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Access, Equity, & Fairness...Collaboration  
Evidence Based Practice

### IMPORTANT CHANGE IN DOCTORAL FINAL DEFENSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

All doctoral students scheduling a final oral defense must submit the D-8 form (from the Doctoral Advising Guidelines) to **Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, 4 weeks in advance.**

### FACULTY/STAFF/STUDENT NEWS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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### **GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS**

The Graduate School will be awarding a limited number of student travel grants for graduate students who will be presenting at recognized conferences during the 2007-08 academic year. Applications will be considered exclusively for travel to recognized conferences for the purpose of presenting the results of research conducted during graduate coursework at UMASS Amherst. Awards are for **presentations** rather than just attendance at a conference or event.

The application and expense summary can be downloaded from: [http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/memo\\_to\\_graduate\\_students.htm](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/memo_to_graduate_students.htm)

You should also complete the information on the Graduate Program Director's Approval Form from the top of the page up to the Sources of Funding Section.

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**BEACON DEADLINE:** Please submit *Beacon* announcements to: **Room 123A Furcolo Hall or to [llascell@educ.umass.edu](mailto:llascell@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.



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**NOTE:**

**The procedures for applying for this grant have changed for this academic year. Be sure to read and carefully follow the directions outlined from the above site.**

Criteria for nomination include merit of the project, prestige of the conference or event, and financial need of the student.

Awards will be made to the individual student rather than for a project (divided among several students). Grant amounts are up to \$ 300.00 for domestic and \$ 400.00 for international travel and will be considered for the fall and spring semesters. The Travel Grant Committee may not be able to fund all nominations that are forwarded for consideration

**If you anticipate presenting at a conference this fall, and would like your application given the best possible consideration, please email one copy of your application to your advisor and one copy to Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director, (lgriffin@educ.umass.edu) no later than NOVEMBER 5, 2007.**

All applications will be reviewed and rank ordered by your department chair before the final approval by **Associate Dean Linda Griffin.**



**ACADEMIC MATTERS COMMITTEES**

**School Academic Matters Committee:**

Portia Elliott (at large), & Clement Seldin (TECS),  
Sangeeta Kamat, EPRA  
Cynthia Rosenberger, TECS  
Margy Pierce, SDPPS  
Tony Sindelar, TECS (student representative)  
Linda Griffin, ex-officio



The following are the departmental committees:

**Educational Policy, Research and Administration:**

Shederick McClendon; David Evans; Lisa Keller

**Student Development & Pupil Personnel Services:**

Mary Lynn Boscardin; Bailey Jackson; Carey Dimmitt;  
John Hintze

**Teacher Education & Curriculum Studies:**

Kathy Davis; John Clement; John Francisco



**DISTINGUISHED FACULTY LECTURE**

The University of Massachusetts Amherst is pleased to announce its 2007 - 2008 Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series. All lectures, which are free and open to the public, begin at 4 pm in the Massachusetts Room of the Mullins Center. A reception immediately follows each lecture.

Lectures will also be posted online at <http://www.umass.edu/provost> shortly after the lecture.

Additional information on the lectures, including abstracts and biographies, are available at <http://www.umass.edu/provost/award/campus/lecture.html>.

This year's lecturers, who will each be presented with a Chancellor's Medal at the conclusion of their talk, are:

**Ben S. Branch**, Department of Finance and Operations Management, "If Markets Aren't Efficient, Why Aren't You Getting Rich?" Monday, October 22, 2007;

**Stephen G. Sireci**, Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration, "Are Educational Tests Inherently Evil?" Tuesday, December 11, 2007;

**H. Martin Wobst**, Department of Anthropology, "An Archaeological Look at Us" Monday, March 3, 2008;

**Sara Lennox**, Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, "Claiming Blackness in Germany" Monday, April 28, 2008.



**FREE HIGHER EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

**Prof. Adolph Reed, Jr.** presents a talk on "FREE HIGHER EDUCATION: Do we want it? How do we get it?" on Wednesday, October 17, with a light buffet

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beginning at 5 p.m. followed by the talk at 5:30 in the New Africa House Library.

In 2001, the total cost of tuition and fees for all students enrolled in public colleges & universities was \$32 billion - less than 2% of the federal budget at the time!

