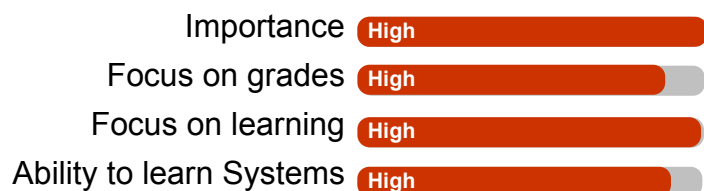


Diana Franklin | TA | PHD Candidate

“Help! My students are zombies; walls are more interactive.”



ABOUT EDUCATION:



ABOUT MOTIVATION:



DIANA’S STORY

Diana grew up on the east coast near NYC, and really likes the pace and people of Michigan. She’s an only child, and is on better terms with her mother than her father, who are separated. She lives in a quiet apartment complex that seems to attract serious students. She’s not hurting for money, but still needs to watch her spending because she doesn’t like debt or asking for help.

Math is beautiful to Diana. If you remember the scene in the The Matrix where the 0’s and 1’s are flowing across the monitors, and the observer is calling out shapes and people, that’s Diana. She sees patterns and discussion where most people see too many numbers and a lot of work. She’s going into academia without question, and hopes to have a nice mix of research and teaching because she likes them both.

Her freshman year of high school she didn’t make the “real” basketball team, and rode the pine there for most of the year. It wasn’t because she was good at taking stats either. She practiced. By the time she was a senior, she started on the “real” team.

Diana walks to school, not because reducing her carbon footprint will have any statistical bearing on world pollution, but simply because she likes the walk and doesn’t need a car at this point in her life.

DIANA’S GOALS:

- Wants to demonstrate to her advisor and the other professors in the department that her students have learned a lot from her
- Wants to help others learn who want to learn
- Network with and build relationships with people in her discipline
- Discover some new knowledge that helps people, and that gives her recognition from her peers

DIANA’S ATTITUDE:

- Students don’t seem to care as much as I do about the material and my ability to help
- Adaptable: willing to try different solutions
- Will do just about anything to help people learn more about the material she likes
- Competitive; wants to be the best in what she does whatever it is
- Confident in her knowledge, but not arrogant.



DIANA’S Favorite “Design” Books: Anything by E. Tufte

Frequents these websites:

Google (Gmail, Docs, etc), University statistics pages, and statistics forums

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Gender: Female

School: Umich - SI

Marital Status: Not Married