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### 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 6, 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 Education 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**

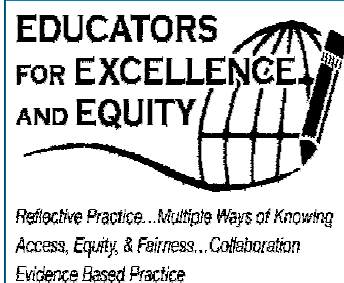
Doctoral students planning on a February 2012 degree must schedule their Final Oral Examination (D-8 form) with Linda Guthrie 4 weeks before the defense date. The Doctoral Degree Eligibility form, the D-9 form (Result of Final Oral Examination) and 2 original Signature pages (on acid free paper) must be submitted to Linda Guthrie in Room 123 Furcolo no later than DECEMBER 6, 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 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.



## **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation - Dissertation Fellowships in Education Deadline: February 3, 2012**

Four fellowships of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to post-thesis doctoral students for work that furthers the understanding of the educational experiences of high-achieving, low-income students. For more information: <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/graduate-scholarships/jack-kent-cooke-dissertation-fellowship-award/>

### **Focus Group**

Join a focus group to help the Center for Teaching and Faculty Development better understand the challenges and opportunities experienced by graduate teaching assistants in their roles as instructors at the University. The goal of these focus groups is to develop additional programming that is responsive to and built in cooperation with teaching assistants. We hope you will be willing to share your thoughts with us at one of the following sessions in the Campus Center (room number TBA):

OPTION ONE: Monday, November 14, 4pm-5:15pm (light refreshments served)

OR

OPTION TWO: Tuesday, November 15, 10am-11:15am (light refreshments served)

OR

OPTION THREE: Wednesday, November 16, 12pm-1:15pm (light refreshments served)

RSVP to [aegarner@english.umass.edu](mailto:aegarner@english.umass.edu) by Tuesday, November 8th with the date you would like to attend. Your participation in a focus group will be strictly confidential, and any information compiled will be used solely for program development purposes.

Ann Garner, Senior Program Manager  
Center For Teaching and Faculty Development  
[aegarner@english.umass.edu](mailto:aegarner@english.umass.edu) 413-545-5055  
Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Faculty Development

## **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.

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

### **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.

**The School of Education's**  
**Research and Evaluation Methods Program**  
**and Center for Educational Assessment presents**

***"Our Flat World is Also Upside Down:  
Perspectives on International Assessment  
from a Vendor"***

***A seminar delivered by***

***Jon S. Twing, Ph.D.***  
**Pearson**

**November 7, 2011 12:00-1:00 p.m.**  
**Room 151, Hills South**

Dr. Twing will share with us his work on PISA, the External Measure of Student Achievement (EMSA), the Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC), and the National Assessment Program -- Literacy & Numeracy in Australia



**Jon S. Twing, Ph.D.** is the Executive Vice President and Chief Measurement Officer for Pearson. In this role, he is responsible for the development of assessment and instructional support content, measurement research and psychometrics, and digital fulfillment for all educational assessments.



**Dr. Elizabeth  
McEneaney**

School of Education's Children, Families and Schools concentration's Fortnightly Lunch Series presents:

**Laboring for  
Breakthroughs:  
Participation of Children  
in Applied Research**

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

12:30 – 1:30 pm

21B Furcolo Hall

This is an *eating meeting*! Please bring a brown-bag lunch and something to drink.

Dessert will be provided.

Questions? Contact Dr. Sally Galman [sally@educ.umass.edu](mailto:sally@educ.umass.edu)

**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:

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