

# David Rader

*Skills gained in South Africa support career in finance*

South Africa, 2011



*“I became much better at understanding and working with people from different backgrounds and viewpoints and that has made me a much better communicator, helping me both professionally and personally.”*

Gilman Alumnus David Rader credits the Gilman Scholarship with granting him exposure to a whole new part of the world he would not have had access to otherwise, inspiring him to pursue continued higher education in order to make meaningful contributions to the world. Since returning from his Gilman Program, David attended law school at Michigan State University before working as an Investment Manager at the Pentagon and then as Vice President of Corporate and Investment Banking at JP Morgan. He now works at EY, advising the government on global economic trends as well as mergers and acquisitions.

After finishing his Gilman experience abroad, David began coaching youth and college rugby. He recognized students are the next generation of leaders and wanted to help strengthen them as both students and athletes using lessons he learned from other leaders.

David is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Finance at Johns Hopkins University and hopes to pursue a career with the government after graduation.

- ★ Studied Political Science in South Africa as a Gilman Scholar
- ★ Received JD at Michigan State University
- ★ Currently in Master of Science in Finance program at Johns Hopkins University
- ★ Has worked at RAND Corporation, Pentagon, and J.P. Morgan.



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# Dennis Schneider

*From Gilman scholar to Fortune 500 employee*

Netherlands, 2017



***“Living and studying abroad helps develop skills that are crucial to professional development.”***

Dennis considers himself fortunate to have obtained cross-disciplinary studies during his undergraduate studies in business and engineering. While having managerial and professional work experience is very important, he believes that living and studying abroad helps develop crucial professional skills such as networking, understanding complexities of diversity in the workforce, self-advocacy, and setting priorities. Another skill Dennis is happy to have practiced while abroad is working in challenging and fast-paced environments. Learning to change the way you proceed through day-to-day life is very challenging, but it allows you to learn to adapt and succeed. Dennis believes that studying abroad enabled him to obtain his dream job as a global material planner for a fortune 500 company shortly after graduation. Though the world is very large, it is becoming very connected through globalization. For young professionals, it is very advantageous to embrace the challenge of learning to work with individuals much different from themselves. Studying abroad presents ambitious individuals an incredible amount of opportunity to grow, and Dennis would highly recommend embracing the journey.

- ★ Studied Industrial and Entrepreneurial Engineering with International Business Skills
- ★ Studied in Utrecht, Netherlands for six months
- ★ Volunteered with Reach the World and the Erasmus Student Network
- ★ Current Global Material Planner based in Michigan



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# Kelli Barr

*Finding a passion to work with others through international education*

Ireland, 2018



***“What impacted my study abroad experience the most was learning to respect other peoples’ choices regardless of my own personal opinion.”***

While studying abroad, Kelli Barr learned to respect individuals and their choices on a deeper level regardless of her opinion. Living in Ireland, Kelli learned the value of people to people relationships and made the most out of her time by planning ahead, visiting other areas of Ireland, and even volunteering at a horse farm.

Upon her return, she was offered a job working as the Orientation Assistant for the Community College Initiative program (CCI) at Scottsdale Community College in Scottsdale, Arizona. CCI is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by Northern Virginia Community College on behalf of the Community College Consortium. She worked with students from ten different countries around the world and helped orient them to the United States during a five-week orientation process. She then accepted a job as a part-time Administrative Assistant in the Center for Civic and Global Engagement at SCC. Kelli helps assist in special events on campus, creates displays, performs clerical duties, and supports the international students while encouraging Americans to study abroad any chance she gets.

- ★ Studied in Athlone, Ireland for four weeks
- ★ Increased intercultural communication skills and global awareness while abroad
- ★ Pursuing a career in International Education
- ★ Completed a Culinary Certificate in Commercial Bakery & Pastry Arts at Scottsdale Community College; currently pursuing a Business Certificate at Mesa Community College



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# Naledi Nyahuma

## *Gilman Alumna Continues to Support Community Through Career and Volunteer Work*

United Kingdom, 2004



***“I often give back to my community by speaking to high school and college students and try to emphasize the importance of travel to all young people.”***

As an economics major, Naledi was able to study international economics in London with the Gilman Scholarship in 2004. After graduating from Spelman College in 2006, she worked for IBM in corporate finance in New York for three years before returning to school to obtain an MBA in entertainment marketing at the University of Southern California.

In London, Naledi learned how to perform in various corporate environments and gained a greater understanding of people from different backgrounds around the world. She employs this knowledge in her current role as the director of the Careers in Entertainment Tour, an initiative of the Will and Jada Smith Family Foundation to give young people from underserved backgrounds a guide to working in the entertainment industry.

Naledi enjoys giving back to her community by speaking to high school and college students about her journey in education, as well as her journey abroad, and cultivating relationships with mentees.

- ★ Tour Director at The Will and Jada Smith Family Foundation
- ★ Received MBA in Entertainment Marketing at USC
- ★ Passionate about supporting young people and education in the black community



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# Stephan Brown

*Skills gained abroad lead to social media career*

Cyprus, 2015



***“Gilman gave me the opportunity to expand my world views, travel to other countries, meet some of my best friends, and build skills preparing me for a career adventure of a lifetime.”***

Gilman alumnus Stephan Brown considers himself a “growing expert” in all things social media, marketing, and public relations. He studied abroad during the spring semester of 2015 in Nicosia, Cyprus where he had the opportunity to shadow in the social media marketing department at Action Global Communications, the largest public relations firm in the Mediterranean.

Since returning from his program in Cyprus, Stephan pursued additional international opportunities and has been able to visit twenty different countries across Europe, Africa, and Asia. He has been able to combine his international experiences with his marketing education and skills into a career.

Stephan is currently a creator partner manager for TikTok, one of the world’s fastest growing apps with more than 500 million monthly users.

- ★ Studied Digital Communications at Albright College
- ★ Received Santander Bank Study Abroad Scholarship and Global Learning Semester’s Takis Cysranthou Honored Scholar Award
- ★ Currently works as creator partner manager for TikTok, a social media app for creating sharing videos, as well as live broadcasting



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