDH), Brown Motion Pictures (BMP), and Brown Political Review (BPR).

**INTERESTS:** Academically, I’m fascinated by journalism, non-fiction writing, media studies, and literature. Outside of the classroom (and my room watching TV) I’m often watching more TV with friends (Veep, anyone?), speed-reading for Shakespeare class, slow-reading Vanity Fair, or “working out.”

**ABOUT ME:** Born in Cleveland and raised in Connecticut, I sincerely wish I could say I’m from San Francisco. In addition to traveling around eclectic places, I like hummus, HBO, and biking—preferably all at the same time if that were possible. I was raised vegan but I enjoy the occasional mozz stick, of which Brown has many. I have a terrible taste in music, but iTunes top 10 keeps me in line. I’m a homebody, but transferring to Brown has been one of my most exciting life decisions to date. It’s hard not to love the land of choices, and I hope to share my love of Brown with you! (And tell you all of my humiliating transfer stories!) Feel free to reach out to me via email, text, Facebook (snapchat?!) with any questions about the transfer process.
Veronica Fletcher

**HOMETOWN:** Concord, CA  
**CLASS:** 2017  
**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** George Washington University  
**TRANSFERRED:** Sophomore (Spring 2015)  
**CONCENTRATION:** Psychology (AB) & Hispanic Studies  
**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** Anthropology, study abroad, student employment, Inspiring Minds

**INTERESTS:** Academically, my main interests are cognitive and social psychology, social justice issues, and all things Latin America. Outside of class, you can find me grooving in the dance studio, smuggling hot sauce into the Ratty, and wearing flip flops in inappropriate settings. Other hobbies include tea, swimming, writing, and re-watching Netflix favorites. (The Office, Freaks and Geeks, and Arrested Development are all fair game!)

**ABOUT ME:** Raised in and around Oakland, California, I love the Golden State and its 70-degree winters, but Providence is slowly stealing my heart. I transferred to Brown from George Washington University after spending four ridiculously fun months abroad in Granada, Spain. The entire process of transferring (while completely overwhelming at first) has honestly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, and I can’t wait to share it with all of you! Feel free to reach out via text, email, Facebook, Snapchat, etc. if you have any questions, or if you just want to say hi!
Sarah Fracasso Francis

**CLASS:** 2017  
**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Colby College  
**CONCENTRATION:** Psychology  
**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** Pre-Med Track, Education Studies Department, the Swearer Center, Health Leads, Swing Club, Social Action House, study abroad, BOC (Brown's Outing Club), MET Life Family Literacy

**INTERESTS:** Academically, I am interested in developmental psychology. Outside of the classroom, you can find me hiking, reading, eating too much peanut butter and chocolate (preferably together), and trying to motivate myself to go to the gym.

**ABOUT ME:** I was born in St. Louis, MO, grew up in Charlottesville, VA, lived briefly in Princeton, NJ, but my family currently lives in New Hope, PA. I like to tell people that, including colleges and study abroad (I went to Granada Fall 2014 which was AWESOME), I have lived in 6 different states and 2 countries. However, nothing has compared to Providence! After spending an amazing 4 months abroad, I was incredibly nervous to transfer to Brown, but the experience couldn’t have been better. It was one of the best decisions of my life, and I can’t wait for all of you to experience how amazing Brown is! Please feel free to contact me if you have ANY concerns, questions, thoughts, or ideas about what transferring is like. I can’t wait to meet all of you!
Phoebe Gallo

HOMETOWN: Sudbury, MA
CLASS: 2017
PREVIOUS SCHOOL: Colorado College
TRANSFERRED: Spring 2015
CONCENTRATION: Modern Culture and Media
ALSO FAMILIAR WITH: FemSex, Brown Folk Festival, Clerestory Journal of the Arts