What if education were available for all students meeting admissions criteria, as a right, without tuition or fees, at any public college in the United States?

This talk is presented by the UMass Amherst Council of PHENOM, the Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts. For more info about the state-wide network, see [www.phenomonline.org](http://www.phenomonline.org), and save the date for the PHENOM Public Higher Education Summit: Friday, October 26, 2007 at Framingham State - carpools to leave from UMass Amherst - contact [massphenom@gmail.com](mailto:massphenom@gmail.com).

\*\*\*Reed will also deliver a talk at 11 a.m. on October 17, 2007 at Holyoke Community College Room F-309



### **HOLISTIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE**

LLC Master's student, **Linda Rhinehart Neas** will be presenting at the Holistic Educators Conference "Holistic Learning: Breaking New Grounds" being held at the University of Toronto on October 26-28, 2007. Her paper and workshop will be on "Contemplative Education within Critical Literacy: Teaching with Spirit". She will demonstrate for educators how contemplative education scaffolds on critical literacy and how both can be incorporated into existing curriculum.



### **ORELUS BOOK SIGNING**

**Pierre Orelus**, a LLC doctoral candidate will be holding a book signing/reading at Food for Thought on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 7 p.m. Orelus' book,

"Education Under Occupation: the heavy price of living in a neocolonized and globalized world," critically analyzes the ongoing and wide-spread effects of colonialism and globalization on the poor, especially those in the "Third World."



### **CAMPUS SUPPORT GROUPS**

Graduate students have stress, just like everyone else. Good or bad, having someone to share life's stresses with makes a difference. The University offers several support groups for Graduate students. They are:

**Graduate Student Interpersonal Therapy Group:** Start date and time TBA.

**"Firsts" Go to College:** For undergraduate and graduate students who are the first in their families to attend college. Meetings are Thursdays, 1 - 3 p.m. beginning Oct. 22.

**Keeping It Together - Hearts and Minds:** A seminar focused on self-care in the face of college stress and mood changes. Two separate sessions - Thursdays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 15, 4 - 5 p.m.

**Living with Loss:** A support group for students dealing with the loss of a loved one. Sessions start Monday, Oct. 22.

**Living with Medical Illness:** A support group for those dealing with chronic medical illness that affects daily functioning. Start date and time TBA.

**To register or for more information, call 545-2337.**

In addition, **University Health Services hosts Fresh & Sober**, which is an anonymous recovery-based support program for UMass Amherst students recovering or seeking recovery from alcohol and/or other drugs.

For more information go to: <http://www.umass.edu/uhs/health/support/freshandsobor/> or call **Diane at 577-5188** at the

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### **FALL 07 ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE**

No positions available this week in the School of Education

### **ATTENTION: GRADUATE ASSISTANTS**

**A copy of the School of Education Graduate Assistantship Appointment and Reappointment Policies and Procedures, revised as of February 2007 is available at the Provost's Office at <http://www.umass.edu/provost/appoint/index.html>.**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **UPCOMING CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS**

### **AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (AERA) ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBIT**

The 2008 AERA Meeting and Exhibit will be held on Monday, March 24 – Friday, March 28 in New York City. The 2008 AERA Program Theme: Research on Schools, Neighborhoods, and Communities: Toward Civic Responsibility.

This year's Annual Meeting theme provides an intellectual space for scholarship focused on schools, neighborhoods, and communities. Examples of relevant research topics include, but are not limited to (1) higher education and community development, (2) education and social service partnerships, (3) community-based teacher education, (4) project-based learning in metropolitan settings, (5) juvenile justice and opportunity to learn, (6) fiscal policy and planning, and (7) educational role of the professions (e.g., health, law, and engineering).

For more information go to: [http://www.aera.net/meetings/Default.aspx?menu\\_id=342&id=2936](http://www.aera.net/meetings/Default.aspx?menu_id=342&id=2936)



### **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (AACTE) ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual AACTE meeting will be held on February 7-10, 2008 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in New Orleans, LA.

This year's theme is *Quality Matters: Our Commitment to All Learners*.

