

Chloe Hamby

Gilman Program Alumni Ambassador
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“Studying abroad showed me there is an entirely different world out there for me to experience and I haven’t stopped wanting to find those new experiences since.”

Chloe studied abroad as a Gilman scholar during the summer of 2017 with the University of Georgia (UGA) School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) Verona Study Abroad program in Verona, Italy. Her time in Italy opened her eyes to a different way of life. Chloe was raised in a financially insecure household and learned to work tirelessly to survive. She was accustomed to a lifestyle where everyone was “go, go, go” all the time, but she witnessed more carefree personalities and laissez-faire attitudes in Italian culture, which taught her to live in the moment and appreciate the gifts of today.

Upon returning from her study abroad program, Chloe was an Ambassador for SPIA. In this role, she supported the dean and fellow Ambassadors in hosting social and fundraising events, participated in promotional campaigns, pitched innovative ideas for the department, engaged with alumni and current students, and co-founded the SPIA Peer Mentorship Program. Chloe also completed a two-summer internship with the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs in the Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia. For the first summer, she was based in Washington, D.C. For the second summer, she was at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine. Her responsibilities included managing three large projects related to Eastern European and Central Asian countries; meeting with various government officials and foreign figures for events and projects such as the Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom; and aiding the ambassador in strengthening U.S.-Ukraine relations by monitoring and analyzing Russian disinformation campaigns, threats to civilian infrastructures, and casualty reports along the conflict line.

Chloe credits her Gilman Program experience as the catalyst for her passion for foreign policy, international, and human rights laws and for strengthening her desire to help others in any way that she can. After graduation, she worked as a legal practice assistant at King & Spalding in Atlanta, Georgia, for over three years. In 2022, Chloe co-founded a nonprofit organization, Journey ATL, that provides professional and academic development resources to underserved communities in Atlanta, Georgia. She is also the Director of Outreach and Programming for the organization. Chloe is excited to be a Gilman Alumni Ambassador and to make a difference in students’ lives.

- Hometown: Douglasville, Georgia
- Earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science with a minor in philosophy from UGA (2019)
- Co-founder and Director of Outreach and Programming for Journey ATL, a nonprofit organization that provides professional and academic development resources
- Completed an internship at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine

