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Christina Bosch, a doctoral student in special education, received a prestigious CADRE Fellowship, a competitive fellowship designed to be a capacity-building experience for early career researchers and developers. Fellows learn about Discovery Research K-12 beyond their project and network with researchers and developers from across the country. They also gain insights into the National Science Foundation (NSF) and what it takes to be successful and effective researchers and developers. Bosch is a fellow on Michael Krezmien and Martina Nieswandt’s Project RAISE, an NSF-funded project designed to improve science outcomes and engagement for incarcerated youth.

The National Institutes of Health’s "Write Winning Grants” workshop is on Friday, December 4, 2015. Organized by the Office of Research Development, it will be led by Dr. Peg Atkinson of Grant Writers’ Seminars and Workshops (GSGW) LLC. This workshop comprehensively addresses practical and conceptual aspects that are important to the proposal-writing process. The full-day program includes a luncheon and each attendee will receive a complimentary copy of the highly regarded and recently updated, NIH Grant Application Writer’s Workbook. Registration is free to campus faculty. Online registration is open until November 30th or until full. www.umass.edu/research/NIH_GWSW

AERA announces its 2015–2016 AERA Minority Dissertation Fellowship in Education Research competition application for graduate students. This program provides mentoring and funding support to develop research skills and conduct studies in education related fields and topics. Information about the program, eligibility requirements, and application instructions are available at http://www.aera.net/AERAfundingopportunities. The application deadline is November 2, 2015.

The College’s Ronald H. Fredrickson Center for School Counseling Outcome Research & Evaluation announce two symposia by Dr. Neil Humphrey of the University of Manchester, England:
- Bullying of children and young people with autism spectrum conditions: What do we know and how can we help? Tuesday October 27 at 4 pm in Furcolo W014.

Previous Conference Presentations

Ronald K. Hambleton, EPRA, presented a keynote address, "Technical issues with large scale assessments,” with D. Pham, presented “Advances in item response theory: New models, model fit, computer-adaptive testing, and score reporting,” an invited address, at the Brazilian Association of Educational Evaluation, Florianopolis, Brazil, August, 2015.

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Upcoming Presentations

Chryystal George Mwangi, EPRA, will present "The struggle is real: A critical content analysis of the 'I Too Am' student microblogging movement in the U.S. and the U.K.” at the Black Studies Association: Blackness in Britain conference in Birmingham, United Kingdom, October 29-31.

Recent Publications


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