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### Faculty, students, staff & alumni share what they are doing

**Maurianne Adams**, professor emerita, Department of Student Development, was a keynoter and panelist at the Diversity and Equity Faculty Seminar for faculty and staff at East Carolina University on October 25.

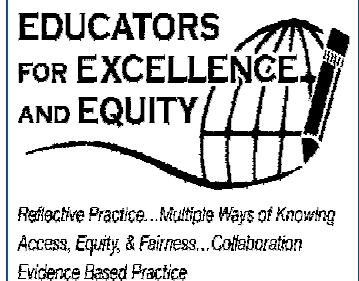
**Katya Ites**, an Ed.D. candidate in Language, Literacy and Culture concentration, was awarded a certificate of recognition from the Town of Amherst for her 6-year long volunteer participation on the Amherst Cultural Council. Ites said that the "experience was extremely valuable for me as an English learner, L2 educator, and an advocate of bilingual-multicultural education. It has tremendously enriched my personal and professional life, as it allowed me - while helping others - to discover and put to use community resources that supported and introduced to the public several language-culture learning programs I developed as community collaboration projects over the period of 2005-2011."

**Please send items to [dms@educ.umass.edu](mailto:dms@educ.umass.edu)**

**HERE's a helpful link... Grants for grad students** <http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/gsgs/>  
Grant Search for Grad Students (GSGS) helps graduate students at UMass Amherst seek and apply for external (that is, not UMass-sponsored) support for their research.

#### The Beacon Deadline is FRIDAY

- Please submit general news and announcements 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.
- Please submit notices of examinations and formation of dissertation committees to Linda Guthrie. These types of announcements will run for one week.



## **Attention: All Graduate Students**

Graduate student Advising Guidelines and forms for Master's, CAGS & Doctoral students are available and can now be completed online. After they are signed by both the student and faculty member(s), they can then be submitted to Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, or by email ([lguthrie@educ.umass.edu](mailto:lguthrie@educ.umass.edu)). They are available at the following URL:

[http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/advising\\_guidelines.shtml](http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/advising_guidelines.shtml)

## **FEBRUARY, 2012 DEGREE DEADLINES**

Listed below are the deadline dates to apply for a FEBRUARY, 2012 degree for Master's, CAGS and Doctoral students who will complete their degree requirements during the Fall, 2011 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 DECEMBER 8th, 2011**. 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 the following URL:

[http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/advising\\_guidelines.shtml](http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/advising_guidelines.shtml)

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

**Doctoral students planning on a February, 2012 degree must schedule their Final Oral Examination (D-8 form) with Linda Guthrie 4 weeks before the defense date.**

The Doctoral Degree Eligibility form, the D-9 form (Result of Final Oral Examination) and 2 original Signature pages (on acid free paper) must be submitted to Linda Guthrie in Room **123 Furcolo no later than DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. 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 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., DECEMBER 15th, 2011. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!**

### **Students: how to submit information for announcements**

Students must submit proper forms for announcements about Formation of Dissertation Committees (D-6), Announcements of Final Oral Examinations (D-8) and Comprehensive Examinations (D-4) to Linda Guthrie in 123 Furcolo Hall, Office of Academic Affairs.

Linda will submit the items to the Beacon for publication.