Hector Matascastillo ’10 MSW

For almost 20 years, Hector Matascastillo has served in the U.S. Army in 57 countries. After a post traumatic stress incident changed the direction of his life, Hector found his way to Augsburg.

“I realized that with the same tenacity and courage I needed to be a soldier, I could make a difference in the world,” he said. Hector decided to pursue a master’s in social work so that he could use his experiences to help other veterans and their families.

Now, through the global perspective Augsburg faculty bring to the MSW program, he’s beginning to see the world in a new light. “The whole world is being translated here for me.”

Hector says the MSW faculty’s knowledge is not isolated to textbooks. “It’s very pertinent and practical, and they really show you how to put knowledge into practice. If you want to make a change, they’ll give you all the tools.”

I came for a degree.
I gained the tools to make real change in the world.