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NCATE

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National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

NCATE NEWS

In the upcoming issues of *The Beacon* we will be including news about NCATE. We hope you will find the information helpful.

HOW THE STANDARDS ARE APPLIED

To seek accreditation, an institution must meet specific preconditions. Once the preconditions are met, NCATE schedules an accreditation visit. The institution then prepares a report, describing how it meets each of the six standards. Three to eight members of the NCATE Board of Examiners visit the institution to interview faculty, students, staff, graduates, and employers, and to gather additional data to evaluate the programs. The team reviews all the evidence and writes a report on its findings. The institution may write a follow-up report in response. All material is forwarded to NCATE's Unit Accreditation Board, which reviews the data and makes the final accreditation decision. All procedural accreditation documents are available on NCATE's website at www.ncate.org.



FACULTY/STAFF/STUDENT ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

CENTER OF TEACHING GRANT

Masha Rudman recently received a \$3000 grant from the Center for Teaching to work with technology in conjunction with the children's literature and multicultural education classes that she teaches.

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DOCTORAL STUDENT RECEIVES GRANT FROM MCNAMARA FUND

Congratulations to doctoral candidate **Tashi Zangmo**, who received a grant of \$11,000 from the **Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund** at the World Bank in Washington, DC, recognizing her academic achievement, her professional experience, her dedication to bettering the lives of women and children, and her commitment to return to her native country of Bhutan when her studies are completed.



TWO FROM CIE ADDRESS WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

Two women connected with the Center for International Education (CIE) discussed their efforts to promote global literacy at the **Conference on Global Literacy**, organized by the White House and hosted Sept. 18 in New York by First Lady Laura Bush. Alumna **Maria Diarra Keita (MEd 1997)** is a founding director of the Institute for Popular Education in Mali, where she is working to strengthen intergenerational learning and women's literacy. **Hasina Mojadidi**, was a staff member working on curriculum and materials development for "Learning for Life," a project developed by CIE that worked to promote basic literacy and health skills for women in Afghanistan.



Please send all news of awards, honors, grants, contracts (not assistantships), new publications, etc., to the following *new e-mail address*: goodnews@educ.umass.edu.



FALL 06/SPRING 07 ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE (by department)

Please note: All available positions are contingent upon funding.

Dean's Office

No positions available this week.

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Educational Policy, Research and Administration

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP – 10 HOUR POSITION

Spring 2007 graduate research assistantship in the concentration of Educational Administration and Leadership. This is a 10 hour per week position.

Duties include: Assistance in the development and preparation of materials for two new courses: Leadership for Curriculum and Instruction & Collaboration for Student Achievement; assistance in conducting field research in public school settings; assist in the preparation of grant applications and manuscripts for publication

Public school teaching and/or administrative experience or significant study in these areas preferred.

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If interested, please submit via email an electronic copy of your resume and a cover letter that highlights your relevant experience and qualifications to: **Dr. Rebecca Gajda**, Rebecca.Gajda@educ.umass.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately.

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

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS - Part time assistantships (10-20 hours per week) are available for Spring 2007 for the course: Educ 192A: Education at the Movies.

Responsibilities include: 1) attend weekly large group presentations and facilitate supervision of students (i.e., supervise students' arrival and departure, record attendance, collect assignments, be available for general questions and answers from students); 2) attend weekly planning meetings to organize and prepare seminar and other course related content; 3) conduct weekly small group seminar sessions; 4) meet with and assist course director, faculty, and TA team members as needed.

Qualifications include: excellent communication and organizational skills, exceptional interpersonal skills that will facilitate team building, significant interest in public school dynamics and media perspective, and well-developed technology skills. Previous teaching experience would be an asset.

To apply, please contact **Nola Stephen**, 16 Furcolo Hall, at 413-545-1186 or nola@educ.umass.edu.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION: FEBRUARY, 2007 DEGREE CANDIDATES

The next degree-granting period will be February, 2007. 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 February, 2007 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 January 9th, 2007. It is strongly suggested, however, that you submit your forms to Linda **before** the winter break to be sure you can obtain your advisor's signature.