Over the years, AACTE has established a legacy of addressing quality matters in the preparation and support of teachers, counselors, and educational leaders. This tradition continues with the 2008 Annual Meeting, which will showcase AACTE member institutions in action through presentations and sessions on matters of quality related to equity, access and advocacy, collaboration, innovation, and accountability and impact. Given the current context in which quality matters more than ever to

the public and to the profession, this year's theme is designed to provide opportunities for demonstrating and sharing evidence of quality programs and outcomes for educator candidates and for all students.

Quality Matters in Equity, Access, and Advocacy  
Quality Matters in Collaboration  
Quality Matters in Innovation  
Quality Matters in Accountability and Impact

**Registration:** <http://www.aacte.org/Events/08amregform.pdf>

**Hotel :**

Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Two Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70140, for hotel reservations call 1-800-HILTONS or 504-561-0500.



### **NORTHEASTERN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (NERA) CONFERENCE**

First, thanks to Barbara Helms, Brian Preston, Dolores Burton, April Zenisky, and others, we have a new NERA web site! The URL is the same: [www.nera-education.org](http://www.nera-education.org)

And to learn more about the conference, visit: <http://www.nera-education.org/conference.php>. Please note the two renowned keynote speakers (Cora Marrett and Wayne Camara) and the free workshops on program evaluation (Robert Gable) and item response theory (Jane Rogers and H. Swaminathan).



### **AMERICAN COUNCIL ON THE TEACHING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES (ACTFL)**

If you haven't decided to attend the ACTFL Annual Convention and World Languages Expo in San Antonio, TX from November 16-18, 2007 (Pre-convention workshops, Thursday, November 15), make your decision today! Check out the Online Program of all sessions and events. You will be amazed at the huge variety of educational sessions for all languages and all levels.

Now that you have decided this is the one event you can't miss, register online at [www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org) before October 8, 2007 to get the advance registration rate. Don't forget to make your housing reservations as well. Hotel

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rooms are going fast so book a room today at [www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org).

Did you know that ACTFL is providing a NEW feature to its Online Program this year? You are now able to search the entire program and develop your own personal schedule online. Just login to the Online Program at [www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org) and follow the instructions. American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) 1001 N. Fairfax St., Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314, Ph: (703) 894-2900 \* Fx: (703) 894-2905 [www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org) \* [www.DiscoverLanguages.org](http://www.DiscoverLanguages.org) [headquarters@actfl.org](mailto:headquarters@actfl.org)



**INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF TEACHER SCHOLARS**

In 2008, the *International Alliance of Teacher Scholars* will host its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Lilly Conference on College & University Teaching on March 21 & 22 in Southern California. We call for your proposals and hope you will be able to participate. More information is below.

For almost 30 years the international and national Lilly Conferences have provided a forum for learning about, reporting, and discussing the results of the *Scholarship of Teaching & Learning*. Lilly Conferences are retreats that combine *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning* sessions, and major addresses, with lots of opportunities for informal discussion about excellence in college and university teaching and learning. Internationally-known scholars join new and experienced faculty members and administrators from all over the world to discuss topics such as gender differences in learning, incorporating technology into teaching, encouraging critical thinking, using teaching and student portfolios, implementing group learning, and evaluating teaching. Information on the International and other National Lilly Conferences can be found at Lilly Conference Information.

The welcoming "Lilly Spirit" and the high level of scholarly attention to teaching and learning enable everyone to contribute to the forum. You are invited to join as a presenter or an involved participant.

For General Information: [http://www.iats.com/conferences/west2008\\_info.html](http://www.iats.com/conferences/west2008_info.html)

For Registration Form – Early Registration through October 15: [http://www.iats.com/conferences/registration\\_west2008.html](http://www.iats.com/conferences/registration_west2008.html)



**BEYOND OUTREACH TO SCHOLARLY ENGAGEMENT**

A symposium entitled "Beyond Outreach to Scholarly Engagement," will be held on Monday, October 22, 2007 from 1:00PM to 4:30PM. All sessions will take place in the Campus Center Auditorium. The symposium is sponsored by the Faculty Senate Outreach Council and the Office of Outreach.

