PIFP Mentor Profile

Name: Jamie Torres

How would you like fellows to contact you?
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CC graduation year: 1999

Other education:
University of Colorado at Denver – M.A. Medical Anthropology

Current employment position:
Deputy Director - Agency for Human Rights & Community Partnerships, City and County of Denver

Experience/areas of interest: immigrants & refugees, immigrant integration, migration, ethnography, politics, policy development and implementation, community engagement

Why have you chosen to work in (or support) the nonprofit sector?
I’ve been in the City of Denver with the Agency for Human Rights for 15 years. It is where I’m able to make an impact, be creative and innovative in my approach to identify and help solve significant community concerns. I have found no greater space for challenge and reward than public service. I came into my line of work unintentionally and was able to identify a body of work that I love, that I’m proud of and that I know is making a difference.

Why have you chosen to be a PIFP mentor?
I am energized by the talent and energy by the PIFP students and would happily be a resource for those looking to carve their way into the area of nonprofit work and/or public service, whether they stay in Denver or take their talents elsewhere. CC students simply have a different and more embracing view of themselves and their place in the world. Denver’s nonprofit and public sector could use more amazing perspectives

What’s your favorite book or movie?
Favorite book: Bless me ultima
Favorite movie: Big Lebowski, Milagro Beanfield War
What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?
I’ve been making jewelry for 20 years – beaded, semiprecious stones, sterling silver, silversmithing.