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*Reflective Practice...Multiple Ways of Knowing
 Access, Equity, & Fairness...Collaboration
 Evidence Based Practice*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL ORAL EXAMINATIONS

ANDREW J. KOERNER

August 21, 2008, 3:00 p.m., Room 108F W.E.B. DuBois Library. "The Utility of the Individual Reading Evaluation and Diagnostic (iRead) Inventory. A Specific Skills Assessment for Treatment Design and Implementation."

Chairperson: Dr. John Hintze.

DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Commonwealth Corporation is offering a **fellowship** for a Massachusetts doctoral student to conduct research on workforce development in the long-term care sector. Please click on the link below to access the description and application (**due October 1, 2008**). Questions can be directed to info@commcorp.org.

<http://www.commcorp.org/researchandevaluation/pdf/CommCorp-SEatonFship2008.pdf>

The fellowship is offered in memory of Professor Susan Eaton, an activist and researcher who dedicated her career to work and labor issues and made important contributions to the field of workforce development in the long-term care industry.



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.

Please take note:
 The Beacon will be printed every two weeks for the rest of the summer.

CONFERENCES & CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

ACADAMY FOR EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

Academy for Educational Studies

4th Annual Conference

October 20 & 21, 2008 in Branson, MO

"Rethinking education: Is it time for radical change in the public schools?"

Keynote Addresses:

Kieran Egan (Simon Fraser University) and Paul Theobald (Buffalo State University).

Academy Dialogue hosted by Christopher Lucas (University of Arkansas)

If you have any questions, please contact:

Steven P. Jones, Academy Director

Missouri State University

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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.

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.

ASSISTANTSHIPS

EDUCATIONAL POLICY, RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATION (EPRA) ASSISTANTSHIPS

One half-time 10 hour per week **Teaching Assistantship** is available for Fall 08 and Spring 09. This position will provide support for EDUC 395Z, a multi-section inter-group dialogue course focusing on group relations based on race/ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation.

Responsibilities include: Working with the instructor to coordinate recruitment activities, placing student in sections, plan the curriculum, organizing and developing course materials, maintaining student records, helping with grading, photocopying and other duties as needed.

Qualifications include: Strong organizational and communicational skills; interest in teaching undergraduates about social diversity and social justice issues using dialogic methods; teaching and student affairs programming experience in higher education preferred.

Please send letter outlining interest in the position and qualifications and résumé to Ximena Zuniga, 383 Hills South, Social Justice Concentration, SDPPS (545-0918)

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT & PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES (SDPPS) ASSISTANTSHIPS

One part-time (10 hour/week) **research assistantship** is available for the **Fall 2008**. The position will entail working with an early career faculty member in the concentration of Special Education.

Responsibilities include: 1) *Writing Related:* Assisting with research for publications, compiling references into an electronic format, assisting with all phases of manuscript preparation. 2) *Research related:* supervising school-based data collection projects, scoring and management of assessment data, data entry and analysis using SPSS. 3) *Grant Related:* Assisting in all stages of grant preparation.

Qualifications include: The ideal candidate will have strong research skills in conducting literature reviews, using APA-formatting, understanding and applying statistics, and running analyses using Excel and SPSS. The candidate must also have excellent writing skills and strong interpersonal skills. Additionally, the candi-

date must be available to help collect data in local schools during school hours. Finally, the ideal candidate must have strong organizational and time management skills, demonstrating the ability to complete projects independently.

To apply, please send cover letter & resume to Robbie Calliham, calliham@educ.umass.edu, 413-545-2231.



One part-time (10 hour/week) **assistantship** is available for the **Fall 2008**. The position will entail working with the Department Chair and faculty members in SDPPS.

Responsibilities include: 1) *Teaching Related:* Assisting with course preparation, including gathering and organizing reading list materials. 2) *Writing Related:* Assisting with research for publications, compiling references into an electronic format, assisting with all phases of editing. 3) *Research related:* assisting with school-based data collection projects, scoring and management of raw data, generating curriculum-based measurement probes, analyzing curriculum frameworks for assessment alignment. *Grant Related:* Assisting in all stages of grant preparation.

Qualifications include: The ideal candidate will have developed research skills, in conducting literature reviews, using APA-formatting, and be able to manage large data sources and be agile with Excel and SPSS for data input. The candidate must be available to help collect data in schools during school hours. Additionally the ideal candidate must have strong organizational and time management skills and be able to complete projects independently.

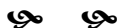
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TEACHER EDUCATION & CURRICULUM STUDIES (TECS) ASSISTANTSHIPS

No assistantships at this time.



All assistantships are contingent upon funding.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Departments

Educational Policy, Research, and Administration (EPRA).....	545.3610
Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services (SDPPS).....	545.2231
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If you know of conferences or about any students or faculty who have received honors or awards, please let me know! Send all information to jgoodheart@educ.umass.edu.