ASSISTANTSHIP
Assistantship available to teach EDUC 229 for Spring 2009.
Responsibilities include: Assist with course preparation; Lead discussion sections with 25-30 undergraduate students; Attend weekly meetings; Provide feedback on students’ written work; Assist with evaluation of students’ written work
Qualifications include: Teaching experience at any level and strong organizational skills.
Contact: Robbie Calliham, 161 Hills South calliham@educ.umass.edu

FACILITATOR NEEDED
Will facilitate subject matter discussions for English student teachers in 6 meetings of EDUC 510-Student Teaching Seminar.Lead discussion, deliver and assess NCATE assignments, assist students in the development of their portfolios. Classroom experience, knowledge of development of novice teachers, excellent organizational skills. Compensation is $1250. CONTACT: Barbara Madeloni, Director of Student Teaching, Secondary Teacher Education Program, School of Education madeloni@educ.umass.edu (413) 577-0495
D. CHASE JAMES CATALANO  February 18, 2009, 4:00 p.m., 151 Hills South. Chairperson: Dr. Maurianne Adams.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

CONFERENCE

Innovation Lab: The College Ready New England Annual Conference

Friday, March 27, 2009
Campus Center at University of Massachusetts Boston

Please join leaders of education, business and government, along with regional and national policy experts, for this highly interactive "laboratory" of innovations and best practices.

Presenters in this annual College Ready New England conference will showcase model programs and leading strategies to increase college readiness and attainment for underrepresented students. Those in attendance will have the opportunity throughout the day to visit model programs and speak with exhibitors in a "marketplace" setting where college readiness strategies will be shared.

The conference will feature three tracks:
- Early commitment, access and awareness programs
- K-12 and higher education/business partnerships
- College outreach and marketing

Conference attendees will include more than 400 of the region's higher education leaders, state higher education executive officers, K-12 commissioners, state board chairs, superintendents, principals, guidance and career counselors, state legislators, governors' education advisors and business leaders.

Register Today
Registration fee: Cost is $149 for one registrant. Discounted rate for multiple registrants from the same organization: Cost is $129 per person.

Register online with a credit card, pay by check, P.O. or credit card, or download a registration form in Microsoft Word format or get more information at www.nebhe.org

Registration deadline: Friday, March 20, 2009

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Amanda Silvia at 617-357-9620 ext. 105 or email: events@nebhe.org.

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

ALISON GEORGE
Proposed Dissertation Title: "Teaching for Social Justice with Standards-Based Secondary English Language Arts Curriculum."

Statement of the Problem: Teaching for social justice is the attempt by classroom teachers to use their position in the classroom to effect meaningful change despite current educational conditions and mandates.

However, there is limited research regarding how secondary English Language Arts teachers apply principles of teaching for social justice to standards-based curriculum.

Chairperson: Dr. Bailey W. Jackson.
Hello International Graduate Students!

I want to offer you the opportunity to participate in the International Conversation Partners Program this semester. You will be paired with an undergraduate student for conversation throughout the semester. This is an opportunity to learn more about American students, American culture, and the local community. You can also help your partner to learn more about your country and culture.

International graduate students will be paired with an undergraduate student and must commit to meeting for 15 hours throughout the semester. Partners set up their own schedule. The undergraduate students will be participating for 1 credit.

We will have our first informational meeting on February 12 at 7:30 p.m. I will be emailing you more information as the date gets closer.

Space is limited. There are only thirty spots available. International graduate students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

To reserve your spot, or if you have any questions, please contact

Jessica Silva
Student Coordinator
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Dr. Nugent comments on Obama, cross-cultural friendship at MSNBC.com

Dr. Kevin Nugent of the School of Education’s Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies and director of the Brazelton Institute at the Children’s Hospital in Boston says President Barack Obama and his family are providing an example for changing attitudes about race and ethnicity in the country. The comments are in a story about the popularity of a new podcast that highlights cross-cultural friendships and teaching for children. (MSNBC.com, 1/30/09)

Read the article on the SOE website
www.umass.edu/education

This month, Academic Computing offers workshops on using Excel, SPARK, PRS, and the UMass blogs system. Topics include:

* Setting up a blog for your course
* Managing PRS data
* Building a new course from scratch in SPARK
* SPARK discussion tools
* Collecting assignments in SPARK
* Working with the SPARK grade book
* Calculating grades in Excel

To view the schedule and register for workshops online, please visit:
http://www.umass.edu/accoprod/workshop/register.php