ATTENTION SEPTEMBER 2008 DEGREE CANDIDATES

The next degree-granting period will be September, 2008. 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 September 2008 degree.

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

The Degree Eligibility form must be completed and returned to Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, no later than August 22nd, 2008. This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director and Dean McCormick.

The Eligibility form must be accompanied by the School of Education Completed Program of Study form (Master’s Form M-2 or CAGS Form C-2). Your advisor must sign the School of Ed form, but NOT the Eligibility form.

Forms can be downloaded from the following URL:
http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/advising_guidelines.shtml

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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 August 22, 2008. It can be downloaded from: http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/files/Doctoral%20Degree%20Eligibility%20Form.pdf. Please note that the Degree Eligibility form is 2 pages. Linda will submit this form to the Degree Requirements Office after it is signed.

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 August 24th, and she will obtain the Dean’s signature. She will then return these pages to the student for inclusion with the dissertation.

Dissertation copies, fees and materials must be submitted to the Office of Degree Requirements (Room 534 Goodell) by 5:00 p.m., August 29th, 2008. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!

IMPORTANT: If you do not file for graduation by the degree deadline date, you must pay the Continuous Enrollment fee of $275.00 to maintain continuous enrollment until you graduate.

DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Commonwealth Corporation is offering a fellowship for a Massachusetts doctoral student to conduct research on workforce development in the long-term care sector. Please click on the link below to access the description and application (due October 1, 2008). Questions can be directed to info@commcorp.org.


The fellowship is offered in memory of Professor Susan Eaton, an activist and researcher who dedicated her career to work and labor issues and made important contributions to the field of workforce development in the long-term care industry.

CONFERENCES & CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

ACADAMY FOR EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

Academy for Educational Studies
4th Annual Conference
October 20 & 21, 2008 in Branson, MO

“Rethinking education: Is it time for radical change in the public schools?”

Keynote Addresses:
Kieran Egan (Simon Fraser University) and Paul Theobald (Buffalo State University).

Academy Dialogue hosted by Christopher Lucas (University of Arkansas)

If you have any questions, please contact:
Steven P. Jones, Academy Director
Missouri State University
417-836-5982 • spjones@missouristate.edu

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR LANGUAGE STUDIES

ISLS Conference Dates: June 11-13, 2009
Location: The Crowne Plaza Orlando Universal; Orlando, Florida
Proposal Deadline: September 1, 2008


NORTHEASTERN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (NERA)

NERA Conference Dates: October 22-24, 2008
Location: Marriott Hotel in Rocky Hill, CT.
Questions: neramembers@gmail.com.
Theme: "Strengthening Educational Research"
Note: Papers and posters need not be about the conference theme.

Keynote speaker: Marilyn Cochran-Smith, the John E. Cawthorne Millennium Chair in Teacher Education for Urban Schools from the Lynch School of Education at Boston College.

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All assistantships are contingent upon funding.

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CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP AT NERA

October 22, 2008 (Wednesday)
4-5:30 P.M.
Hartford Marriott Rocky Hill, Rocky Hill, CT


Presented by Ronald K. Hambleton & April L. Zenisky
Center for Educational Assessment
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Goals for this workshop include a discussion of the current state of score reporting practices, including promising ideas for communicating test results to audiences, as well as an overview of research in the area and exercises to gain experience in both constructively criticizing score reports and designing better score reports.

TEACHER EDUCATION & CURRICULUM STUDIES (TECS) ASSISTANTSHIPS

TA assistantship Educ 500-STEP Supervisor-Fall 08
Ten hour per week teaching assistantship available to supervise science/math student teachers in Secondary Teacher Education Program, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

Responsibilities include: Supervision of 5 student teachers, site visits to schools, conferences with students and supervising practitioners, observation reports, weekly email contact, attendance at monthly supervisor meetings, review of student teaching portfolios, maintaining contact between schools and university, timely completion of ongoing documentation of student performance. For more info go to: http://www.people.umass.edu/madeloni

Qualifications: Excellent organizational and communication skills. Classroom teaching experience. Preferences given to students who have or are taking Educ 851.

Applicants should submit letter of interest, résumé, and names and contact information for two references to Barbara Madeloni, Director of STEP Student Teaching, 413-577-0495, madeloni@educ.umass.edu

Application deadline: August 26, 2008

All assistantships are contingent upon funding.