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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

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP -- Secondary Teacher Education Program (STEP)
Spring 2006. Part-time (10 hours per week)

Supervisor/resource person for middle and high school student teachers who are on-site and full time.

Qualifications include: Applicants must have at least 3 years of teaching experience at the middle or high school level; a background in English, History or Political Science, Mathematics, or one of the Sciences; and a commitment to teacher education. Students with previous or concurrent coursework in supervision are given priority.

Responsibilities include: Site visits to schools; conferences with cooperating and student teachers; weekly communication with student teachers; serving as resource person; maintaining communication between STEP and the schools; weekly e-mail updates to the Director of Student Teaching; timely submission of ongoing documentation, regular attendance at supervisors meetings. Details at http://people.umass.edu/magouirk

Applicants should submit letter of interest, resume, and names and contact information of two references to: Dr. Marge Magouirk Colbert, Room 8, Furcolo Hall, 545-1113, magouirk@educ.umass.edu.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 6, 2005

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TEACHING ASSISTANTSHP -- Secondary Teacher Education Program (STEP)  
Spring 2006. Part-time (10 hrs/wk)  

Responsibilities include: working as an administrative assistant to the Coordinator of the Secondary Teacher Education Program and to the Director of Student Teaching.  

Qualifications include: must have excellent organizational skills and be highly reliable. Computer skills are required (Word, Excel, Access). Preference will be given to STEP Master’s students and priority to those who are eligible for work-study.  

Applicants should submit letter of interest, resume, and names and contact information of two references to Dr. Linda Griffin, 545-2336

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

YING LU December 12, 2005, 1:30 p.m., Room 151, Hills South. "Assessing Fit of Item Response Theory Models." Chairperson: Dr. Ronald K. Hambleton.

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FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

CLAUDETTE GISCOMBE Proposed Dissertation Title: "All I am asking is a little respect: Negotiating pathways in science. The life experiences of African-American University women in science." Statement of the Problem: The under-representation of African-American and in particular, African-American females is national concern. The current obsession with the differences in human abilities by race and gender has been divisive. There is urgent need to look beyond those unfounded ideologies to new ways of theorizing. There is an urgent need to connect the life stories of African-American females to their ability to negotiate pathways to success in science. It is for this reason that I propose this study that seeks to address the issues around the phenomenon of the under-representation of African-American females in science. Chairperson: Dr. Kathleen Davis.

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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  

Promotion to Professor  
- Theresa Austin, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

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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