

US-UK Fulbright Visiting Scholar

Dr Naomi Flynn, a US-UK Fulbright Visiting Scholar from The University of Reading's Institute of Education in England, is being hosted by IUPUI School of Education August through October. She is a teacher educator who undertakes practice-oriented research to support teachers in adapting their classroom approaches for multilingual learners. In England more than 20% of pupils in elementary schools are multilingual, with more than 360 languages spoken in London alone.

Working alongside Professor Annela Teemant, Naomi's Fulbright project will be observing how teachers and school leadership teams in three elementary schools in the Metropolitan School District of Pike Township adopt and embed a critical sociocultural pedagogy called the Enduring Principles of Learning (EPL). These schools have completed a year of leadership preparation, which culminated in over 80 teachers attending a 30-hour pedagogy seminar in June. Naomi's data will add valuable qualitative insights supporting Annela's team by tracking, through observations and interviews, how schools move towards locally driven ownership of the EPL in the early months of the new school year. Moreover, Naomi will be taking her findings home to England and developing use of the ELP in a group of schools with high numbers of multilingual learners through 2022.

When she is not working, Naomi enjoys running, choral singing, gardening, and yoga. She is very keen to meet people and invites anyone to reach out and contact her on n.flynn@reading.ac.uk or come and say 'Hi' when she is working in office 3117.