Hi all! Funnily enough, I originally transferred to Brown for International Relations, and then fell in love with the MCM program here. Academically, I am enrolled in the MCM production track with a focus on digital media. Outside of the classroom, I am obsessed with FemSex (a twice-weekly discussion group about identity, gender, sexuality, body image... basically anything you can think about) and the Brown Folk Festival! You can normally find me lurking in Starbucks or exploring different chai options across Providence. I love food, so please come find me whenever you might be hungry - chances are, I’ll clear my schedule for a snack or a meal. Before transferring to Brown in the spring of 2015, I took a semester off to travel around Myanmar and Thailand, and before then spent a semester studying Peace and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East in DC. I am so, so, SO glad I made the move to Brown, and would love to tell you about how to integrate my other experiences into my time here, especially as a mid-year transfer! Please call, text, email, Facebook, send along a carrier pigeon if you have any questions, want to grab coffee, or want a Netflix buddy!
Meg Gonsalves

**HOMETOWN:** Carver, MA  
**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** George Washington University  
**TRANSFERRED:** Sophomore (Spring 2015)  
**CONCENTRATION:** Cognitive Neuroscience  
**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** Pre-Medicine Track, Neuroscience, Active Minds, RISD, research, Psychology, hospital work, histology, BioMed Center Lab Work

**INTERESTS:** I am concentrating in Cognitive Neuroscience to learn about the underlying cognitive and biological mechanisms of the brain and apply it to the understanding and treatment of mental illness. I am lucky because I get to explore my love for the mind inside and outside of the classroom. I am a research assistant at Bradley Hospital studying suicidality and childhood psychopathology. When I am not at Bradley, I am playing with paintbrushes and rat brains in the BioMed Center as a histologist in the Burwell Laboratory. Aside from all the brain-related stuff, I love embracing Mother Nature. You'll find me hiking in the White Mountains, climbing apple trees, and rolling around in the mud while spelunking. I am also enjoy running and am training for my first half-marathon (yikes). I also can’t forget to mention that I enjoy I binge watching Arrested Development (not the fourth season, don't hate), painting scenes from Harry Potter with acrylics, eating Chipotle, avidly reading John Irving novels to embrace my inner New Englander, and singing and dancing to indie music when no one is looking.

**ABOUT ME:** I am from Carver (aka Cranberry Bog Land), or as some like to call it, the town next to Plymouth. As a self-proclaimed Renaissance woman, I embrace art and science. Having transferred to Brown in the spring of 2015, I completely understand the anxieties, stress, and confusion of coming to a new school (especially mid-year). If you need advice with adjusting to life at Brown I will help you to the best of my ability. I am happy to say that transferring to Brown was the greatest thing that ever happened to me. My time here has truly helped me to discover who I am socially, academically, and as a person. Feel free to reach out through Facebook, email, text, etc. I would love to get lunch and chat!
**John Macdonal**

**HOMETOWN:** West Hartford, CT  
**CLASS:** 2017  
**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Colby College  
**CONCENTRATION:** Economics  
**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** Business, Entrepreneurship, and Organizations Centration; Environmental Studies Concentration; and Brown Investment Group (BIG).

Academically, I am interested in looking at the overlap and opposition between capitalist growth models and environmentalism. Outside of the academic world, I love being outdoors. Born and raised in Connecticut, I spend the warm months of my life longboarding, slack-lining, sailing, and generally being outside. During the colder months of the year (when I’m not studying), I am most likely snowboarding in the icy mountains of Vermont.

Prior to arriving at Brown in the spring of 2015, I studied abroad at the University of Edinburgh. While there, I found the time to travel throughout Europe, making my abroad experience a truly memorable one. Though I miss Scotland (and traveling), my time at Brown has been absolutely amazing and I am incredibly happy with my decision to transfer. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions at all. I can’t wait to welcome you all into the Brown community.
Eileen Maysek

**HOMETOWN:** New York, NY  
**CLASS:** 2017  
**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Villanova University  
**TRANSFERRED:** Sophomore (second semester) (Spring 2015)  
**CONCENTRATION:** Biomedical Engineering  
**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** Economics, Brown Biotech Investment Group, Intercollegiate Finance Journal

**INTERESTS:** Academically, I have a passion for Biomedical Engineering and Finance. I am fascinated as to how technological innovations can improve the quality and efficiency of healthcare, patient treatment, outcome and cost. I coordinate professional and academic outreach for the Biotech Investment Group, write for the Intercollegiate Finance Journal and am involved in the Brown Investment Group.

