

## Education Professor Wins Third Fulbright

**BOCA RATON, Fla. (May 10, 2017)** – Eileen N. Whelan Ariza, Ed.D., a professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning, will be heading to the University of Malta for the spring 2018 semester to assist teachers there as they grapple with having many different refugee students in their mainstream classrooms. Ariza's job will be to work on building an understanding of the students' exceptional needs, while trying to build an acceptance of pluralism in Malta. She will also be conducting a study of Maltese teachers' cultural identity, language use and perceptions of what they need for successful instruction.



Ariza previously taught as a Fulbright Scholar in Costa Rica and Mexico. "This experience will help me gain further knowledge and understanding that I can share with my pre-service and in-service teachers because there are refugees in Florida already, and they will continue to be in our mainstream classrooms as well," Ariza said. "We need to know how to serve their needs."

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