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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION - UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

New Look for the Beacon!

We have created a new look for *The Beacon* in order to bring you more information about the School of Education. As always, *The Beacon* is available on-line at: <http://www.umass.edu/education/publications/beacon.htm> If you have problems accessing this link, go to the School of Education home page, click on *The Beacon* button on the left. Earlier issues can be found by going to *Publications*.



FAQ's and other information that is good to know:

I am a new graduate student. I am on campus, but I do not know how to access SPIRE.

When you were accepted into the Graduate School, you should have received a communication giving you a SPIRE number and a temporary password to access it. If you did not receive that communication or, if you forgot your password, contact OIT at: http://www.oit.umass.edu/spire/for_students/index.html

I was told I need to have a Campus ID in order to get my campus email account. Where to I go?

The UCard Office is located in the Franklin Dining Hall (413-545-0197).

I registered for class, but I want to take something else. What can I do?

You can go to your SPIRE account and make changes yourself until, Tuesday, September 19, 2006. After that date, you will need to obtain a Late Add/Drop Form from the Academic Affairs & Graduate Programs office at 123 Furcolo Hall.

This form will need the signature of the instructor. You return the form to the Graduate Records Office at 534 Goodell Building.

What if I want to take an independent study?

Again, you will need to come to the Academic Affairs & Graduate Programs office at 123 Furcolo Hall to pick up the form. Have it filled out and signed and return it to 123 Furcolo to be registered for your independent study.



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MORE ON ASSISTANTSHIPS

About assistantships, outside the financial aid office in Whitmore and Goodell near the Grad Records or outside of the ALANA office, there are assistantships posted. The assistantships are also posted online at: <http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/assistantship/>



FACULTY/STAFF/STUDENT ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Our Elsa Wiehe, LLC Student Advisory Committee Member, has been accepted to present at the Rethinking Marxism Conference to be held at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst on 26-28 October, 2006. Her paper presentation joins many other presentations by luminaries such as:

Imperialism and the Fantasies of Democracy : Ernesto LACLAU & Ella SHOHAT & Antonio CALLARI

Rethinking Communism: Susan BUCK-MORSS & Kojin KARATANI & Stephen CULLENBERG

The Power of the Left Media : Liza FEATHERSTONE & Sut JHALLY & Trebor SCHOLZ

Check out this stimulating conference program at <http://www.rethinkingmarxism2006.org>



We would like to share in each other's successes. Please send recent information on publications, grants, activities, honors, and awards to: **Linda Rhinehart Neas, Room 123A Furcolo Hall, lascell@educ.umass.edu**
Publication deadlines are found at the bottom of the page.



FALL 06/SPRING 07 ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE (by department)

Please note: All available positions are contingent upon funding.

Dean's Office

10-hour per week Fall/Spring Project Assistantship/Development/Dean's Office

Duties include: Assist in the planning of the SOE Centennial Celebration activities, scheduled for the 2007-2008 academic year; assist in the coordination of SOE Caravan Events; assist in the analysis of alumni data; assist in the

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communication/marketing efforts of the Development Office.

Qualifications: Ideal candidate should be a strong writer; comfortable working in professional setting including interactions with senior official and external constituents; proficient in MS Excel and other Office programs. Preference will be given to candidates with event/project management experience.

Interested candidates should email a business resume, a cover letter, and a short writing sample to **Cindy Hamel** at chamel@educ.umass.edu.

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### **Educational Policy, Research and Administration**

No positions available this week.

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Office of Teacher Education

No positions available this week.

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### **Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services**

No positions available this week.

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Office of Academic Affairs

No positions available this week.

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### **Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies**

No positions available this week.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **"A PH.D. IS NOT ENOUGH!"**

Do you know everything you need to succeed in graduate school and life afterwards?

Getting your Ph.D. is not enough to guarantee your success. Come to "A Ph.D. Is Not Enough!" to find out how to excel in graduate school and flourish in your career.

"A Ph.D. Is Not Enough!" will be held this year on September 19, 2006 at the UMass-Amherst Campus Center with featured speaker Jorge Cham of the Piled Higher and Deeper (Ph.D.) comics. The event is free for everyone in all

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doctoral programs, but registration is required. For more information and to register, please visit [www.apine-event.org](http://www.apine-event.org).

