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ASSISTANTSHIP

Department of Education, Policy, Research and Administration

Spring 2009 - 10 hour graduate research assistantship. Responsibilities include: Assist in the development of a comprehensive plan to recruit and retain diverse graduate students. Projects would include developing advertising strategy and a mentor program, and to facilitate communications with target schools. Qualifications include: The ideal candidate must have developed research skills, strong organizational and time management skills, and be able to complete projects independently.

If interested, please submit via email an electronic copy of your resume and a cover letter that highlights your relevant experience and qualifications to: Department Assistant Robbie Calliham, calliham@educ.umass.edu, 161 Hills South. Review of applications will begin immediately.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

MELISSA DONOHUE  February 3, 2009, 10:00 a.m., Room 157, Hills South. Chairperson: Dr. Sharon F. Rallis.

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

TIE LIANG  Proposed Dissertation Title: "An assessment of the nonparametric approach for evaluating the fit of item response models."
Statement of the Problem: Evaluating model-data is crucial in item response theory. The studies in thesis will investigate one promising fit procedure by comparing it to two currently used methods. The comparison will cover statistical properties and graphical inspection.
Chairperson: Dr. Craig Wells.

Statement of the Problem: The development of scales that will allow the measurement of students' academic progress over several years (vertical scales) has become a necessary requirement of many state assessment systems. While a fair amount of research has been done on questions pertaining to the development of vertical scales, very little research has formally evaluated issues related to maintaining vertical scales over time.
Chairperson: Dr. Stephen G. Sireci.

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