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University of Massachusetts Amherst

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Project Assistantship

Educator Licensure Office

One half-time (10 hours/ week) project assistantship is available for Fall 2009 in the Educator Licensure Office.

Duties include providing leadership in program development and instruction for workshops preparing students for the Communication and Literacy Skills Test of the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL).

To apply, please submit a letter of application addressing the above responsibilities (which will be used as a writing sample) and a current resume to: Dr. Marge Magouirk Colbert via email at magouirk@educ.umass.edu

All project assistantships are contingent on available funding.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 10/9/2009

Send your news to:
goodnews@educ.umass.edu

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

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 issue of *The Beacon*.

All assistantships will run for two issues
and examinations and dissertation proposals will run for one..

PROJECT ASSISTANTSHIP

Department of Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services

One 5 hr/week project assistantship for a total of **8 weeks** during the **Fall 2009 semester** working with faculty and staff of SDPPS.

Responsibilities include: Assisting faculty and staff with online and blended course development and management.

Qualifications include: The ideal candidate will have developed skills in using Spark and online teaching tools. Background in the field of education required. Must have good organizational skills and be able to work independently.

To apply, please send cover letter & résumé to Robbie Calliham, calliham@educ.umass.edu, 413-545-2231. Please specify “FacDev PA” //

Research Assistantship

Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

One 10 hr/week research assistantship for the Fall 09 semester.

Responsibilities: Assist with data collection, data analysis of videos of students engaged in classroom-based mathematics activity; writing research reports.

Qualifications: Background in mathematics, skills in qualitative research methods, and writing, and familiarity with APA style.

Other desirable qualities: Experience in videotaping learning environments, video editing capabilities, and flexible availability.

Interested candidates should e-mail Dr. John Francisco at jmfranci@educ.umass.edu //

Award? Article? Book? Presentation?

Email ideas, accomplishments to:

dms@educ.umass.edu

THANKS!

**The School of Education
website**

www.umass.edu/education

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

DONIQUE R. McINTOSH Proposed Dissertation Title: "But some of us are brave: an exploration of the campus climate for lesbian and bisexual students at historically black colleges for women." **Statement of the Problem:** Campus climate studies conducted over the last twenty years have identified a number of challenges for LGBT students at American colleges and universities. Little empirical research exists that examines perceptions of the campus climate for lesbian and bisexual students at historically black colleges and universities.
Chairperson: Dr. Maurianne Adams.

PROJECT ASSISTANTSHIP

Department of Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services

One 10 hr/week project assistantship available for the **Fall 2009** working with Department Chair of the SDPPS. Assist in developing dual enrollment online course.

Responsibilities include: Assist department chair in the development of online, dual enrollment course on college readiness, access, and success.

Qualifications include: The ideal candidate will have developed skills in using Spark and online teaching tools, as well as a have a background and professional commitment to social justice and diversity. Background in the field of education required. Must have good organizational skills and be able to work independently.

To apply, please email résumé to Robbie Calliham, calliham@educ.umass.edu, 413-545-2231. Please specify "PA SDPPS" in subject line of email. //

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

- **Dr. Robert Maloy's** "Historytime" Bookmarks of web resources, coded to the Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework, are at the Diigo social bookmarking site. Dr. Maloy has identified more than 530 websites that provide historical content for teachers and students. Online at <http://www.diigo.com/user/historytime>.

- CONGRATULATIONS to **Dr. Amanda Marcotte and Dr. Craig Wells!** (Dr. Lapan approves of this message.)

You can read more about our faculty, students, staff and alumni on the School of Education's website. www.umass.edu/education

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Nominations for the 2009-2010 Distinguished Teaching Awards are now being accepted. The Distinguished Teaching Award is the highest recognition of teaching awarded to faculty members and teaching assistants/associates. To nominate your favorite professor or TA, tell us why your nominee should receive a Distinguished Teaching Award. All nominations must include your name, mailing address, and email address.

Nomination forms are available online at <http://www.umass.edu/provost/award/campus/dta.html>.

Only current and former students may nominate faculty members. Teaching assistants/associates may be nominated by faculty members or current and former students.

Please submit all nominations by Friday, October 23, 2009 to:

Distinguished Teaching Award Committee
Center for Teaching
301 Goodell
(413) 545-1225
(413) 545-3829 (fax)
dta at [provost.umass.edu](mailto:dta@provost.umass.edu)

Check out the DTA monuments in the Campus Center or at <http://www.umass.edu/provost/award/campus/dta.html> to see if your favorite instructor has already won the Distinguished Teaching Award. Faculty members and teaching assistants/associates may only win the award once.

BOOK LAUNCH

Please join the Language, Literacy, and Culture community
and Food for Thought Books Collective
for a collage of texts and images from the new book
"Critical Multicultural Analysis of Children's Literature: Mirrors, Windows, and Doors"
by Drs. Maria José Botelho and Masha Kabakow Rudman
on Thursday, October 8th, at 8 p.m.

The book launch will take place at Food for Thought Books Collective, 106 North Pleasant Street, Amherst. A reception will follow. This evening is co-sponsored by Food for Thought Books Collective and the Language, Literacy, and Culture Concentration of the School of Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. For more information, visit <http://www.foodforthoughtbooks.com>.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OFFICE (IPO)

CURRENT STUDENT TUITION WAIVERS for SPRING, 2010

Eligibility

- Must be a full-time grad student in a graduate degree program.
- **Have a minimum 3.25 GPA**
- Must demonstrate financial need and have proof of sufficient funds to meet all other expenses (estimated at \$28,200 for AY 09/10).
- Must have non-immigrant visa status

CURRENT STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT:

1. Formal application form can be obtained from the International Programs Office, 467 Hills South or downloaded from:

http://www.ipo.umass.edu/_customtags/ct_FileRetrieve.cfm?

