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“How Do They Do It?” Lessons from an Education Travel Course in Finland and Sweden

Abstract. Can we “teach like Finland”? Should we want to? In Spring 2018, fourteen education students, faculty, staff, and area teachers were part of a comparative education course that ended with travel to Helsinki and Stockholm. In this presentation, we’ll share our perspectives on the importance of offering the course specifically with pre- and in-service teachers in mind. We’ll highlight student work and reflection produced through the course to provide a window into the impact of the experience on their development. Finally, through photos, video clips, and ongoing conversations we’ve had with participants since the course ended, we’ll analyze the long-term impact of the experience and its curricular significance.