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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

TASHI ZANGMO December 18, 2008, 1:00 p.m., Room 287, Hills South. "Women's Contribution to Gross National Happiness: A critical analysis of the role of nuns and nunneries in education and sustainable development in Bhutan." **Chairperson: Dr. Gretchen Rossman.**



ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

LEAH KAIRA December 19, 2008, 1:00 p.m., Room 157, Hills South. **Chairperson: Dr. Stephen G. Sireci**



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The Beacon Deadline is FRIDAY

Please submit *Beacon* announcements to: **Room 126 Furcolo Hall** or to dms@educ.umass.edu by 5:00 P.M. on **Friday** for inclusion in the following week's *Beacon*. All assistantships will run for two issues and examinations and dissertation proposals will run for one.

ASSISTANTSHIPS

Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration

One (up to 20 hours per week) research assistantship is available for the spring 2009 academic year. The position will entail working with an early career faculty member in the concentration of Higher Education Administration.

Responsibilities include: 1) *Teaching Related:* Researching and preparing course reading lists and reviewing existing curricula. 2) *Writing Related:* Assisting with research for publications, compiling references into 'Endnotes', assisting with all phases of editing, and compiling bibliographic database. 3) *Research related:* conducting literature reviews, transcribing interviews, and conducting statistical analysis. *Grant Related:* Assisting in finding grant applications, and assisting in all stages of grant preparation.

Qualifications include: The ideal candidate will have quantitative research skills, be a self-starter, have strong organizational and time management skills, and be able to complete projects independently.

To apply, please send a brief letter of application and your resume to Ryan Wells at rswells@educ.umass.edu.

Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

Contingent upon funding, half-time (10 hours per week) teaching assistantships may be available for Spring 2009 in the Secondary Teacher Education Program, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies as a supervisor/resource person for middle and high school student teachers who are on-site and fulltime. **Responsibilities include:** Site visits to schools; conferences with cooperating and student teachers; weekly communication with student teachers; serving as resource person; maintaining communication between STEP and the schools; weekly e-mail updates to the Director of Student Teaching; timely submission of ongoing documentation, regular attendance at supervisors meetings.

Details at <http://people.umass.edu/madeloni>

Applicants should submit letter of interest, resume, and names and contact information of two referents to: Dr. Barbara Madeloni, Director of Student Teaching, Room 103, Furcolo Hall, 577-0495, madeloni@educ.umass.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The program provides funds to institutions of higher education to support scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate STEM majors and post-baccalaureate students holding STEM degrees who commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts. A new component of the program supports STEM professionals who enroll as NSF Teaching Fellows in master's degree programs leading to teacher certification by providing academic courses, professional development, and salary supplements while they are fulfilling a four-year teaching commitment in a high need school district. This new component also supports the development of NSF Master Teaching Fellows by providing professional development and salary supplements for exemplary math and science teachers to become Master Teachers in high need school districts.

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09513/nsf09513.htm?govDel=USNSF_25

An institution, on its own or as a member of a consortium, may submit no more than one Noyce proposal per track. There are two Noyce tracks in this solicitation: the Noyce Teacher Scholarship Track and the NSF Teaching Fellows/Master Teaching Fellows Track.

Contact with your interest no later than January 16: Beverly Strakose, Research Affairs, Research Administration Building, 70 Butterfield Terrace, 413-545-5283, fax: 413-577-1728, www.umass.edu/research/ora

GRADUATION DEADLINE

FEBRUARY 2009 DEGREE CANDIDATES

The next degree-granting period will be February, 2009. Listed below are deadline dates to apply for graduation for M.Ed., C.A.G.S., Ed.D. and Ph.D. candidates who will have completed requirements for a February, 2009 degree.

M.Ed. and C.A.G.S. Candidates

The Degree Eligibility* form must be completed and returned to Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, no later than JANUARY 8, 2009. This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, and Dean McCormick. The Eligibility form must be accompanied by the School of Education Completed Program of Study form (Master's Form M-2 or CAGS Form C-2). Your advisor must sign the School of Ed form, but NOT the Eligibility form.

Forms can be downloaded from the following URL:

http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/advising_guidelines.shtml

Ed.D. and Ph.D. Candidates

The Doctoral Degree Eligibility form must be submitted to Linda Guthrie in Room 123 Furcolo, along with the D-9 form (Result of Final Oral Examination) no later than JANUARY 8, 2009. The Eligibility form is sent to each student by the Degree Requirements Office (534 Goodell) after the defense date is scheduled (Form D-8). It can also be downloaded from:

<http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/files/Doctoral%20Degree%20Eligibility%20Form.pdf>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President's Commission on White House Fellowships Accepting Applications for the 2009-2010 Class

WASHINGTON, December 1, 2008 - The White House announced today that The President's Commission on White House Fellowships now is accepting applications for the 2009 - 2010 Class of Fellows. Applications are available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/fellows/about/apply.html> and must be submitted electronically by February 1, 2009.

Founded in 1964 by President Lyndon Johnson, the White House Fellows Program is one of America's most prestigious programs for leadership and public service. White House Fellows spend a year working as full-time, paid special assistants to senior White House Staff, Cabinet Secretaries and other top-ranking government officials. Fellows also participate in an education program consisting of roundtable discussions with renowned leaders from the private and public sectors and trips to study U.S. policy in action both domestically and internationally.

The program has fostered a legacy of leadership, with nearly 600 alumni who are respected leaders. Alumni include Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, former Secretary of State Colin Powell, CNN Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Travelocity CEO Michelle Peluso, and Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert.

Selection as a White House Fellow is highly competitive and based on a record of remarkable professional achievement early in one's career, evidence of leadership potential, a proven commitment to public service, and the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute successfully at the highest levels of the Federal government. Fellowships are awarded on a strictly non-partisan basis.

More information about the program is available at www.whitehouse.gov/fellows.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAVSke8bcPo>.

Check out this link to see one of the school's TV commercials on You Tube.

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