Outside class you can find me attending as many campus activities and lectures as possible, exploring providence with friends, trying to find my next favorite questionably-Indie rock group, or contemplating a blue room muffin (the answer is always yes!). In season, I love routing for Bruno at the hockey games, failing at March-Madness brackets, and cheering on my hometown Yankees!! (sorry all you Bostonians).

**ABOUT ME:** A native New Yorker, I am equally passionate about my city as I am about the vast array of cultures that populate it. I love being a tourist in my home whether it is New York or Providence, and hunting out the best sights and great food! I am an avid athlete and fan of the arts. I rowed crew for my previous school, and spent my high school career in a pre-professional ballet program. I also love theater and fine arts, though I am an observer-only participant in these activities! As spring transfer from 2015, I am recently familiar with the transfer process and would be more than happy to answer any of the questions you may have about the process!
JD Nathanson

**HOMETOWN:** Providence, RI  
**CLASS:** 2016  
**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Georgetown University  
**TRANSFERRED:** Sophomore (fall 2013)  
**CONCENTRATION:** Comparative Literature and Visual Art Also  
**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** Brown Motion Pictures, Blog Daily Herald, RISD, undergraduate TA position

**INTERESTS:** Academically, my interests are geared towards the arts and the humanities, but outside the classroom, I’m just as excited talking about who flipped a table on last nights “Real Housewives” as I am about my favorite García Lorca poem. When I’m not in class, I’m usually in the List Art Center working on a painting, or in Blue State reading for class (taking Buzzfeed quizzes). Born and raised Providence, I’m your friendly neighborhood townie! I know the city like the back of my hand, and love showing people around. When you want to get out of the Brown bubble, I’m your guy. College Hill is an extremely vibrant little neighborhood, and there is always always always something going on in the greater Providence area. I transferred to Brown after my freshman year and can honestly say that it has been an incredible experience. I left Georgetown primarily because I was looking for a more creative environment, and I certainly have found that here. Brown is a community of thinkers and doers, and it’s a community that I am proud be a part of -- as I’m sure you will be too! I can always find time to get a coffee and chat, so if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to talk about life at Brown, don’t hesitate to send me an email, text, or Facebook message!
Cameron Osborn

HOMETOWN: Austin, TX
PREVIOUS SCHOOL: The University of Southern California
TRANSFERRED: Sophomore, Spring 2015
CONCENTRATION: Urban Studies but also familiar with Health and Human Biology

INTERESTS: Academically, I’m interested in the relationship the built environment has with human health. But I like Urban Studies because you get to sample all the social sciences without going so deep into any one. It’s very multidisciplinary. Otherwise, I play lots and lots of guitar. I was a music major before transferring from USC and am glad to have found a supportive and vibrant music scene here. My favorite band is Spoon. I also do Brown GAMMA (grappling and mixed martial arts). I guess you could say I discovered my inner athlete pretty late, because it sure wasn’t around in high school. Being a news intern for WBRU has also been very fun.

ABOUT ME: Austin, TX is my favorite city in America. I spent last fall traveling in Nepal and Tibet. I saw Everest base camp and rode an elephant! And meditated with monks. It was incredible. I was nervous about transferring, especially mid-year, because I felt like I’d always be playing catch up to everyone else who’d already made friends, become deeply involved, and found academic direction. Really, that’s just not how it happened. Transferring is the best decision I’ve made in a long time. Please call, text, email, or Facebook me. I would love to talk with you about anything!
Vhalla Otarod

**HOMETOWN:** Scranton, PA

**CLASS:** 2016.5

**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** University of Scranton

**TRANSFERRED:** Sophomore (fall 2013)

**CONCENTRATION:** English, Nonfiction Writing

**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** German, literary publications, Women in Business, English Department Undergraduate Group

**INTERESTS:** I am interested in healthcare, as well as both fiction and nonfiction writing. I love most television drama series and am still emotionally recovering from the last episode of Sons of Anarchy. Although I unapologetically listen to Kanye, Lana Del Rey and 80s hair metal that your dad probably likes, I enjoy Mozart’s Queen of the Night Aria so much that I can screech the high-notes part for, like, five minutes more than anyone wanted to hear it.

