

# Kashmiere Dotson

Gilman International Scholarship  
Alumni Ambassador  
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*“The more I study and travel the world around me, the more I learn about myself and my purpose in the world.”*

Kashmiere’s immersive experience studying Afro-Brazilian culture as a Gilman Scholar in Bahia, Brazil, shaped her global perspective. There she met many entrepreneurs and community activists, which increased her understanding of the importance of using her gifts and passions to uplift her communities. The intersectionality and identity expression present in Afro-Brazilian culture empowered her to proudly claim all elements of her story and to see her layered identity as a superpower. Kashmiere filmed a documentary about her Gilman Scholar experience in Brazil, which challenged her to advance her skills as a storyteller and allowed her to contemplate her roles as an artist, scholar and activist.

Kashmiere went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Comparative Women’s Studies, with a Film concentration and a Spanish minor, from Spelman College. After graduating, she worked with high school students at the Douglas County Student Support Center. She was also selected to participate in the Peace Corps and Fulbright U.S. Student Program. She aspires to obtain her PhD in Sociology or Visual Anthropology. She hopes her work can empower others to utilize their autonomy and share their stories.

- Received the Gilman Scholarship while attending Spelman College
- Studied Afro-Brazilian Culture and the Portuguese language
- Filmed documentary about her Gilman Scholarship experience
- Certified as a Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) instructor and currently works as a high school counselor

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