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FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

STEPHEN J. JIRKA Proposed Dissertation Title: "Empirical Investigation of the Stakeholders' Understanding of Information Contained in Score Reports for Large-Scale Testing." Statement of the Problem: Because of recent legislation, the results of large-scale testing have become more important, and the ability to effectively disseminate and communicate these results to a variety of audiences has become more important, accordingly. While a lot of time has been put into designing, administering, and statistically analyzing these very important large-scale assessments, an equal amount of time must be put into determining exactly what information is needed (or conversely not needed) by specific groups and how that information can best be presented.

Chairperson: Dr. Ronald K. Hambleton.

ASSISTANTSHIP

Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

Course Educ 524, The Work of the Middle and High School Teacher: assist in leading discussion groups, responding to student work, organizing field experience trips for the class, regular course meetings with TAs and faculty. Experience teaching in k12 public schools, knowledge of teacher education, ability to work as part of a team, and good organizational skills required. Send resume, cover letter, and names of references to: Barbara Madeloni, STEP Concentration Coordinator, madeloni@educ.umass.edu 413-577-0495, by January 9, 2009.

The Beacon Deadline is FRIDAY

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Part - time (10 hours) **PA position** available for S09: Advising students interested in English Language Learning & Reading licensure, maintaining and updating the advising system, student records, and office advising materials; maintaining contact with cooperating teachers and supervisors and communicating with licensure students and the Educator Licensure Office; assisting with data collection, management, updating, analysis and production of reports to support NCATE activities; assisting faculty in the ESL and Reading Licensure programs in mapping TESOL, IRA, DOE and NCATE standard-based rubrics, implementing NCATE assessment plans, and producing various licensure reports. **Contact: Francis Bailey**
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Dr. Robert Maloy's students
 are pictured in the SOE photo gallery. Is your photo there?
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