



# THE BEACON

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University of Massachusetts Amherst

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## Commencement Weekend 2010

The School of Education's

### Graduation Celebration

Campus Center Auditorium **Thursday, May 13** 5 -7 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres Cash bar

Program begins at 6 p.m.

This is a festive event for our 2009 -10 graduates, Minor in Education graduates,  
and their guests.

**RSVP to [goodnews@educ.umass.edu](mailto:goodnews@educ.umass.edu)**

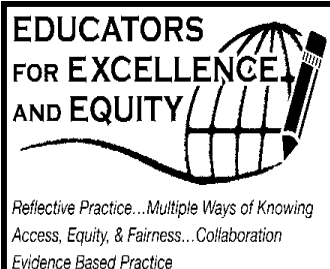
Remember to tell us your name and the number of guests you will bring to the celebration.

For details about the **University Commencement** weekend including schedules for

**Graduate Commencement**, Friday, May 14,

and **Undergraduate Commencement**, Saturday, May 15, visit:

<http://umass.edu/commencement/2010/>



### The Beacon Deadline is FRIDAY

Please submit *Beacon* announcements to: **Room 126 Furcolo Hall** or to  
**[dms@educ.umass.edu](mailto:dms@educ.umass.edu)**

by 5:00 P.M. on **Friday** for inclusion in the following issue.

All assistantship notices will run for two issues;  
notices of examinations and formation of dissertation committees will run for one.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

**REIKO KATO** April 23, 2010, 10:00 a.m., Room 219, Furcolo Hall.

"Japanese Teachers' Stories in the 1960s: Globalization, Social Movements, and Multiculturalism."

**Chairperson: Dr. Theresa Austin.**

## Research Assistantship

### Department of Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services

#### Research Assistantship for Fall 2010

One part-time (10 hour/week) research assistantship is available for the Fall 2010. The position will entail working with an early career faculty member in the concentration of School Psychology.

**Responsibilities include:** 1) *Research related:* assisting with school-based data collection projects, scoring, management, and graphing of observation data, management of observation schedules. 2) *Grant Related:* Assisting in all stages of grant preparation. 3) *Teaching Related:* Assisting with course preparation, including gathering and organizing reading list materials. 4) *Writing Related:* Assisting with research for publications, compiling references into an electronic format, assisting with all phases of editing.

**Qualifications include:** The ideal candidate will have developed research skills in conducting literature reviews, using APA-formatting, and managing data sets and be agile with Excel and SPSS for data input. The candidate must be available to help collect data in schools during school hours. Additionally the ideal candidate must have strong organizational and time management skills, and be able to complete projects independently. Interest in social emotional learning efforts and positive behavior support is preferred.

To apply, please send an email that is a brief cover letter and attach your resume. Send the email to Administrative Assistant Robbie Calliham at [calliham@educ.umass.edu](mailto:calliham@educ.umass.edu).

In the subject line of the email, please specify "RA, School Psychology."

## Commencement Weekend 2010

**NEW THIS YEAR!** The School of Education's

## Commencement Continental

**Saturday, May 15**

Light breakfast refreshments in Furcolo Hall lobby from **7:30 to 8:30 a.m.**

for our undergraduate Minors and their guests.

For details about the **University Commencement** weekend, visit: <http://umass.edu/commencement>.

**We'll see you in Denver at the AERA Annual Meeting**  
**April 30 – May 4, 2010**  
and at the UMass Amherst SOE alumni reception  
**Monday, May 3 7-9 p.m.** Hyatt Regency Denver Centennial Ballroom A  
**Co-sponsored by the**  
**American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)**

**ATTENTION: Doctoral Students & the Comprehensive Examination**

Doctoral students who are preparing for their comprehensive examination should be aware of the following:

- Submit the signed D-3 form (Formation of Comprehensive Examination) to Linda Guthrie in 123 Furcolo at least several weeks before you plan to defend your comprehensive exam. (Do not submit the entire comprehensive paper(s).)
- Contact Sally Dumont ([sdumont@educ.umass.edu](mailto:sdumont@educ.umass.edu)) in Furcolo or Robbie Calliham ([calliham@educ.umass.edu](mailto:calliham@educ.umass.edu)) or Sue Overstreet ([sue163@educ.umass.edu](mailto:sue163@educ.umass.edu)) in Hills South to reserve a room for the exam after you have confirmed the date and time with your comps committee.
- Submit the completed, signed D-4 **with attachments** (unofficial transcript and brief statement concerning the form and content of the comprehensive exam) to Linda Guthrie **two weeks prior** to the comprehensive exam date.

