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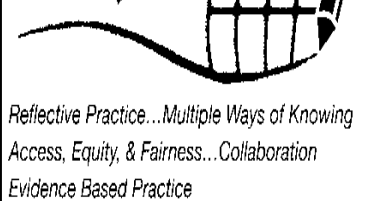
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ASSISTANTSHIP

EDUCATORS FOR EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY



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

News on the web

Check the School of Education's web site at <http://www.umass.edu/education>.

Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies Department:

One (10 hours per week) Project Assistantship available

The School of Education is seeking applications for a project assistantship position for Spring 2009. Email an attachment with your resume and a letter describing in detail the experiences and skills to: Malis Loeung malis@educ.umass.edu. The successful candidate must have strong organizational skills, technology skills and the ability to work both independently and collaboratively with faculty and staff within the SOE and with other departments in the University. Prior experience working within the UMass Amherst system and administrative level access to SPIRE records also preferred.

Responsibilities include: Working with faculty, staff and students to procure information for various aspects of the graduate program and School of Education. Utilize understanding of School of Education Structure for various communications, both face-to-face and in groups. Prepare and analyze data utilizing Department and School of Education policy and procedure.

Application review will begin immediately and continue until positions are filled

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATIONS

SUSAN C. LYON February 24, 2009, 12:00 p.m., Room 151, Hills South. "Women in Engineering: Tell Me What You Need to Succeed."
Chairperson: Dr. Joseph B. Berger.

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

RANI VARGHESE Proposed Dissertation Title: "Teaching and learning in clinical social work: An examination of the ways faculty integrate issues of race and racism in the teaching of practice." **Chairperson: Dr. Ximena Zuniga.**

JOB OPPORTUNITY

FACILITATOR NEEDED

Will facilitate subject matter discussions for English student teachers in 6 meetings of EDUC 510-Student Teaching Seminar. Lead discussion, deliver and assess NCATE assignments, assist students in the development of their portfolios. Classroom experience, knowledge of development of novice teachers, excellent organizational skills. Compensation is \$1250.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni Association Scholarships

Leaders in the Making Scholarship

Four \$2,000 scholarships given to promising sophomores and juniors with diverse records of achievement in academics and volunteerism.

Life Member Scholarship for Internships

Two \$2,000 scholarships given to a sophomore or junior to help defray the cost of a summer, unpaid, away-from-home internship.

Michael W. Morris Scholarship

One \$2,000 scholarship given to an undergraduate student from Lawrence or Lowell, MA. The scholarship is in honor of Lawrence native and longtime UMass Amherst champion, Michael W. Morris '63.

Senior Leadership Award

Twenty-five \$500 savings bonds will be given to graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the campus community. Students must be nominated by faculty or staff.

Deadline for most scholarships is February 13, 2009.

For scholarship eligibility and applications, visit UMassAlumni.com/students or Memorial Hall.

Check out: <http://www.UMassAlumni.com/students>

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Center for Teaching Workshops

The Center for Teaching **Teaching Large Classes Series -- Spring 2009 Gen Ed Workshops**, 12:15pm-2pm

- **Working Well with TAs** -- Tuesday, February 3rd (John McCarthy, Linguistics)
- **Engaging Students: Are All Happy Families Really Alike?** -- Tuesday, March 3rd (Barry Braun, Kinesiology)
- **Assessing Large Classes** -- Tuesday, April 7th (Mark Leckie, Geosciences)
- **Teaching Online & Hybrid Course Series** -- Spring 2009 Friday Workshops, 9am-11am
- **In Pursuit of Intellectual Honesty via a Hybrid Course Model** -- Friday, February 13th (Linda Enghagen, Hospitality and Tourism Management)
- **Designing a Hybrid Course** -- Friday, March 13th (Pamela Trafford, Accounting & Information Systems)
- **Strengthening Student Writing in Online Environment** -- Friday, April 10th (Genevieve Chandler, Nursing)

To learn more or to register online, visit <http://www.umass.edu/cft/events.htm>

Computer WORKSHOPS

This month, Academic Computing offers workshops on using Excel, SPARK, PRS, and the UMass blogs system. Topics include:

- * Setting up a blog for your course
- * Managing PRS data
- * Building a new course from scratch in SPARK
- * SPARK discussion tools
- * Collecting assignments in SPARK
- * Working with the SPARK grade book
- * Calculating grades in Excel

To view the schedule and register for workshops online, please visit:

<http://www.umass.edu/accoprod/workshop/register.php>

SOE NEWS

SOE alumni Charles Desmond named chairman of Board of Higher Education

Former UMass Boston administrator Charles Desmond (**Ed.D. 1992**) was recently appointed chairman of the Board of Higher Education by Gov. Deval L. Patrick. Desmond is replacing Frederick W. Clark, Jr. Desmond currently serves as executive vice president of the Trefler Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to improving educational opportunities and success for Boston's urban youth. He previously worked for 30 years at UMass Boston, where he held a number of positions, including associate chancellor for School/Community Collaboration, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, dean of the College of Public and Community Service, and project director for Upward Bound and director of Pre-freshman Programs.



SOE alumni Dr. Robert A. Gordon receives Canadian "Minister's Lifetime Achievement Award"

Dr. Robert A. Gordon (**M.Ed 1969, Ed.D 1971**) has been awarded the fourth annual Minister's Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to Ontario, Canada's college system. His academic background includes an Honours BA in History and a Master's Degree in Modern British History from Bishop's University, a Master's Degree and Doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Massachusetts' School of Education, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. Retired since summer 2006, Dr. Gordon was President of Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning (<http://www.humber.ca>) in Toronto for 25 years.