"Scholarly Engagement is the creation, integration, application and transmission of knowledge for the benefit of external audiences and the University and occurs in all areas of the University Mission: research, teaching and service. The quality and value of Scholarly Engagement is determined by academic peers and community partners." —UMass Faculty Senate, Outreach Council, 2006

This symposium will provide an opportunity to learn more about how faculty collaborate with individuals, communities and organizations outside of the university and how this work is documented and disseminated. The event is also intended to explore ideas for moving forward as an engaged institution. The afternoon includes a moderated panel discussion, poster session and a keynote address by Dr. Lorilee Sandmann, of the University of Georgia. Please pre-register online at <http://www.umass.edu/outreach/symposium>.

Faculty from each UMass Amherst school or college will present and discuss their work:

**School of Education:** **Jerri Willett** of the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

**College of Engineering:** **David McLaughlin** of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

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**CALL FOR NEWS**

If you know of a student, faculty, or staff member who has been honored with an award or is involved in an interesting activity, please email Linda Neas at [lascell@educ.umass.edu](mailto:lascell@educ.umass.edu). Thank you for your assistance!

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**College of Humanities and Fine Arts:** Joseph Krupczynski of the Department of Art

**Isenberg School of Management:** Todd Crosset of the Department of Sport Management

**College of Natural Resources and the Environment:** Elizabeth Brabec of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning

**College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics:** Nathaniel Whitaker of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics

**School of Nursing:** Cynthia Jacelon

**School of Public Health and Health Sciences:** Elaine Puleo of the Department of Public Health

**College of Social and Behavioral Sciences:** Raymond La Raja of the Department of Political Science

**Commonwealth College:** John Reiff of the Office of Community Service Learning

The keynote speaker, Lorilee Sandmann, is a faculty member in the Department of Lifelong Education, Administration, and Policy and former Associate Vice President for Public Service and Outreach at the University of Georgia. Dr. Sandmann is co-director of the Clearinghouse and National Review Board for the Scholarship of Engagement, a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement and a member of the National Advisory Committee for the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification. She is also past chair of the NASULGC Council on Extension, Continuing Education and Public Service.

The schedule for the afternoon is:  
Moderated Faculty Panel from 1:00 until 2:30  
Break and Poster Session from 2:30 until 3:15  
Keynote Address from 3:15 until 4:30

This event is free, however, pre-registration is **REQUIRED**. You can pre-register on-line at <http://www.umass.edu/outreach/symposium/>. Please address questions to Diane Vayda in the Office of Outreach at [dsvayda@outreach.umass.edu](mailto:dsvayda@outreach.umass.edu) or 577-0247.

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## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS/ PROPOSALS**

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### **NEW ENGLAND EDUCATORS RESEARCH ORGANIZATION (NEERO) EXTENDS DEADLINE**

The deadline for submitting a proposal for the 2008 NEERO Conference is extended two weeks! Proposals may be submitted through Monday, October 29.

All proposals must be submitted electronically through the link provided on the NEERO website at [www.neero.org](http://www.neero.org). The Call for Proposals, also posted on the website, provides details about types of presentations and proposal requirements. Please review the CFP before submitting a proposal.

Proposals are submitted in a two-step process. You will first complete an electronic cover sheet and provide an abstract. You will then be directed to a website where you can e-mail your proposal summary to NEERO as a pdf or WORD attachment.

Please plan for the 2008 NEERO's 40th Anniversary conference celebration. The conference will be held April 9-11, 2008 at the Cape Codder Resort in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

**"We change the world  
not by what we say or do,  
but  
as a consequence of what  
we have become."**

**- David R. Hawkins, M.D, Ph.D.**

Dr. David R. Hawkins is an internationally renowned psychiatrist, physician, researcher, and pioneer in the fields of consciousness research and spirituality. He writes and teaches from the unique perspective of an experienced clinician, scientist, and mystic and is devoted to the spiritual evolution of mankind.

Resource: <http://www.veritaspub.com/index.php?page=about>

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Center for Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Prevention in the Health Education Department of University Health Services. **All calls, conversations and inquiries are confidential.**



### **UMASS AMHERST ALUMNI FACULTY & STAFF APPRECIATION RECEPTION**

The Alumni Association will host a reception in appreciation of all alumni faculty and staff members on Thursday, October 18 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Please join us for light refreshments and come and meet your fellow alumni on campus. Bring a friend! No RSVP required.

