Cristine notes that her time abroad with the Gilman Scholarship helped her adapt to an unfamiliar environment and gain intercultural communication skills. Getting to know people from different cultural backgrounds has helped her serve people from multicultural backgrounds in the immigration field. These skills also help her successfully work with her colleagues to create a positive and productive workplace.

As a Gilman Alumni, Cristine has been able to leverage the noncompetitive eligibility offered to her under Executive Order 13750. Working in immigration gives her the opportunity to use the valuable knowledge and skills gained abroad to provide immigration services to society.

“The Gilman Scholarship Program shaped my intercultural communication and adaptability skills, necessary in my career in the immigration field.”

- Used noncompetitive eligibility to gain employment as an Immigration Services Assistant for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Gained foreign language skills abroad that are used in her job in immigration services
- Encourages other Gilman alumni to leverage their noncompetitive eligibility benefit