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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 > Academics > Advising Guidelines.

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 January 9th, 2007.* The Eligibility form is sent to each student by the Degree Requirements Office (534 Goodell) after the defense date is scheduled (Form D-8).

Two copies of the dissertation signature page must be signed by Christine B. McCormick, Dean of the School of Education. Students should submit their signature pages to Linda by January 9th,* and she will obtain the Dean's signature.

* It is strongly suggested, however, that you submit your forms to Linda before the winter break to be sure you can obtain your advisor's signature.

Dissertation copies, fees and materials must be submitted to the Office of Degree Requirements (Room 534 Goodell) by 5:00 p.m., January 16th, 2007. **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.



ATTENTION: DOCTORAL STUDENTS SCHEDULING ORAL DEFENSE

Doctoral students who are scheduling their dissertation defense can now submit the draft copy of their dissertation with the D-8 Form (Announcement of Final Oral Defense) to Linda Guthrie either as a hard copy OR on disk.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

YEPREM MEHRANIAN December 14, 2006, 2:00 p.m., Room 21C, Furcolo. "Searching for Identity: An exploration of narrative, behavior, material culture, and curriculum as representations of identity in one Armenian Day School in the United States."

Chairperson: Dr. Patt Dodds.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

LISA DEYO December 14, 2006, 9:00 a.m., Room 275 Hills South. "Perspectives on Learning in the Women's Economic Empowerment Literacy Program."

Chairperson: Dr. Gretchen B. Rossman.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

FANG LIU December 11, 2006, 10:00 a.m., Room 219, Furcolo. "Parental Goals and Mother-Child Interaction in Immigrant Chinese Families."

Chairperson: Dr. Grace J. Craig.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

PAUL HYRY December 5, 2006, 4:15 p.m., Room 151, Hills South.

Chairperson: Dr. Jeffrey Eiseman.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

STEPHEN JIRKA November 29, 2006, 10:30 a.m., Room 151, Hills South.

Chairperson: Dr. Ronald K. Hambleton.



SOE WEBSITE SURVEY

We are in the process of examining the School of Education website for changes and to make it more "user-friendly." We are asking the help of those who use the website most often: our faculty, staff, students and alumni.

Please complete the attached survey and return it by November 28, 2006 to: Linda Rhinehart Neas, Assistant to the Associate Dean, Room 123A Furcolo, lascell@educ.umass.edu

Thank you for your assistance in this effort.

School of Education Web Survey

Name: _____

Department: _____

Email: _____

Please take the time to share your ideas by answering these questions. Thank you!

1. Please give suggestions for any new sections, pages, columns, etc. you would like to see incorporated in a new website.

2. Would you like to see special revolving pages such as, faculty or student of the month or special bulletins pertaining to important events or information? If so, what special revolving pages would be most helpful to you or your students?

3. Please provide references of any website(s) which we can browse to get new ideas from for our new website.

4. What else can we do to make your experience using the SOE website more informative and functional?

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EPRA EDUCATIONAL POLICY FORUM

Funding Higher Education: Can Massachusetts Do Better?

MONDAY DECEMBER 4TH, 2006

1:00PM TO 2:00PM

HILLS SOUTH, ROOM 373



A DISCUSSION WITH

SENATOR STAN ROSENBERG

*PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
SENATE*

On January 8th, 2003, state Senator Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) was named President Pro Tem of the Massachusetts Senate, becoming the first senator in the state's history to hold this leadership position. This appointment came after he served seven years in other leadership posts: four as Assistant Majority Leader and three years as the first western Massachusetts legislator to chair the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Stan also continues to serve on the Legislature's Foster Kid Caucus and maintains a leadership role on legislation affecting education, the environment and health care.

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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!

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