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Reading & Social Studies

A Learning Experience that Changed Me:

My first class as a college freshman was with Professor Willis Konick, who taught comparative literature. There were 300 people in my class, which was a little overwhelming! Professor Konick learned every student's name in that class by having each student act out portions of the literature we were reading. I had never been in a class that was so engaging. I was so impressed by how he created community and accountability in his class. His enthusiasm and commitment to making every student voice feel heard is something I still remember to this day.

My Favorite Book:

Too many to choose from! Two of my favorites: *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck and *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse.

My Hobbies and Interests:

In true Colorado fashion: hiking, mountain biking, skiing, camping, dancing, adventuring, and spending time with the people and animals I love!

Prior Experience in Education:

Tutoring students in English, reading, history, and political science. Creating lecture series for students at the University of Colorado on international affairs and foreign policy.

Something Super-Unique About Me:

I danced ballet for 12 years, and used to spend my summers in Steamboat at Perry Mansfield Performing Arts School. I took classes and danced with inspiring professionals and students from New York City Ballet, Alvin Ailey, and many others. I might have hung up my pointe shoes, but I'll still break out a dance move every now and then!

Why I am Excited About Working at DSST:

The amazing community of teachers and students!