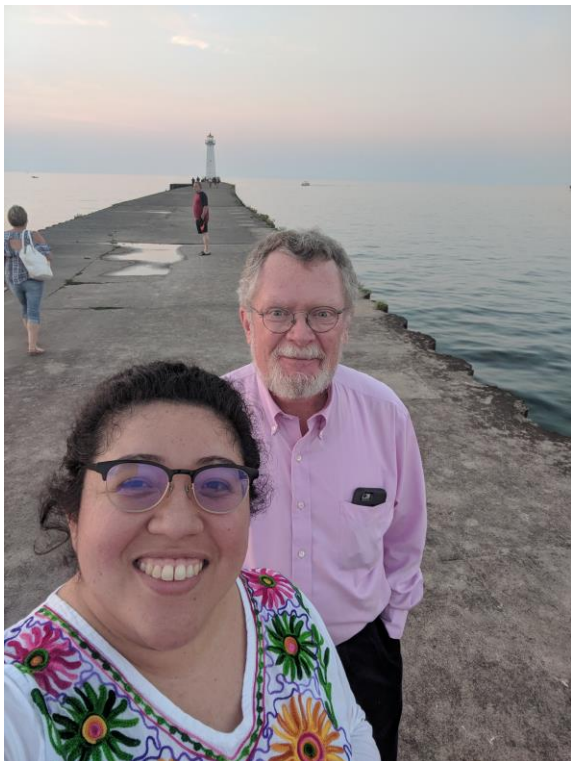


I really appreciated working with Dr. Tom Cavanagh in New York last August and it was a great opportunity for me in my education and career. The training itself is a great opportunity to see the work in action. Often in graduate school, it is difficult to get out of the theoretical realm and into the real world applications of academia. Dr. Cavanagh is a role model and mentor and it was a good time to ask questions about his work in the schools and see how school professionals took to learning about Culture of Care. As a practitioner of RJ in Colorado, I don't have many opportunities to see how other states and systems work in this context and I really enjoyed learning about how other systems think and address problems. Personally, I was able to make connections and network with folks from the training and that is a huge benefit to me and my learning as well as my professional network. Also, I don't visit very many places so I appreciated getting to visit another part of the country I hadn't been to before. This experience has made a big contribution to me and my studies, as I am able to see take what I learned and apply it directly to my graduate area of study. It is exciting and motivating to see the potential applications for my work in graduate school.



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I worked with Dr. Tom during my master's program in Ethnic Studies at CSU. It was a wonderful opportunity to grow and expand upon my own background in restorative justice, while gaining hands on experience in training educators, social workers, counselors and other school staff from all over the country in creating a culture of care. We had the opportunity to travel to many different sites in New York and in Colorado. Dr. Tom provided an ideal position for any graduate student in Ethnic Studies, I connected the restorative justice training he provided to my own work in racial, economic and gender justice work. Dr. Tom remains a wonderful professional mentor and also a dear friend and role model for me.

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