

Manifesto: Graduate representative MML, 2018/2019



I am Victoria, an MPhil in TAL with a special interest in French linguistics at Peterhouse, and I would love to be your graduate representative for the coming academic year. Over the years at university, I have seen three university systems in three countries and at four universities. I have been at both sides of the table, as a Teaching Assistant at Oxford and as an undergraduate and graduate student at several universities. Although new to Cambridge, I am not new to the system of a collegiate university and to all the problems that crop up over the course of the academic year, be they administrative, social or personal in nature. When I first came to Oxford to do

my PhD there (three years ago), they told me that it was a place that would make me achieve things I would never have thought I could ever achieve. And I am certain that the same is true of Cambridge. Therefore, I would like to help you make the most of this academic year at Cambridge and at the MML faculty in particular by representing you in front of the faculty.

My main objectives are to make this academic year a successful one for all of us, to ensure that the flow of information is working and to ensure that communication between us graduates and the faculty members is good, effective and efficient. Particularly during one-year MPhils a lot of things have to be resolved immediately or almost immediately because we literally do not have the time to wait for lengthy procedures to run their course. I would like to help make sure that this is the case. Yet knowing the perspective of both teachers and students, I also know how important it often is to really communicate effectively. So many problems can be resolved by talking them through. Moreover, and in the same vein, Cambridge offers an immense range of opportunities and at first, one can be overwhelmed by that. I would like to make sure that everyone is aware of the opportunities that are open to them and really makes the most of this coming academic year.

Since lengthy manifestos are a pain to read and since the most important aspects are mentioned by now, at least I think so, I will stop here. Cambridge is ours for the next academic year. Let's make the most of it or, to quote my college's description of the Cambridge experience, let's evolve, grow and take wing!