Meet your Modern Culture & Media DUG Leaders!

Nina Goetzen
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Hi I’m Nina! I’m a senior in MCM focusing in digital media. I’m doing production but I’m writing a theory thesis on memes. My academic (and personal) interests lie in the internet – social networks, cyberculture, all that fun stuff!! I’m from San Diego, California but have not left Providence for more than a month since arriving in freshman year because I love it here so much <3. Talk to me if you are not a film person & want some advice on how to make the very film-oriented mcm department work for you!

Keri Brooks
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Hi there! I’m a second-semester senior studying Modern Culture and Media on Track 2 Production. I’ve spent most of my time in Providence bouncing between the Visual Arts department, engineering, and MCM, exploring new ways to engage with critical race theory through digital visual art. For my young life I’ve moved to a new home every 2-3 years, but now my family is settled in the southern DMV area of Virginia. You can spot me supervising for BuDS at a cart on campus, taking on some new adventure in List, or bopping to Brockhampton in public places. Hit me up to chat America’s racial struggle, student employment, hip hop as academic text, and/or photography!

Eli Neuman-Hammond
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Hello! I am a senior at Brown, concentrating in Modern Culture and Media. I focus on sound within the department, especially electroacoustic composition and field recordings, and recent scholarship in sound studies. I’m from north of Boston MA, and I like to surf when there are waves in Rhode Island. For my undergraduate thesis I’m working on a project about cars. You could ask me about making use of technical resources at Brown, taking time off from school, bikes, etc..

Meredith Morran
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Hello! I’m a Track 2 senior in MCM. My focus in the concentration has been on documentary filmmaking. I’ve spent most of my time filming in the RI Adult Correctional Institute and in a small retirement home in rural Texas. I’ve also worked on short narrative film productions with student groups on campus. In addition to MCM, I take courses in the Lit Arts department and in the Photo department at RISD. I’m from Austin, TX, where the county I live in is approx. the same size as RI (and there are over 200 counties in TX)!! You can come chat with me about cinematography, walking up and down college hill 20x to register for that RISD course you’re interested in, making twitter bots, etc.

Josh Wartel
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My name is Josh Wartel and I am senior who concentrates in MCM Track 1 (theory), and English Literature. I am from Virginia and am very tired of the weather in Providence. I am writing my Honors Thesis on Elena Ferrante’s novels and the French philosopher Jacques Derrida. I would love to answer any questions you have about film theory and philosophy in MCM!

Elizabeth Falkenberg
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I’m a senior Track 1 Theory student in Modern Culture and Media. Academically, I focus on film theory and am writing a senior thesis on Indigenous filmmaking in the U.S. Outside of the classroom, I have produced, directed, and worked in the art department in student-produced short films and a student-produced feature film. I’ve lived a bit all over the country but now call Newport, California home. You can ask me about producing your own short films, finding film industry internships, and working on a theory track thesis. I’m also the department Meik, so I’m trained to can help you with selecting MCM classes too. Always happy to help!