

Brittany Gilbert Biography

Brittany Gilbert is a 2019 graduate of Hampton University where she obtained a B.A. in English with a concentration in Cinema Studies. Over the course of her college career, she has worked with various media platforms both inside and outside the classroom. In her freshman year of college, she was offered an internship with the college media station *The View From Hampton U*. While in the position, she wrote the synopsis for several season 5 episodes on the website, contacted professionals for interviews, assisted with sound and video on set, and secured partnerships with local and regional film festivals to host a screening on campus.

In the summer between her Sophomore and Junior year of college, she attended the University of California at Davis' summer research program for scholars interested in literary analysis research in humanities. Her research critically analyzed a Black artist's animated response to the history of violence inflicted on African Americans. After successfully completing this program she was accepted into University of California's UC-HBCU Pre-Doctoral Fellowship. In her junior year, Brittany was introduced to the inner workings of filmmaking by directing a documentary highlighting the sacred structures across different cultures and spent the summer working with her professor as a script supervisor on an independent film. In that same summer of 2018, her mother, Nina Gilbert, connected Brittany with On Location Education where she was given an opportunity to work on "Little" as a child labor coordinator.

Brittany's senior capstone project was based on Colson Whitehead's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, "The Underground Railroad." After walking the stage she walked right back into the classroom as a 6th grade history teacher in Eastern North Carolina. It was during this time she was offered another opportunity to work in the film industry, this time as an onset teacher, on the Amazon film adaptation of Whitehead's novel, *The Underground Railroad*, directed by Barry Jenkins. Unable to turn down such a sentimental project, Brittany has been a Georgia Studio Teacher and Child Labor coordinator on various projects ever since.

Ever in pursuit of her passion for filmmaking, Brittany will receive her MFA in Film, Television, and Digital Media Studies at University of Georgia in 2023.