**ABOUT ME:** I was born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania--yes, the place from The Office!--and transferred to Brown from the University of Scranton in the fall of 2013. As an English concentrator, I am very involved in the English Department Undergraduate Group and Clerestory Journal of the Arts. I love the transfer community here at Brown and am so glad I made the decision to transfer. Please feel free to get in touch by calling, texting, emailing, Facebook messaging, or shouting at me from across the Main Green/Ratty/Faunce. I would be happy to any answer questions or just talk about whatever is on your mind!
Remy Ravitzka

**HOMETOWN:** Brooklyn, New York  
**TRANSFERRED FROM:** Union College  
**CONCENTRATION:** Philosophy  
**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** Pre-med track, public health, political science, the RIUDL (Rhode Island Urban Debate League), WBRU and BSR radio stations, Writing Fellows, LINK grants, FemSex, and Varsity Crew

**ABOUT ME:** Academically, I focus in moral philosophy and bioethics, and I have a passion for political discussion and debate. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy apple picking, sunflowers, any and all types of cheese (except blue), binge-watching House of Cards, lifting and rowing, big comfy sweaters, working with my hands, walking around barefoot, and (ironically) owning about 40 pairs of shoes. I grew up in New York but spent summers at my house in rural Vermont. Consequently, my interests are rather dichotomous, and range from summer concerts in Central Park to snow-covered bridges and petting farm animals. I was a high school and collegiate debater for six years, so I love talking about any and all things (from controversial social issues to my favorite Ben & Jerry’s flavor). Having transferred to Brown as a Spring semester junior, I am more than familiar with many of the questions and concerns that arise when beginning an entirely new chapter in the middle of one’s college experience. I transferred at the last possible opportunity and had many of my own apprehensions about starting anew while simultaneously being halfway done. However, I can assure that you’ve made the right decision! I am more than happy to discuss any questions you may have, so please do not hesitate to text or email me! You will be shocked by the speed at which I respond.
Jack Rice

**HOMETOWN:** Newton, MA  
**CLASS:** 2017  
**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Emory University  
**TRANSFERRED:** Sophomore (spring 2015)  
**CONCENTRATION:** Applied Mathematics-Economics  
**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** Business, Internships/CareerLab, Club and intramural sports.

**INTERESTS:** Academically, I love economics and am interested in finance or consulting. Outside of the classroom, I love sports, playing and watching. I am on the club tennis team and play every intramural sport possible (basketball, soccer, flag football, etc.). I also love card and board games.

**ABOUT ME:** I lived my whole life in the suburbs of Boston. Growing up with two older brothers and a dad who were all sports crazy, it was forced upon me. Fortunately, I loved it. I am very familiar with the transfer process, and I promise it is not as scary as it seems, I remained at Emory the fall before I transferred and built some incredibly close friends, so I know how tough it can be to leave everything behind. Still, transferring to Brown was one of the best decisions of my life, and I could not be more excited for the future.
Rose Thomas

**Hometown:** Houma, LA  
**Class:** 2016  
**Previous School:** New York University  
**Transferred:** Junior (fall 2014)  
**Concentration:** Applied Mathematics-Economics (maybe just Mathematics)  
**Also Familiar With:** Dance classes, dance groups on campus, undergraduate graders for the mathematics department

**Interests:** For academics, I really like math and problem solving in general. I also have done a fair amount of economics and enjoyed some but not all aspects. I am thinking about Law School or Financial Engineering after my undergrad. I also find computer science very interesting, but I have only a little experience in it. Outside of school, I dance more than I sleep, study, or eat. I am in Fusion Dance Company and Extension Dance Company, and I really love taking classes both here at school, and in the city. I am a Rockette-hopeful and have auditioned for them a couple times and hope to continue to do so! I love painting and drawing, watching LSU football games and chick-flicks, going to the Nelson, listening and singing to Mumford & Sons and Ed Sheeran, and obsessing over Daniel Radcliffe and Roger Federer.

