

# ESCA - Bishkek International School

## EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM - 2016/17

The Educational Leadership Team of ESCA - BIS comprises four senior staff who bring together a wealth of teaching experience and have specific responsibilities for different levels in the school.

### HEAD OF EDUCATION



**Dr Marta Bobiatyńska**

**Dr Marta** holds Masters and Doctoral degrees in Earth Sciences from the University of Warsaw as well as teaching qualifications from Poland, Netherlands and UK. Marta is also a certified IB school administrator (PYP, MYP, DP) and IB programme coordinator (MYP, DP) and certified IBDP workshop leader. From 2000 to 2014, Dr Marta taught Geography at IB schools in Poland and the Netherlands, where she was also a CAS Coordinator. In 2010 she participated in the Fulbright Commission and US Department of State's Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. In 2014/15 Marta was Principal of an international school in Russia with the IB PYP for Primary and Cambridge IGCSE for older students. Dr Marta joined ESCA - BIS in summer 2015 and has been very effective in achieving accreditation as an IB World School offering the IB Diploma and also candidate status for the IB PYP and MYP programmes. Dr. Marta speaks Polish, English and Russian.

Dr Marta's responsibilities include:

- Educational leadership of the whole school
- Head of Secondary School
- IB DP, IB MYP and IGCSE Coordinator
- IB and Cambridge Examination Officer
- Chair of the Management Board

### SECONDARY SCHOOL - SENIOR TEACHER



**Dr Lance Tillman**

**Dr Tillman** has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Florida and a PhD in Humanities from Universidad Empresarial de Costa Rica. He has a wealth of teaching experience from teaching teenagers in a Community College in Florida, to university teaching at Barry University in Miami and Saint Leo University in Florida, then Florida State College in Jacksonville. In 2006 he joined the American University of Central Asia (AUCA) teaching undergraduate classes in American Literature, World Religions, Contemporary American Issues, American Popular Culture, Rhetoric of Contemporary America, and English Composition, as well as leading the American Studies Department for two years, and chairing the Faculty Senate for four years. Dr Tillman joined ESCA - BIS in summer 2015 and he has been an inspiration to students in developing their critical thinking and improving English language writing and communication skills. Dr. Tillman speaks English, Spanish and Russian.

Dr Tillman's responsibilities include:

- Mentoring secondary teachers in setting and achieving high academic standards
- Reinforcing the positive academic culture of the school with a focus on critical thinking, writing and communication skills
- Teaching English, World Literature, History and World Religions

## DEPUTY HEAD OF EDUCATION & HEAD OF PRIMARY SCHOOL



**William Polan**

**Mr William** attended Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee for undergraduate studies. While enrolled at Rhodes, he spent six months as an exchange student at the Universidad de Chile in Santiago, Chile. During his time in Memphis and Santiago, he volunteered in classrooms tutoring students in an array of subjects. Following graduation from Rhodes, Mr William joined the US Peace Corps and spent two years living in a rural community in Azerbaijan where he conducted teacher training, implemented new approaches to education, and taught English to grades 4-6. After Peace Corps, Mr William completed his Masters of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Texas and taught English Language and Literature at an international school in Baku. He joined ESCA - BIS in summer 2015 as Form Teacher for Primary 2, while also completing the Post Graduate Certification in International Education from Nottingham University, UK. Following a very successful year at ESCA - BIS, Mr William is taking on a new role as the Head of Primary School, IB PYP Coordinator and the EAL Programme Coordinator for the whole school. Mr William is a US citizen from Austin, Texas and he speaks English, Spanish and Azeri.

Mr William's responsibilities include:

- Head of Primary School
- IB PYP Coordinator
- EAL Programme Coordinator and Teacher
- Member of the School Management Board
- Supporting the Head of Education in day to day running of the school
- Acting as the Head of Education during her absence

## HEAD OF PRESCHOOL & PRESCHOOL 3 HOMEROOM TEACHER



**Juliana Gonzalez**

**Ms Juliana** started as Preschool teacher at ESCA - BIS in 2015 after moving from Kenya with her family. In Kenya she successfully completed her Post Graduate Certificate of Education from the University of Nottingham while working at an international school in Nairobi. She is now pursuing a Master's Degree in Education. From 2005 to 2014 Ms Juliana worked with Médecins Sans Frontières, trying to make a positive change in the world. Now she is changing the world through education, especially in preschool as she loves the scope to be creative with little children. Ms Juliana is from Colombia and speaks Spanish and English.

Ms Juliana's responsibilities include:

- Head of Preschool
- Supporting all teachers in Preschool and coordinating joint activities
- Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher