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BEACON DEADLINE: The deadline for *Beacon* announcements is 3:30 p.m. on Monday, due in Room 124, Furcolo Hall or to zinnia@educ.umass.edu. All assistantships will run for two issues unless otherwise indicated. Examinations and dissertation proposals run for only one issue.

ATTENTION!

The *Beacon* is available on-line at:
<http://www.umass.edu/education/publications/beacon.pdf>
If you have problems accessing this link, go to the School of Education home page, click on publications and then click on *Beacon*.

SPRING 05 ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE (by department)

Dean's Office

No positions available this week.

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### Educational Policy, Research and Administration

No positions available this week.

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Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services

No positions available this week.

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### Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

No positions available this week.

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FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

JAMES HARRITY Proposed Dissertation Title: "Development and Evaluation of the Student - Counselor Social Capital Instrument (SCSCI)." Statement of the Problem: Research on social capital in education has conceptual and measurement limitations, and does not address the role of school counselors in the creation of social capital.

Chairperson: Dr. John C. Carey.

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### **FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE**

**KATHLEEN J. MANGANO** Proposed Dissertation Title: College presidents and administrative team members: An investigation of a team leadership approach to financial decision-making in liberal arts colleges. Statement of the Problem: Research has shown that there are numerous advantages when a team leadership approach is implemented in particular situations. A key factor in a leader's effectiveness is the ability to build a team. However, limited research has been conducted on college presidents utilizing a team leadership approach to financial decision making.

**Chairperson: Dr. KerryAnn O'Meara.**

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

EROLD K. BAILEY February 25, 2005, 12:30 p.m., Room 20, Furcolo.

Chairperson: Dr. Irving Seidman.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION**

**MELVA MICHAELIAN** March 3, 2005, 11:00 a.m., Room 21C, Furcolo. "Teachers Who Are Mothers: Perceptions of Concurrent Career and Parenthood Roles."

**Chairperson: Dr. Patt Dodds.**

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GRADUATE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIPS

Nominations for the Graduate School Fellowship are now being solicited by the Graduate School. The purpose of this Fellowship is to promote the recruitment and retention of academically excellent students. **PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO INCOMING DOCTORAL STUDENTS** although master's students may also apply. Incoming students are defined as students new to UMASS as of Fall, 2005. Current students will ONLY be considered if any awards to incoming students are declined. A maximum of six students (incoming and current combined) may be nominated from the School of Education.

Although the actual amount of the stipend has not been established, last year it was at three levels: \$8,000, 10,000 and 12,000. Award includes a waiver of tuition and payment of the Curriculum Fee and the mandatory health fee. Students are allowed to supplement the Fellowship stipends with other sources of funding.

Nomination and recommendation forms are available from Linda Guthrie in 123 Furcolo, who will be serving as the liaison between students and Andrew Effrat, Dean and Graduate Program Director. Please submit your completed nomination packets to Linda Guthrie. Dr. Effrat will review all nomination packets and recommend those he feels are the strongest.

INCOMING graduate students are nominated by the concentration head. If you are an incoming student as of Fall, 2005 and wish to be considered for this fellowship, contact the concentration that you applied to and speak with the program director.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION PACKETS FROM INCOMING STUDENTS is: **FEBRUARY 14, 2005**

Incoming students who receive awards will be notified by March 8th.

CURRENT graduate students need to submit the following:

- 1) Fellowship nomination form
- 2) personal statement by the student (statement & c.v. not to exceed 3 pages total, done in 12 point font)
- 3) curriculum vitae
- 4) two recommendations from faculty in student's area of interest
(one of whom is the student's major advisor/chairperson)
- 5) unofficial copy of student's latest graduate transcript (available from SPIRE)

Criteria used by the committee to rank current applications are listed in order of important as follows:

- 1) Letter of recommendation from Graduate Program Director
- 2) Two letters of recommendation from faculty
- 3) Curriculum Vitae
- 4) Personal statement
- 5) Student's graduate transcript

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION PACKETS

FROM CURRENT STUDENTS is:

APRIL 13, 2005

The Graduate Fellowship Committee asks that you DO NOT submit extra material and advises that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Current students who receive awards will be notified by the Graduate School by May 6th.

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**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE TUITION WAIVERS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS**

Nominations for tuition waivers for **current** international graduate students are now being solicited by the International Programs Office.

**Eligibility:** Current students must be in a full-time graduate degree program, have a minimum 3.25 GPA, demonstrated financial need and non-immigrant visa status.

**These waivers are for TUITION ONLY.** Recipients are not automatically entitled to renewals, but can reapply for one additional year.

**Complete application consists of:**

1. Formal application form (student must pick up form at the International Programs Office, 467 Hills South).
2. Financial documentation proving student has sufficient funds to cover all academic fees and expenses other than tuition, estimated at \$ 20,000 for Fall 2005 and Spring 2006.
3. Recommendation letter from student's advisor or chairperson.

Completed applications are to be submitted to Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator, in Room 123, Furcolo. Andrew Effrat, the Graduate Program Director, will review and nominate those applications that he feels are the strongest.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO**

**Linda Guthrie FOR FALL, 2005 is:**

**APRIL 14, 2005\***

**NOTE:** While the IPO deadline is April 20<sup>th</sup>, **all applications must first be submitted to Linda Guthrie by April 14<sup>th</sup> in order to be considered for nomination.**

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