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BEACON DEADLINE: The deadline for Beacon announcements is 3:30 p.m. on Monday, due in Room 124, Furcolo Hall or to zinnla@educ.umass.edu. All assistantships will run for two issues unless otherwise indicated. Examinations and dissertation proposals run for only one issue.

ATTENTION! The Beacon is available on-line at: http://www.umass.edu/education/publications/beacon.pdf. If you have problems accessing this link, go to the School of Education home page, click on the Beacon button on the left. Earlier issues can be found by going to Publications.

FALL 05/SPRING 06 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
No positions available this week.

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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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Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP
Spring 2006 Part-time (10 hrs/wk)
To work on a grant funded research project involving professional development around the literacy needs of English Language Learners in the Springfield public schools.

Responsibilities include: assisting principal investigator, project manager, and other ACCELA project faculty in organizing and facilitating professional dialogue groups of administrators and teachers in the public schools; data collection (such as video-and audio-recording, field notes, document collection, etc.); assisting project faculty in development of rubrics and surveys based on initial group activities; research, retrieval, and organization of resources; and, other support tasks as needed.

Qualifications include: Familiarity working with administrators and teachers in public school settings, solid computer and internet skills, interest and experience with qualitative and quantitative research approaches,(including multi-media data collection), interest in issues of equity in education for traditionally underserved school populations. Project will involve off-campus work in Springfield. Research assistants will require their own transportation.

To apply, please attach a resume, letter of interest, and references to: Dr. Pat Paugh, paugh@educ.umass.edu, Room 223C Furcolo Hall, 413-545-0660.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

ROD HART    Proposed Dissertation Title: "Blackboard Theater: Teaching as a Performing Art." Statement of the Problem: The act of teaching is a form of performance; yet despite the overwhelming literature supporting this assertion, traditional teacher education programs devote little time to developing a new teacher's performance skills prior to the practicum.

Chairperson: Dr. Allan Feldman.

GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

The Graduate School has announced that they will be awarding student travel grants for students who will be presenting at recognized conferences during the 2005-6 academic year. The application and expense summary can be downloaded from:

www.umass.edu/gradschool  >  students  >  travel grant application

The last page of this download will be completed by Christine McCormick, the Graduate Program Director. Requests will be considered exclusively for travel to recognized conferences or events for the purpose of presenting the results of research conducted during graduate coursework at UMASS Amherst. Criteria for nomination include merit of the project, prestige of the conference or event and financial need of the student. Awards will be made to the individual student rather than for a project (divided among several students). The Travel Grant Committee may not be able to fund all nominations that are forwarded for consideration. Grant amounts are up to $300.00 for domestic and $400.00 for international travel.

Deadline to submit the application and expense summary to Linda Guthrie in Room 123, Furcolo (Graduate Program Office) is November 16.

FACULTY/STAFF ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

REVIEWS

The following faculty are scheduled for review during the FY0506 academic year. Those wishing to comment should forward letters to Christine B. McCormick Dean, School of Education, 124 Furcolo Hall.

Tenure and promotion to Dwight W. Allen Distinguished University Professor of Education Policy and Reform
- Sharon F. Rallis, Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration

Tenure as Professor and Dean, School of Education
- Christine B. McCormick, Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration

Tenure as Professor and Chair, Department of Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services
- Richard Lapan

Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor
- Ximena Zuniga, Department of Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services
- Margaret Gebhard, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

Reappointment through Tenure Decision Year
- Lisa Keller, Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration
- Shederick McClendon, Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration

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