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Evidence Based Practice

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Centennial Celebration

Centennial Marathon

All marathon events are free. Preregistration appreciated.

Friday, June 13th
1:00 - 4:00 P.M. Sessions
4:00 - 5:30 Receptions

Saturday, June 14th
8:00 Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 12:00 Sessions

Celebration Dinner

Lincoln Campus Center
Friday, June 13th • 6:00 P.M. \$35/person

University of Massachusetts Amherst
Lincoln Campus Center

For registration, visit our website: www.umass.edu/education.

BEACON DEADLINE: Please submit *Beacon* announcements to: **Room 121B Furcolo Hall or to jgoodheart@educ.umass.edu**. The deadline remains 3:30 p.m. on Monday. All assistantships will run for two issues unless otherwise indicated. Examinations and dissertation proposals run for only one issue.



CONFERENCES & CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

CONFERENCE ON BEST PRACTICES IN SCIENCE EDUCATION

Date: June 24

Location: Campus Center, UMass Amherst

Time: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

"Best Practices in Science Education: Retaining Science and Engineering Undergraduates, Sustaining the S & E Workforce."

This conference will: identify activities that increase the number and diversity of undergraduates in S & E disciplines, highlight curriculum reform and "best practices" for retaining S & E majors, expand the number of graduates entering the Massachusetts S & E workforce, build momentum and visibility for new legislation and funding opportunities.

To register, please visit: <http://www.nsm.umass.edu/conf08/>

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR LANGUAGE STUDIES

ISLS Conference Dates: June 11-13, 2009

Location: The Crowne Plaza Orlando Universal; Orlando, Florida

Proposal Deadline: September 1, 2008

Submit your paper and poster session proposals:
<http://www.viethconsulting.com/members/proposals/propselect.php?orgcode=ISLS&prid=48559>.

NORTHEASTERN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (NERA)

NERA Conference Dates: October 22-24, 2008

Location: Marriott Hotel in Rocky Hill, CT.

Proposal Deadline: Sunday, June 15, 2008

Call for Proposals: www.nera-education.org

Questions: neramembers@gmail.com.

Theme: "Strengthening Educational Research"

Note: Papers and posters need not be about the conference theme.

Keynote speaker: Marilyn Cochran-Smith, the John E. Cawthorne Millennium Chair in Teacher Education for Urban Schools from the Lynch School of Education at Boston College.

Conference pre-sessions: Tom Schram, from the University of New Hampshire, and Hariharan Swaminathan, from the University of Connecticut

NERA also prides itself as a nurturing environment for graduate students and emerging scholars. ALL graduate students are invited to attend the conference for FREE (no registration fees) and are encouraged to submit proposals for paper and poster sessions.

ASSISTANTSHIPS

No assistantships this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

KATHLEEN A. STRUB-RICHARDS

Proposed Dissertation Title: "Developmentally appropriate practice meets curriculum standards: When doing what's right for the child is not enough." Statement of the Problem: The development of the whole child has long been a valued principle and goal of early childhood education. recent initiatives to develop Federal and State early Learning Standards have focused narrowly on pre-reading and pre-math skills and do not include the multiple facets of a child. These conflicting demands create stress and uncertainty for early childhood educators. **Chairperson: Dr. Grace J. Craig.**

FINAL ORAL EXAMINATIONS

NELIDA MATOS

June 26, 2008, 12:00 noon, Room 20, Furcolo Hall.

"Focusing on Strength: Building Home-Classroom Connections with Latino Families in Urban Schools." **Chairperson: Dr. Jerri Willett.**