

In 2014, I joined DSI as a doctoral student. My first conference in Orlando was incredibly valuable. I gained feedback and experience presenting my dissertation research. I learned more about the publishing process while participating in the doctoral student consortium. I also had several interviews at that conference. In fact, my first tenure track position stemmed from an interview at DSI! The next year, I participated in the new faculty consortium which provided valuable information about the tenure process and navigating academics as a new faculty. Since then, I can't speak highly enough about the networking opportunities with colleagues at DSI. The annual conference is always beautiful and well organized. Because of the value I have enjoyed, I do my best to give back and get involved as committee positions open. I will continue my membership with DSI because I appreciate not only the ways I have developed as an academic, but also the true friendships that have grown through my DSI connections.

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