

Major: Psychology & Peacebuilding Certificate

Family: twin daughters, age 7

Why did you choose Ireland ?

My great-grandmother was really excited for me to go to Ireland. Given my major and focus on the Peacebuilding Certificate, being able to go to certain places, such as the Pat Finucane Center, helped me to see how people deal with extreme conflict.

Academics:

The interesting thing for me was being able to read in my textbook about what John Hume did or what John McCourt Did, and then hear directly from the people who experienced the Troubles and who were responsible for change.

“On study abroad, you have the opportunity to meet people you would never meet and to talk with them firsthand about their part in the process of what you are learning.”

Housing: I really enjoyed staying at all the Bed & Breakfasts because it was more personal and gave me more of the feel for the place.

Most memorable moment: Meeting John Hume, the only person who to receive all 3 major peace awards: the Nobel Peace Prize, the Martin Luther King Award, and the Ghandi Peace Prize.

A Piece of Advice:

Walk as much as you can! Walk everywhere because you get to experience the place and you have more opportunity to meet locals. Go mingle with people because you'll learn a lot more that way.

Future Impact: Going to Ireland as a Psychology major made me realize I didn't want to do something as mainstream as I had thought I wanted. My experience gave me a whole different perspective on where I was going career-wise. Dr. Woehrlé showed me different places that I can intern and, after I returned, I got connected with the Ulster Project in Milwaukee to volunteer.



Amy (r.) with Catherine Fulvio, TV chef, food writer, and proprietor of the Ballyknocken Cookery School. At Ballyknocken, students toured the farm and enjoyed a lesson on how to cook a traditional Irish meal, which they then enjoyed together as their Farewell Dinner.