After your D-4 form is approved and signed by Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director for the School for Education, Linda Guthrie will forward the information to the Beacon to announce your exam.

The **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Institute**

presents:

April 13, 2010, Allan Collins, School of Education and Social  
Policy, Northwestern University, "**Rethinking Education in the Age of  
Technology**"

**For more information, contact STEM Ed Institute at 545-0453**

The Beacon  
will not be published  
during the week of  
April 18-24, 2010.

**Graduation Celebration**

Thursday, May 13, 2010

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or to 413-545-1551

## School of Education faculty, students, staff & alumni **share** what they are doing.

- SOE Alumna Named Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life. Read more at <http://www.umass.edu/newsoffice/newsreleases/articles/101963.php>

- Ten educators and journalists from Portugal met with School of Education faculty recently to learn about teacher education practices, licensure, and trends and challenges in teacher preparation and evaluation in the United States. Read the story... <http://www.umass.edu/education/news/index.shtml#portugal>

- **Dr. K-C Nat turner** was recently awarded a certificate of appreciation from the Milton Bradley Elementary School in Springfield for participating in the School's Black History Read Aloud event.

**You can read more about our faculty, students, staff and alumni on the  
School of Education's website.  
[www.umass.edu/education](http://www.umass.edu/education)**

### The Exploritas K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant

Elderhostel is accepting applications for the Exploritas K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant. This \$5000 grant is open to U.S. and international students whose doctoral research focuses on lifelong and/or later-life learning. Exploritas is the new program name of Elderhostel, Inc., the not-for-profit world leader in lifelong learning.

Please note that the application deadline has been extended one month later to Friday, April 30, 2010 due to an erroneous email sent with this later deadline date.

The grant is awarded annually to a student in various disciplines including, but not limited to, psychology, education, gerontology, cognitive studies, neuroscience, leisure studies, aging and social work. Because the selection committee requires an abstract and description of your current research, you must already be engaged in your dissertation research. International graduate students welcome to apply.

**The application deadline is Friday, April 30, 2010.** Please be sure to have all application material submitted by midnight EDT, including your CV/resume, 2-3 page abstract and at least one of your recommendations. The Exploritas K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant recipient will be determined by a selection committee consisting of professors, practitioners and other leaders in the field of lifelong learning. The recipient will be announced in late June 2010.

For further information, including requirements and the online application, please visit: [www.exploritas.org/grants](http://www.exploritas.org/grants).

Elderhostel, founded in 1975, is a not-for-profit organization providing educational opportunities through travel for older adults across the United States and in 90 countries around the world. The Exploritas K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant was created to support future leaders in the field of lifelong learning. Exploritas is the new program name of Elderhostel, Inc.

## Webinars about Special Education Research Funding

The National Center for Special Education Research and the National Center for Education Research within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) will host a series of eight webinars related to research funding opportunities in April 2010.

For more information regarding webinar topics, dates, and registration process, please browse here:

<http://ies.ed.gov/funding/webinars/>

For more information on research funding opportunities at IES, please browse here:

<http://ies.ed.gov/funding/>

For details about **UMass Amherst Commencement** weekend,

visit: <http://umass.edu/commencement>.

**READ SOE NEWS on our website...**

**[www.umass.edu/education](http://www.umass.edu/education)**

### **IMPORTANT: REVISED MAY, 2010 DEGREE DEADLINES**

**The Graduate School has changed its graduation deadlines.** Listed below are the revised deadline dates to apply for a May, 2010 degree for Master's, CAGS and Doctoral students who will complete their degree requirements during the Spring, 2010 semester.

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

The Degree Eligibility form and School of Education Master's Forms M-2 or CAGS form C-2 must be completed and returned to Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, **no later than APRIL 8, 2010**. This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director and Dean Christine McCormick (Department Head). **The Eligibility form must be submitted to Linda Guthrie with the 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 : [http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/advising\\_guidelines.shtml](http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/advising_guidelines.shtml)**

#### **Ed.D. and Ph.D. Candidates:**

The Doctoral Degree Eligibility form, the D-9 form (Result of Final Oral Examination) and 2 copies of the Signature pages (on acid free paper) must be submitted to Linda Guthrie in Room 123 Furcolo **no later than APRIL 8, 2010**. The Eligibility form (2 pages) can be downloaded from:

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

Linda will submit these forms to the Degree Requirements Office after they are signed by Linda Griffin and Dean Christine McCormick. The dissertation must be submitted electronically, and fees and other required materials must be submitted to the Office of Degree Requirements (Room 534 Goodell) **by 5:00 p.m., APRIL 15, 2010. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!**