

**LISA FOWLER | JAMAICA, 2015**

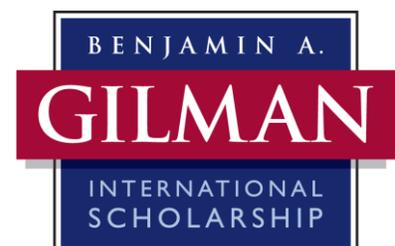
- Social Work at Durham Technical Community College
- Volunteered at the Jamaica Association for the Deaf as a teacher's assistant
- Promoted study abroad at her community college through a scrapbook and information session



During her time abroad in Kingston, Jamaica, Lisa volunteered at the Jamaica Association for the Deaf, a non-profit that oversees the five deaf schools on the island, as a teacher's assistant. She lived with a host family while abroad and not only got to know the Jamaican culture, but also more specifically the deaf culture in Jamaica. She was able to draw comparisons to Jamaican and American deaf cultures based on her experiences as a deaf woman and working with deaf children in Jamaica.

When she returned, Lisa prepared a scrapbook with notes about her experiences in Jamaica. This scrapbook resides in the Center for the Global Learner where it serves as a resource to encourage other students to study abroad and inform them of the Gilman Scholarship. She also created posters to promote an information session about study abroad, which were displayed in her campus's library. During this information session, she shared her experience with applying to the Gilman Scholarship and her time abroad in Jamaica.

“This experience  
broaden[ed] my horizon[s]  
to explore the issues of  
social inequalities related  
to the Deaf people in their  
own home countries.”



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