

Hello everyone

My name is Misha Poklad (he/his/him). Born in Ukraine, I have been moving a lot throughout my life. Some places that I can call home include Kyiv, Hong Kong, and Vermont. For the next year, I will be calling the Buckingham my home, as I will be one of the RAs here.

At SAIC I study visual communication design, which explains my passion for typography, letterform design, bookmaking, and digital illustration. I believe that visual communication design is an intersection that can tie various art forms together. Therefore, in my artistic practice, I always try to embrace the eclectic. I particularly enjoy toying with combining two-dimensional and three-dimensional modes of representation, various media, and style conventions. Coming to SAIC has undoubtedly expanded my artistic vision through interaction with other interdisciplinary artists, a strong theoretical framework, and close connections with highly-skilled and experienced professors.

As an RA, my main priority is creating and maintaining a sense of safety and openness among the residents. I mentioned that I will be calling the Buck my home, and the home should be a safe space. Thus, I will try my best to make you feel at home by cultivating active listening, mutual care, and respect. During your artistic career and personal journey at SAIC, you will branch out to various academic departments, social or sports clubs, numerous organizations, and exhibition initiatives, therefore, my intention is to make sure that you have a safe base to share your success stories, ask hard questions, re-energize, and dive back into the vibrant stream of your SAIC life.

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See you soon!