DIVERSE EXPERIENCES at UW Bothell opened Brice Hamack’s mind and heart to a rainbow of possibilities for his life, leading the 2009 graduate to a career in social justice, a newfound religious faith, and a wife and home in Australia.

Brice transferred from a community college to UW Bothell’s School of Business where he became entranced by his Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences electives.

“I fell in love with the multicultural side of business — international political economy, globalization, the effects on kids of growing up in different class systems,” recalls Brice, who also joined the campus events programming board.

“I began to meet so many people from different backgrounds, to form friendships and connections that showed me in depth what makes people who they are and how cultures are formed,” he relates. “I wanted to discover more of the world and try new things.”

Brice says his exposure to diverse cultures and experiences stirred an ambition to earn a law degree from Santa Clara University, where he also converted to Islam.

He also studied abroad in Australia during law school and worked on international refugee and asylum issues. There, he met his wife Najiyah, a Canadian-born/Bangladeshi/Muslim law student.

Today, Brice works for Legal Aid ACT, directing grants to help vulnerable people access legal assistance. He also serves on the board of the Australia Muslim Advocacy Network and is taking classes to practice law in Australia and California.

“It all started at UW Bothell,” Brice concludes. “It’s a small university but it feels very big in the sense that there’s so much diversity, so many opportunities to get involved, and so many ways to grow academically and personally.”

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