PIFP Mentor Profile

Name:
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How would you like fellows to contact you?
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CC graduation year:
2008, Philosophy/minor in Russian

Other education:
Master of Arts in Social Work, University of Chicago, 2010

Current employment position:
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Eastern Colorado Healthcare System:
- Social Worker: Acute Rehab Unit, Denver VA Medical Center
- Supervisor: Community Care Section, Social Work Service
- Coordinator: Graduate Social Work Intern Program

Experience/areas of interest:
- Health policy (I was a PIFP summer fellow at the National Conference of State Legislatures in 2008 in the Health Program, yay PIFP!)
- Medical/Hospital Social Work
- Acute Rehabilitation (for conditions such as stroke, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation)
- Geriatrics
- Mental Health/Substance Abuse treatment

Why have you chosen to work in (or support) the nonprofit sector?
I’m the daughter of a journalist and a writer, both natural storytellers, which drives my interest in connecting with the stories of others. It is an amazing experience to be allowed into the stories of the veterans with whom I work on a day-to-day basis, and I am grateful for opportunity to provide some support and encouragement along their journeys.

Why have you chosen to be a PIFP mentor?
As noted above, I coordinate the graduate social work training program for the Denver VA, which is a very rewarding element of my job. I consider it a great honor/privilege/responsibility to contribute to the training and to support young professionals entering public interest professions.

**What’s your favorite book or movie?**
Books – most anything by Virginia Woolf or Jane Austen
Movie/Show – Tombstone, Deadwood. Currently Game of Thrones (duh)

**What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?**
I am a volunteer at the Molly Brown House Museum, which sometimes involves dressing in full Victorian garb to lead tours of the house, or baking scones in batches of 50 – 200.