"A Ph.D. Is Not Enough!" (APINE) will be in the following format this year:

- Two simultaneous morning workshops
  - Workshop I: How to Succeed in Graduate School
    - \* Targeting early career graduate students in STEM and the humanities
    - \* Introductory Speaker Wilmore Webley
    - \* Two graduate student panels: one from among the STEM disciplines and one from the schools of Humanities, Education, and Management with different perspectives on graduate school
  - Workshop II: Academic Life After Graduate School
    - \* Targeting advanced graduate students
    - \* A panel that features post-doctoral students and professors from various points in their careers
- Featured Speaker Jorge Cham, author of the Ph.D. comics
  - Attend two of six afternoon workshops
    - Develop your networking skills
    - Garner tips on grant writing
    - Gather advice for how to conduct a job search
      - Develop your teaching skills
    - Find out what Career Services can offer
    - Learn about academia vs. industry

Come gather useful information as well as get answers to questions you may have about graduate school and/or career paths from the speakers and panel discussions. Don't forget to register! Registration is free but required at [www.apine-event.org](http://www.apine-event.org).

### **ATTENTION: ALL NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Be sure to download your Doctoral, Master's, or CAGS (Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies) Advising guidelines forms from our website: [umass.edu/education](http://umass.edu/education) > academics > Advising Guidelines

You will need these forms to verify your progress throughout your degree. The first form is due in the Graduate Program Office (123 Furcolo) by the end of the Fall, 2006 semester, after it is signed by your advisor. If you have any questions regarding these forms, contact Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator, at 545-6984 or [lguthrie@educ.umass.edu](mailto:lguthrie@educ.umass.edu).



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## PROPOSAL WRITING FORUMS

Before you are even settling in, we already have an announcement for you!!! We will again this fall offer PROPOSAL WRITING FORUMS for graduate students applying for extramural funding this upcoming fall/academic year. This year the forums will consist of two parts: an information session and a writing workshop. To attend a writing workshop you MUST have participated in an information session, so please plan ahead!

### INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Information Sessions will outline general information on preparing a proposal draft including formatting/sectioning, evaluation criteria, common reasons why proposals are rejected, and compliance for research with human subjects.

- . Experienced faculty from a variety of disciplines will be there to answer questions.
- . Information Sessions are open to ALL graduate students.
- . Refreshments provided.

Information Session I: Friday September 15, 3-5 pm, Campus Center 803  
Information Session II: Thursday October 5, 4-6 pm, Campus Center 803  
Reserve the date!!!

### WRITING WORKSHOPS:

- . Proposal Writing Workshops are specifically designed for students who are applying for a grant or fellowship in the current funding cycle (fall 2006). You must submit a draft of a proposal to participate!
- . They are designed to make your funding proposal more competitive, to have you implement proposal review criteria, and to create a supportive environment among peers.
- . To attend a Proposal Writing Workshop, you must first attend a Proposal Writing Information Session!!!
- . You MUST pre-register for these workshops!
- . Coffee provided ;-)

Workshop I: Friday September 29, 9 am - 12noon, Campus Center 802  
Social Sciences and Humanities  
Pre-Registration deadline is September 22nd, 12 noon!

Workshop II: Friday October 20, 1-4 pm, Campus Center, Room 802  
Engineering and Sciences  
Pre-registration deadline is October 13th, 12 noon!

Workshop III: Friday November 10th, 9 am - 12noon, Campus Center 802  
Social Sciences, Humanities, Professional Schools  
Pre-registration deadline: November 3rd, 12 noon!

For more information or pre-registration materials, please check out our web site [www.umass.edu/gradschool/gsgs](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/gsgs)) or come by our office. We will be open on Tue 10-1, Thu 10-2, and Fri 10-3 this fall. Or simply give us a call.

Graduate Student Grant Service, 517 Goodell Building, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 413-545-5273  
[gsgs@resgs.umass.edu](mailto:gsgs@resgs.umass.edu), [www.umass.edu/gradschool/gsgs](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/gsgs).

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