



JEFF ZWIERS

Dr. Jeff Zwiers, formerly a senior researcher at the Stanford University, is now an educational consultant and author. His work focuses on improving instruction and assessment of all students, with an emphasis on serving the needs of multilingual students. His current research and work focus on student-student conversations, idea-building, student agency, and fostering rich communication across disciplines and grade levels.



SOFIA NOORI

Dr. Sofia Noori became an Assistant Professor at UBC's Faculty of Education, Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, here in K'emk'emeláy' in 2022. She completed her PhD in 2020. Before coming to UBC, Dr. Noori taught classes ranging from K-12, college courses, undergraduate classes, and professional teacher training courses across the Greater Tkárón:to Area. She received the prestigious President's University-Wide Teaching Award at York University in 2021 and the Killam Teaching Prize at UBC in 2025.

Dr. Noori's research and writing focuses on how refugee youth navigate schooling systems, in the aftermath of living in civil unrest or war, migration, transitory states, or refugee camps, and resettlement. Her work is informed by postcolonial theory and developmental psychology. She is working with educators from across the country to develop resources, materials, and strategies to help meet the academic and psychosocial needs of newcomer students from war zones.