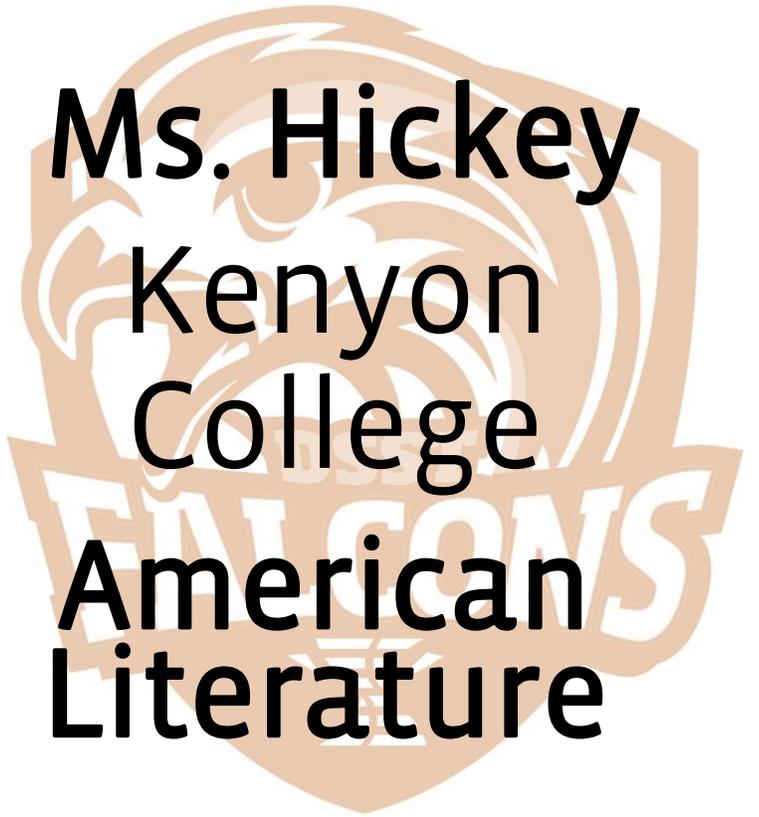# Ms. Hickey
Kenyon College
American Literature

A Learning Experience that Changed Me:

Teaching in Singapore opened my eyes to other approaches to instruction and building strong classroom and grade-level communities. I had a small insight into life as a foreigner, expat, and most importantly, a minority. I learned the value of consistent planning, cross-department collaboration, and high levels of rigor. But I also learned how valuable it is to teach creative and critical thinking - to allow more freedom of thought, and be flexible in how reading and writing are taught and practiced. Ever since, I've sought a blend of Singaporean teaching/school practices, and American values.

My Favorite Book:

I have three: Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf, and The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

My Hobbies and Interests:

The Great British Baking Show (and any baking/cooking show I can find on Netflix), baking and experimenting with new ingredients, hiking with my fiance, Colin, and our dog Lucy, camping, TRAVELING the world, wall climbing/rock climbing, sitting in my favorite chair with a cup of warm tea and a good book, spending quality time with family

Prior Experience in Education:

Dunman High School, Singapore (7th & 12th grade Literature); Waukegan High School, Waukegan, IL (9th & 10th grade Literature); DSST Byers Middle School (7th grade Reading, 2014-2016); Founded Byers High School in 2016 (Humanities, Composition, World Literature, and AP Language & Composition)

Something Super-Unique About Me:

I have synesthesia. I associate a specific color with every letter of the alphabet and number 0-9. I thought this was 100% normal until my AP Psychology class taught me otherwise.

Why I am Excited About Working at DSST:

DSST Byers is my family and my home. I work with students and staff who inspire me on a daily basis. I've grown so much over the past 5 years and would not be who I am today without the people I see and work with, day in and day out.

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