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## 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](mailto:calliham@educ.umass.edu), 413-545-2231. Please specify "PA SDPPS" in subject line of email. /

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Access, Equity, & Fairness...Collaboration  
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### 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 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

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## 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](mailto:jmfranci@educ.umass.edu) /

**Award? Article? Book? Presentation?**

Email ideas, accomplishments to:

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**THANKS!**

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## ASSISTANTSHIP

### Department of Student Development and Pupil Personnel Studies

Assistantship available to teach EDUC 691E weekend workshop for Fall 2009. The contract is for two weeks at 14 hrs a week. This 691E weekend session is an introduction to Racism Awareness.

**Responsibilities:** Facilitate weekend section of Educ 691E. Assist with course preparation. Lead discussion. Provide feedback to students. Assist with evaluation of students' work. Create & facilitate lesson plans. Track student attendance.

**Qualifications:** Experience teaching racism awareness seminars; Experience with SJE pedagogy; Minimum of a Masters in Social Justice Education.

Send resume to Robbie Calliham at [calliham@educ.umass.edu](mailto:calliham@educ.umass.edu). Please note "691E application" in subject line of the email.

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## BeaconLOG

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

### 2009 Scholarship Recipients Named

Darry Essensa is one of 14 students who received SOE scholarships. Read more and see photos of the recipients at <http://www.umass.edu/education/student/scholarship09-10.shtml>



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)

## Invitation to MSLT Fall Community Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 6:45 to 8:15 in Furcolo 225.

We will gather for a research presentation, pizza and collegiality. All MSLT Doctoral, CAGS, LMT Masters, and STEP (Math and Science) Master's (University to Schools, Bridges to the Future,

180 Days, and Clinical) are invited. RSVP's are very appreciated and may be sent to

Dr. Sandra Madden at

[smadden@educ.umass.edu](mailto:smadden@educ.umass.edu).

## New Empowerment Communication Technologies: Opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa

U.S. Department of State

<http://mepi.state.gov/opportunities/129624.htm>

Deadline: October 23, 2009

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- A reading by Professor Emerita **Janine Roberts**, to celebrate the publication of her new chapbook "The Body Alters" on Tuesday, October 13th at 7 p.m. at Broadside Bookshop, 247 Main Street, Northampton. Dr. Roberts will read poems and an excerpt from her memoir-in-progress, "Love You Terrible."

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### 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](http://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.

### Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship Awards

The following program has a limited submission of **one nominee** per institutions. If you are interested in applying please respond to: Melinda V. LeLacheur, Research Affairs, phone: 413-545-5283, fax:413-577-1728

**by October 16** with the following information (as requested by Microsoft) plus a short CV:

- What is the innovative merit of the nominee's research?

(Maximum word count = 250)

- How does the nominee's work have the potential to advance the state of the art?

(Maximum word count = 300)

- How is the university currently supporting the nominee's work?

(Maximum word count = 100)

- Does the nominee's current work receive funding from other grant sources? If yes, please list.

(Maximum word count = 50)

- Provide a statement detailing the hypothesis, objectives, and methodology of the nominee's research work and plans. Include a brief description of how the award funds would be used.

(Maximum word count = 650)

Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship Program

<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/collaboration/awards/nff.aspx>

### Program Description:

Microsoft Research seeks nominees who are advancing computing research in novel directions with the potential for high impact on the state of the art, and who demonstrate the likelihood of becoming thought leaders in the field. The future of computing in academe rests with its newest faculty. In these early-career professionals lie the seeds of tomorrow's great innovations. However, while recognized faculty with well-established reputations are able to attract the financial support necessary for substantial research programs, new faculty often struggle to secure adequate support to allow them to realize their full potential. Because new faculty are so vital to the future of academic computer science, the Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship Program identifies, recognizes, and supports exceptional new faculty members engaged in innovative computing research. The objective of this program is to stimulate and support creative research undertaken by promising researchers who have the potential to make a profound impact on the field of computing in their research disciplines.

Each fellowship award includes an unrestricted cash gift of US\$200,000. The Microsoft Research Faculty Fellows also have access to other Microsoft resources, such as software, invitations to conferences, and engagements with Microsoft Research. Microsoft awards seven Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship grants each year; awardees are selected in April.

The Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship Awards program provides recipients considerable freedom in planning the focus of their academic research. The funds can be applied to a wide variety of uses to pursue novel research. Examples of possible research areas include, but are not limited to: interdisciplinary research, scientific computing, bioinformatics, computational biology, software engineering, and other areas where computing transforms the discipline and advances the state of the art.

### Eligibility:

Nominees must be new faculty members in the first, second, or third year of their first faculty appointment.

In the United States and Canada, nominees must hold a tenure-track faculty position, and may be no more than six years from the completion of their most recent PhD, ScD, or MD.

Nominees for the Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship program must be nominated by their research institution, and their nominations must be confirmed by a letter from the head of the institution (for example, office of the Provost, Pro-Vice Chancellor, President, and so on). Direct applications from new faculty members are not accepted.

No more than one nomination from each research institution will be accepted. An emphasis is placed on nominations from departments working on computing research areas and on areas that involve the innovative application of computing

**Deadline** Application must be submitted electronically through Microsoft's online system by 12:00 noon November 2, 2009.

**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:**

- I. 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](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 16<sup>th</sup>, current students must submit their complete nominations to Linda Guthrie by Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 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

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