File_ID=06057B724F0101770707077D761F00730F011B7C0608006B0772040F747475030001027D017A7300

2. Financial documentation proving student has sufficient funds to cover all academic fees and living expenses other than tuition, estimated at \$ 28,200 for AY 09/10.
3. Recommendation letter from student's advisor or chairperson.

Completed nominations are to be submitted to Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator, Room 123, Furcolo. Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, will review and nominate those applications that she believes are the strongest.

CURRENT STUDENTS DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 9, 2009

NOTE: While the IPO deadline for current students is November 16th, current students must submit their complete nominations to Linda Guthrie by Nov. 7th, 2009 for review and processing by the Graduate Program Director.

IMPORTANT: Concentrations submitting multiple nominations must rank order them. Department chair will then rank order ALL nominations before they are submitted to Linda Guthrie.

6th Annual California Roundtable for Philosophy and Race October 2-3, 2009 at Hampshire College, Amherst

CRPR 2009 Schedule

All sessions will take place at Hampshire College Campus Franklin Patterson Hall, West Lecture Hall

2009 Keynote Speaker:

Charles Mills, John M. Evans Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy, Northwestern University

Friday, October 2, 2009

Chair: Darrell Moore (DePaul)

-9:30 am: Alia Al-Saji (McGill) "Cultural Racism and Muslim Veiling"

-10:30 am: Irfan Khawaja (Felician) "Orientalism, Racism, and Islam: Edward Said Between Race and Doctrine"

Chair: Monique Roelofs (Hampshire)

-11:45-12:45 Carole Tushabe (UC Riverside) "Did you Say 'Closet' in the 'Jungle?': Global Queer and Cultural Knowledge Production"

Chair: Mickaella Perina (U. Mass Boston)

-2:00-3:00 pm: Razvan Amironesei (Laval) "Ideology, Power and Race in Foucault"

-3:00-4:00 pm: Avram Alpert, (U. Penn) "The Form of Racism: Re-considering Levinas on Race and Culture"

Chair: Falguni A. Sheth (Hampshire)

-4:30-6:00 pm Keynote Address

Charles Mills, "De-Racializing Rawls"

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Chair: Elaine Brown (McGill)

-10:00 am: Larry Blum (U. Mass Boston) "Corlett, Alcoff, and Gracia on the Nature of Race"

-11:00 am: Grant Silva (U. Oregon) "The Races Between Latin America and the United States: Two Dogmas of Racialization, Latino/a Immigration and the Mechanics of 'Post-Racial' Ideology"

Chair: Michael McEachrane (U. Mass Amherst)

-1:30 pm: Banu Subramaniam (U. Mass. Amherst) "Casting Race, Racing Caste: The Genetic Architecture of Race And Caste"

-2:30 pm: Albert Mosley (Smith) "Should Racial Categories be Eliminated?"

Chair: Kyoo Lee (John Jay)

-4:00 pm: Camisha Russell (Penn State) "The Artificial Reproduction of Race: Race and Assisted Reproductive Technologies"

-5:00 pm: Allison Wolf (Simpson) "The Medicalization of Reproducing Whiteness"

All sessions are free and open to the public. If you plan to attend, please register by dropping us a note at organizer@caroundtable.org.

For questions, contact us at organizer@caroundtable.org or <http://www.caroundtable.org>

SEND news and announcements to
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**The NEERO Board is now accepting proposals for
the 2010 NEERO Conference.**

Proposals may be submitted through Monday, October 26 at 11:59pm.

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the link provided on the NEERO website at www.neero.org. The Call for Proposals (CFP), also posted on the website, provides details about types of presentations and proposal requirements. Please review the CFP before submitting a proposal.

Two-step proposal submission process.

First, complete an electronic cover sheet and provide an abstract.

Second, you will then be directed to a website where you can e-mail your proposal summary to NEERO as a pdf or Word attachment.

Please plan to join us at the **2010 conference** as we return to Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The conference will be held April 7-9, 2010 at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel.

Drey Martone, NEERO Membership Director Phone: 518-454-5262
Email: martoned@strose.edu

More information will be available at www.neero.org later this fall.

Teaching Technology Overviews

Are you and your colleagues interested in learning more about teaching technologies on campus? Perhaps you've heard about tools like SPARK, UMass Blogs, or UDrive, but are not quite sure what they are for? Interested in sharing materials with students online but not sure what tools to use? Want to find out how other faculty on campus are using podcasting and digital video?

Academic Computing is available to come to your department and present on a variety of instructional Technology topics. We offer three standard presentations, but we can tailor any presentation to the specific interests of your groups:

* Choosing the Right Technology Tools for Teaching: An overview of the many tools instructors are using to create content, and the computing resources and services available across campus.

* Putting Materials Online: UDrive, SPARK or Blogs? A discussion of the different tools available for posting materials to the Web.

* Overview of Emerging Technologies: An overview of the latest tools and how they can be applied to different teaching goals. Special focus will be given to virtual worlds such as Second Life, digital storytelling, and collaborative editing tools such as wikis and Google Docs.

Contact us to schedule a visit with colleagues from your department and discuss any of these topics! We can come to a portion of a regular faculty meeting for a brief overview or schedule a separate meeting for more in-depth discussion.

Email instruct@oit.umass.edu | or call 413-545-2823.