

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION - UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

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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](mailto:zinnia@educ.umass.edu). All assistantships will run for two issues unless otherwise indicated. Examinations and dissertation proposals run for only one issue.

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**ATTENTION!** New Addition to the Beacon: **FACULTY ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

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### **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**

##### **RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP**

Four (4) part-time (10 hours per week)  
Summer and Fall

Work on a grant funded research project involving professional development around the literacy needs of English Language Learners in the Springfield public schools. **Responsibilities include:** assisting principal investigator, project manager, and other ACCELA project faculty in organizing and facilitating professional dialogue groups of administrators and teachers in the public schools; data collection (such as video-and audio-recording, field notes, document collection, etc.); assisting project faculty in development of rubrics and surveys based on initial group activities; research, retrieval, and organization of resources; and, other support tasks as needed

**Qualifications include:** Familiarity working with administrators and teachers in public school settings, solid computer and internet skills, interest and experience with qualitative and quantitative research approaches,(including multi-media data collection), interest in issues of equity in education for traditionally underserved school populations.

Project will involve off-campus work in Springfield. Research assistants will require their own transportation.

Positions dependent on availability of funding.

To apply, please attach a resume, letter of interest, and names of references to: (or leave hard copies in her mailbox in Furcolo Hall). **Dr. Pat Paugh**, [paugh@educ.umass.edu](mailto:paugh@educ.umass.edu), Room 223C Furcolo Hall, 545-0660

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION**

**LISE SPARROW** April 19, 2005, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. , Room 21C, Furcolo Hall. "Prepared for Complexity: Multicultural Women Teaching English as a Second Language."

**Chairperson: Dr. Sonia Nieto**

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### **FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION**

**MARIA VITA CALKINS** April 19, 2005, 1:00 p.m., Room 155, Hills South. "First Generation College Students: Family Influence and the Road to College."

**Chairperson: Joseph B. Berger.**

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### **FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION**

**ADINA ALEXANDRU** April 22, 2005, 1:00 p.m., in Room 21C, Furcolo Hall. "Miss, Do We Really Have to Pass This Class?" Endorsement of Foreign Language Education in Middle School Students' Discourses in an Era of Globalization."

**Chairperson: Dr. Theresa Austin.**

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### **FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION**

**MARIA DEL PILAR MENDOZA** April 26, 2005, 10:00 a.m., Room 151, Hills South. "Academic Capitalism and Doctoral Socialization: A Case Study."

**Chairperson: Dr. Joseph B. Berger.**

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### **ATTENTION MAY, 2005 DEGREE CANDIDATES**

The next degree-granting period will be May 2005. Listed below are deadline dates to apply for graduation for M.Ed., C.A.G.S., Ed.D. and Ph.D. candidates who will have completed requirements for a May, 2005 degree.

#### **M.Ed. and C.A.G.S. Candidates**

**Degree Eligibility forms must be completed and returned to Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, no later than April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of the Graduate Program Director (Andrew Effrat). The Eligibility form must be accompanied by the School of Education Program of Study form (M-2 or C-2), which requires your Advisor's signature. Forms are available in the Graduate Program Office and on the School of Education home page: [www.umass.edu/education](http://www.umass.edu/education)

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M.Ed. degree candidates should check with the Office of Degree Requirements (545-0025) before April 25th concerning any fees, which may be due.

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

**The Doctoral Degree Eligibility form must be submitted to Linda Guthrie in Room 123 Furcolo, along with the D-9 form (Result of Final Oral Examination) no later than April 25, 2005.** The Eligibility form is sent to each student by the Degree Requirements Office (534 Goodell) after the defense date is scheduled (Form D-8).

All final dissertations must be signed by Andrew Effrat, Dean of the School of Education. Students should call the Dean's Office (545-0234) to schedule a time to obtain this signature.

Dissertation copies, fees and materials must be submitted to the Office of Degree Requirements (Room 534 Goodell) by 5:00 p.m., April 29th, 2005. **THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!**

***IMPORTANT: If you do not file for graduation by the degree deadline date, you must pay the Program Fee to maintain continuous enrollment until you graduate.***

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## **Fortnightly Breakfast Lecture Series - Child and Family Studies**

### **Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. Room 225, Furcolo Hall**

April 5           **Television and the Very Young Child**  
Daniel Anderson, Professor of Psychology, UMASS Psychology Department

April 19           **Improving the Academic Performance of Student Athletes: A Posse is the Answer**  
Ernest Washington, Professor of Education, UMASS School of Education

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## **Thesis Formatting at UMass Amherst**

**Spring 2005**

The Office of Information Technologies offers a workshop with detailed instructions on how to format a thesis to meet the requirements of the University of Massachusetts Graduate School with Microsoft Word for Windows. The workshop includes margins, footnotes, bibliographies, page numbering, headings, table of contents, etc.

**Registration:** Registration is required and is not complete until you have paid the \$10 fee. To register, go to the Administrative Desk in A118 Lederle GRC (545-9730).

**Microsoft Word for Windows:** The course covers Microsoft Word XP (2003), Word 2000, or Word 97 on Windows. You need to tell us exactly which version of Word you are using when you register so we will have the appropriate course materials for you.

**Workshops:** We are offering two separate sessions. Register for the one that best meets your schedule:

Tuesday, April 12, 9 am – noon or

Thursday, April 21, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

**Prerequisite:** Working knowledge of your version of Microsoft Word for Windows and Windows. Course materials on Web or disk. If you cannot attend the class, you may find the materials on the OIT Website: [www.oit.umass.edu/workshops/tutorials.html](http://www.oit.umass.edu/workshops/tutorials.html) Although we no longer offer workshops for Word on the Macintosh and older versions of Word on Windows, the materials are still available. You may purchase a course packet from OIT for \$5 plus tax.

For information, send email to [workshops@oit.umass.edu](mailto:workshops@oit.umass.edu)

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