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NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER

Any student or faculty member may nominate a full-time member of the faculty for the

2009 UMass Amherst

College OUTSTANDING TEACHER Awards

- Recognize excellence in teaching
- Honor individual faculty for her or his teaching accomplishments

Forward your nominations to Jane Clukay, Office of Academic Affairs,
School of Education, 123 Furcolo Hall.
jclukay@educ.umass.edu

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009

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.

ATTENTION: MAY 2009 DEGREE CANDIDATES

TECH WORKSHOPS

The next degree-granting period will be **May, 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 May, 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 **APRIL 23rd, 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 **APRIL 23rd, 2009**. The Eligibility form can be downloaded from:

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

Please note that the Degree Eligibility form is 2 pages. Linda will submit this form to the Degree Requirements Office after it is signed.

Two copies of the dissertation signature page must be signed by Christine B. McCormick, Dean of the School of Education. **Students should submit their signature pages to Linda by APRIL 23rd, 2009 and she will obtain the Dean's signature.** She will then return these pages to the student for inclusion with the dissertation. **The dissertation must be submitted electronically, and fees and other materials must be submitted to the Office of Degree Requirements (Room 534 Goodell) by 5:00 p.m., APRIL 30th, 2009. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!**

Academic Computing offers several workshops on a range of instructional technology topics. Most sessions are 50 - 75 minutes long, and they will hopefully fit into your schedule, says the oit.

Workshop topics include:

- * Copyright issues for faculty, and finding copyright-free images, audio, and video
- * Working with digital images for Macintosh and Windows
- * Designing and building effective presentations in PowerPoint
- * Preview of digital video editing tools (iMovie and MovieMaker)
- * Customizing SPARK courses

Interested in training, but none of the scheduled times work for you?

Contact the Instructional Media Lab (545-2823) to set up a one-on-one consultation.

TESI SEMINAR

The next TESI seminar is scheduled for March 25, 7-8 PM, Furcolo 228. Refreshments served.

Prof. Sally Galman: "Rain and Snow, Bless the Lord: Studying Religion and Education"

AND don't miss these

April 1 -Therese Roberts, TESI doctoral student: Title TBA

April 22 - Prof. Kathy Gagne: "Preparing Teachers for the Urban Experience: 180 Days in Springfield"

April 29 - Prof. Sara Young: "Practitioner Research on Critical Multicultural Pedagogy: Challenging Heterosexism in a Public School"

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF
COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION**

RITA DETWEILER April 1, 2009, 9:00
a.m., Room 151, Hills South.

Chairperson: Dr. Rebecca Gajda.

Award? Article? Book? Presentation? Photo?
Email to: dms@educ.umass.edu
THANKS!



**American Educational
Research Association**

2009 AERA Annual Meeting

ALUMNI RECEPTION

Thursday, April 16
7-9 p.m.

You are cordially invited to join
Dean Christine B. McCormick

and the faculty of
The University of Massachusetts Amherst
School of Education

at this year's Alumni Reception
at the AERA Annual Meeting

Marriott Hall Salon 6
San Diego Marriot Hotel & Marina
333 West Harbor Dr.
San Diego CA

BeaconLOG

School of Education faculty,
students and staff share what they are
doing...

Paper published

Dr. Florence Sullivan, Department of
Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies -
Sullivan, F.R. & Moriarty, M.A. (2009). Robotics
and Discovery Learning:
Pedagogical Beliefs, Teacher Practice, and
Technology Integration. *Journal of
Technology and Teacher Education*. 17(1),
pp. 109-142.

Book

"Globalization, Confucianism and Vygotskian
Teaching Practices" by **Dr. Julianne Sung Joo
Huh (Ed.D. 2004)** was published in November
2008 and is available at Amazon.com. Dr. Huh
is currently general manger/program director of
Wonderful World of Learning pre-school in
Shanghai, China, according to Dr. Theresa
Austin, Department of Teacher Education and
Curriculum Studies.

SOE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The School of Education Scholarships and Awards Program is pleased to provide the following opportunities for financial assistance for the 2009-2010 academic year. Contact Jane Clukay (jclukay@educ.umass.edu) for info. The deadline for scholarship applications is April 10, 2009.

Joseph Burroughs Scholarship:

Provides scholarship support to a **junior or senior** in an Education minor program or a **Master's Degree candidate** enrolled in a service-oriented program or Teacher Certification Program. Students in good academic standing, with demonstrated financial need, and evidence of strong service experience with children or youth are encouraged to apply.

Helen Eaton Timson Scholarship:

Provides scholarship support to a **graduate** student in the School of Education.

Early Childhood Education Graduate Student Fund:

Provides funding for **graduate** students studying young children and their families with preference given to the study of the needs of the gifted and talented. To provide opportunities for graduate students to enhance their academic experience and become involved in outreach.

Grace Norton Carney Scholarship:

Provides tuition, fees and some associated costs for students pursuing **graduate** degrees in the School of Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst with the intent to teach. *Applicants must be a native or resident of Massachusetts within the last 10 years; hold an undergraduate degree from UMass Amherst, Framingham or Bridgewater State College; and be in good academic standing. There is a separate application and deadline for this scholarship.*

Joseph W. Keilty Memorial Scholarship:

Provides scholarship support to **graduate** students formally admitted as degree candidates. Students with a demonstrated financial need, high academic performance, and exceptional promise are encouraged to apply. Must complete FAFSA.

C. Lynn Vendien Endowed Scholarship:

Provides scholarship support to **graduate** students from foreign countries. Preference will be given to students who are affiliated with Physical Education Teacher Education in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

C. Lynn Vendien Professional Prize Award:

This prize will be awarded to a **doctoral** student who is studying Physical Education Teacher Education in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

Janice Camby Endowed Scholarship:

Provides scholarship support to a **graduate** student accepted or enrolled in a teacher preparation program in the School of Education. Students must be from an economically disadvantaged area and in good academic standing. Must complete FAFSA.

Camby Scholarship

Provides scholarship support for a **graduate** student accepted or enrolled in a teacher preparation program in the School of Education. Students must be from an economically disadvantaged area, in good academic standing. ALANA students are encouraged to apply. Must complete FAFSA.

Meline Kasparian Scholarship:

Provides support to **graduate** students attending or who would like to attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst and who have exhibited a desire to become public school teachers. Applicants must be accepted or currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program.

Patricia Silver Award:

Provides scholarship support to incoming or current **graduate** students in a teacher licensure program with demonstrated financial need. Preference for students with a learning disability or some other special need and/or who are committed to working with children with special needs. Must complete FAFSA.