

## Student Profile

### Evita Bakopoulou – Networked Systems PhD Program



#### Your Time at UCI

What made you decide to pursue a graduate degree?

*When I found myself being interested in research, I decided to continue my studies towards a PhD degree. It is very exciting to me to work on new ideas and collaborate with other researchers in order to contribute to the scientific community.*

Why did you choose to come to UCI?

*UCI is a research university with strong faculty from various research areas that gives many opportunities to its students. The main reason I chose UCI is because it was an excellent research fit with my advisor, Prof. Markopoulou. Moreover, Networked Systems is an interdisciplinary graduate program between CS and EECS departments that allows me to take different courses from various areas of Computer Science and expand my knowledge in different directions.*

If you are conducting research, how would you explain your research and its significance to your grandparent?

*My research focuses on mobile devices to protect user privacy. Users are not fully aware of the dangers when their private information is shared with the apps they use. This is why it is intrinsic to protect user information from being exposed to undesired destinations.*

What are your hobbies/passions outside of research?

*I love traveling to discover new destinations and their cultures, when times allows. I am running 5K or practice yoga/acro-yoga to destress after a long day. I also love cats and painting!*

#### Reflections

What is your most memorable moment/experience at UCI to date?

*One of the most memorable experience was meeting Vint Cerf, the father of the Internet, in a round-table discussion after his talk at the Networked Systems Seminar. It was very inspiring to talk to someone who designed the TCP/IP protocol and ask him questions about the future of the Internet.*

#### Career

How do you hope to make a difference?

*I hope to make people's life a bit better with the outcome of my research and hopefully to encourage more women to join the field of Computer Science.*