

Chelsea Hanway

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“My Gilman Program experience influenced what I do now by showing me that there is so much that can be done peacefully in order to avoid wars and other smaller conflicts. The experience also taught me many reconciliation methods that I can use to help my community (the Indigenous community) heal from our own traumas.”

Chelsea studied abroad as a Gilman scholar during the summer of 2022 in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Ireland & UK: Negotiating Peace faculty-led program in Belfast, Ireland. Her time in Ireland was focused on peace negotiations, where she learned about reconciliation and peaceful ways to reach agreements to end conflict and right wrongs.

The Gilman Program not only made study abroad possible for Chelsea but also opened the door to other U.S. Department of State opportunities. She participated in the Alumni Thematic International Exchange Seminar (TIES) on “Youth & Opportunity: Defending Democracy and Advancing Human Rights,” which connected her to people all around the world who are fighting to make a better place at home and who encouraged her to do the same and help take care of the community around her.

Chelsea is a senior at the UNL, where she is majoring in forensic anthropology and minoring in archaeology. As a Gilman Alumni Ambassador, she is looking forward to helping others have the same opportunity and experience awarded to them that she was granted. Chelsea works as a part-time research assistant for UNL and as a freelance private research assistant. She also is interning as a technical writer for I've Got A Name, a nonprofit organization raising awareness and resources to fight sex trafficking. Chelsea plans to go to graduate school to study conflict transformation and forensic anthropology.

- Hometown: Falls City, Nebraska
- Pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Forensic Anthropology and a minor in archaeology at UNL
- Research assistant for UNL, freelance private research assistant, and intern at I've Got A Name
- Member of the Northern Arapaho tribe