For more information or questions, please call **Andrea Robbins '01** at **413.545.5540**.



### **OIT/ACADEMIC COMPUTING OFFER LUNCHEON DISCUSSION**

Instructors, Teaching Assistants, Faculty, and Support Staff are invited to attend a discussion with OIT/Academic Computing, on "Making FERPA Less Scary: A Lunch for Faculty" on Friday, October 26, 2007 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at A215 LGRC LR.

Can't remember what FERPA stands for? Do you have questions about what student information is considered confidential at UMass Amherst? Join us for a lunchtime discussion about the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (a.k.a. FERPA) and its relevance in instructional contexts.

This is an opportunity for faculty to learn more about what constitutes a FERPA violation, how to handle confidential information securely, and what steps are necessary for a secure information environment. Lunch will be provided.

Seats are limited. Please use our Registration Form to sign up by Tuesday, October 23, 2007. <http://www.umass.edu/acproprod/workshop/register.php?s=ferpa-fall-07>

CONTACT: **Academic Computing Main Office @ (413) 577-0072**



### **GRANT SEEKERS INFORMATION**

### **SESSION**

GSGS is sponsoring another Grant Seekers Information Session as part of our Proposal Writing Mentoring Program: Friday October 19th, 3:00-4:30pm, Campus Center 168C.

In this information session experienced, interdisciplinary faculty will talk about do's and don'ts of proposal writing to funding agencies, the proposal review process and review criteria, research ethics etc. This information session is particularly designed to support students currently working on a proposal to a funder. The session is also a pre-requisite to attend a Proposal Writing Intensive Workshop (next on 11/2 and 11/16).

If you are in the process of applying to the - NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Ford Foundation Minority Fellowships, SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship, AAUW grants or fellowships, Switzer Foundation Fellowship Program, NSF Dissertation Improvement Grants, NASA Graduate Fellowships, Newcomen Society Predoctoral Fellowship, archival research grants, or any other(!) extramural funding application for your research, language training, or any other scholarly activity, you are strongly encouraged to attend the advertised session and take part in the Writing Intensive Workshops. Your proposal will come out sharper (and thus More competitive) than it went in. Promised.

For further information, contact: **Katja Meinke and Bette Elsdén**, GSGS Coordinators at [gsgs@grad.umass.edu](mailto:gsgs@grad.umass.edu).



### **ACADEMIC HONESTY**

#### **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

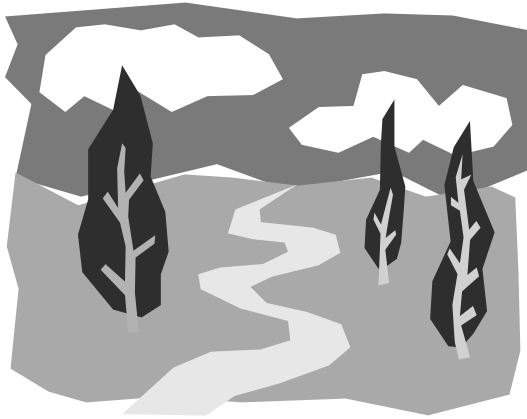
Since the integrity of the academic enterprise of any institution of higher education requires honesty in scholarship and research, academic honesty is required of all students at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Academic dishonesty is prohibited in all programs of the University. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to: cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and facilitating dishonesty. [See [http://www.umass.edu/dean\\_students/code\\_conduct/acad\\_honest.htm](http://www.umass.edu/dean_students/code_conduct/acad_honest.htm) for detailed examples of behavior that constitutes academic dishonesty.] Appropriate sanctions may be imposed on any student who has committed an act of academic dishonesty.

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Instructors should take reasonable steps to address academic misconduct. [See [http://www.umass.edu/dean\\_students/code\\_conduct/acad\\_honest.htm](http://www.umass.edu/dean_students/code_conduct/acad_honest.htm) for some suggested ways to deal with issues of academic integrity.] Any person who has reason to believe that a student has committed academic dishonesty should bring such information to the attention of the appropriate course instructor as soon as possible. Instances of academic dishonesty not related to a specific course should be brought to the attention of the appropriate department Head or Chair.



*"Do not go where  
the path may lead,  
go instead  
where there is not path  
and leave a trail."*

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*