2014-15 Mentor Profile

Name:
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CC graduation year:
2006

Other education:
MFA, Emergent Digital Practices, University of Denver 2013
PhD, Communication Studies, University of Denver, forthcoming

Current employment position:
Graduate Teaching Instructor, University of Denver

Experience/areas of interest:
Foundation grant management (data-entry, grant processing, RFPs, etc),
non-profit/public interest media/communications (PR, media relations,
branding, strategic communication, campaigning, online/virtual organizing,
public interest filmmaking/video production)

Why have you chosen to work in (or support) the nonprofit sector?
After studying Political Science, I became jaded with the political process,
and I see many young people going through the same experience - I believe
that the nonprofit sector allows for a new opportunity to make civic and
social change as a necessary “fourth branch” of government, one that truly
represents the interests of the public

Why do you think being a mentor is an important thing to do?
Like my decision to pursue and academic career and professorship, I think of
teaching, mentoring and guiding the next generation of leaders as the most
powerful way for my work to make a difference, because of its capacity for exponential influence. I believe in investing in the future leaders of our society.

**What’s your favorite book or movie?**
One of my favorite books is *Everything Is Illuminated* by Jonathon Saffron Foer, because it is extremely powerful but also an incredible story. I just finished reading Mandela’s autobiography *Long Walk to Freedom* for the third time - I read this book every 5 years or so.

Favorite Movie - So I Married an Axe Murderer (it’s silly, but I love it!)

**What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?**
I teach yoga, play guitar and sing, create art - I have a lot of hobbies that people are surprised I have enough time to devote to!