



Gilman Alumni Interview Transcript – *Christopher Browne*

Hello, I am Christopher Browne. I am from Brooklyn, New York, Brooklyn College. I went to Switzerland. One of whom I background, my major is Business Management in Finance and Communication Studies. Focus was a delegation, business law and diplomacy. And what I studied there was that I studied money and banking. I studied professional communication. I studied Statistics. I studied actually the Swiss economic model in particular. And it was very enriching to have, to be in Switzerland to study their model. That's basically what I did.

The Gilman experience was very rewarding. I actually had the opportunity to meet Princes and his orderings in Switzerland. Mind you Switzerland is also wonderful in that it has it keeps that time capsule aura with it. One thing it is very diverse also, very, very diverse. I got to meet in my classroom there were Italians, there were Romanians, there were people from Ukraine, and the Philippines. It was that whole spectrum of diversity, and that is what also Switzerland is known for. And I actually ate a lot of chocolate. It was wonderful. You know people talk about Swiss chocolate and yeah, it is wonderful. Their social justice also; their belief in social justice is very strong, very, very strong and that their policies, most of them are actually getting and fostering that premise of social justice.

Well, the Gilman experience really had me thinking out of the box. I actually had the opportunity to meet and dive in and meet people with their background being very diverse and their way of thinking being very distinct to how we think here in the United States. And that actually opened me you know to different opinions, different cultures, different regulations, different languages, and that I'm open. And I believe that in the business world as it is right now you would need especially that international experience. So that was very rewarding for me.

Well, I am doing my Gilman Follow-on Project on March 31st. And what I would be doing is I'll be creating and sensitizing the Brooklyn College community and that I'll be bringing faculty, administration, students together. Edifying that study abroad experience. Because I believe and especially at a time right now that students need to. It is actually becoming compulsory that students delve into a study abroad experience. I'll be having video clips handy, artifacts, different newspapers, different articles. It is more like a panel, engaging round table experience. And primarily my technique is I'm going to be inviting the presidents and the students of all, the presidents and the treasurers of all the study, the student organizations. And they in turn will be communicating that what they learn in the presentation and the Gilman Follow-on Project to their student led organizations. My target is reaching the 172 student bodies

which in turn will be reaching approximately 3,500 students. So, that is indeed that viral effect that I'll be creating.

Focus, I mean it's good to have that long term idea of what you want to do, and to actually let it be painted in your writing. First of all, discipline is important, because sometimes you will have to draft 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, drafts. You know, so discipline is important and with anything discipline is important. So, I believe your experience, your time, that timeline of what you want to do after the Gilman, and you know when in your career, and actually plot it out to fit that model. And also you need that due diligence to continue to write those drafts. I believe that was my, that was my pet peeve. Drafting, if you don't like writing at least you have to be liking writing after this.