**About Me:** I was born in Dallas, TX, but lived in south Louisiana my entire life. I do have some experience with Texas from hurricane evacuations and with New York from NYU. I have never studied abroad but wish I could have. Transferring to Brown is quite possibly the best and smartest decision I have ever made in my life. I am pursuing my interest in really anything that peaks it, but right now I am focusing more on math and maybe law but always with an extra focus on dance. I love talking, so please call, text, email, or Facebook me for any and all questions or just to say hi!
Summerset Thompson

ABOUT ME: First off, let me say how happy I am to welcome you all to Brown! I grew up in San Diego and transferred from USC in Los Angeles, and I can honestly say it was the best and most rewarding decision (despite these painful winters). In my free time, I love to do yoga, drink tea, read, and relax with friends. I transferred into Brown in the spring of 2014, but I studied abroad through Brown’s mid-year transfer program in Granada, Spain before arriving on campus. I had an incredible experience and would love to answer any questions about the program or talk to anyone who may be feeling nervous about being a mid-year transfer. I’m concentrating in History, but I have researched and entertained nearly every concentration in the book, so I can be of assistance to anyone who still feels unsure about what they would like to study here. Feel free to reach out at anytime and add me on Facebook. I would love to meet all of you and talk about transferring, Brown, or life in general!
Diane Turner

**HOMETOWN:** Ridgefield, CT

**CLASS:** 2016

**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** University of Georgia

**TRANSFERRED:** Sophomore (fall 2012)

**CONCENTRATION:** Sociology

**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** English Nonfiction Track (somewhat!)

**INTERESTS:** Academically, I am interested in the influence of social interactions on individuals. I find that the sociological perspective can be meaningfully applied to psychology, so while I am a sociology concentrator, I have taken numerous classes in the psychology department and ultimately hope to earn a PhD in Clinical Psychology. Outside of class, I enjoy writing, pole dancing (talk to me about auditioning for the Brown University Poler Bears!), collaging, finding any way possible to avoid cooking, making killer party playlists, and performing the raps of Nicki Minaj’s various personalities.

**ABOUT ME:** I was born in Florida, but have lived in Connecticut for most of my life. The summer after my sophomore year I interned in Oregon and came to love the city of Portland (and its incredible breweries)! My greatest strengths include making a mean cappuccino and reciting entire scenes from The Office. As for my greatest weakness, I was terrible (really, terrible) at selling Girl Scout Cookies.

Transferring to Brown has been one of the best decisions of my life, and I cannot wait to share my passion for Brown with all of you! Please don’t hesitate to contact me by phone, text, email, Facebook, telegraph, carrier pigeon, or telepathy! I love answering questions from incoming students, or just chatting and getting to know new people. If you are curious about activities at Brown, academic life, social life, life in general, or pole dancing, hit me up and I will do my best to answer questions or connect you with someone who can.

I can’t wait to hear from you!
Fran Whitehead

**HOMETOWN:** Hong Kong  
**PREVIOUS COLLEGE:** Oxford University  
**TRANSFERRED:** Sophomore (Fall 2013)  
**CONCENTRATION:** Economics  
**ALSO FAMILIAR WITH:** Pre-law/ law in UK, Applied mathematics, Writing centre, College Sports, East Asian Studies, Swearer Center, Intercollegiate Finance Journal

I grew up in Hong Kong then went to a boarding school in England before switching to Brown, which has made for a remarkable mix of interests. Academically, I am interested in the economic development of China but in particular how the role of women and the environment will grow within this developing economic giant. I enjoy a huge hobbies ranging from piano and ballet to camping, sailing and skiing. I like to keep myself busy and will try almost anything at least once (including weird food). I love to travel and am always saving up for the next big adventure, and coming to Brown was just that. Before transferring to Brown I had never stepped foot onto US soil, so this has been one amazing plunge into the unknown. But I have loved every second of it and know it was the best decision I ever made. I have many other crazy stories to tell from my escapades such as when I got altitude sickness near the summit of Mount Blanc, or seeing a tiger shark in the Great Barrier Reef (terrifying), or singing in St Mark’s Basilica with a choir, or being attacked by swans whilst canoeing down the Thames etc. I like exchanging all types of stories so feel free to contact me whenever to chat or ask any questions!