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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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

DORIS CORREA  December 19, 2005,  1:00 p.m., Room 20, Furcolo. Chairperson: Dr. Jerri Willett.

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

YIJIE ZHAO  Proposed Dissertation Title: "Graduates' Perceptions of the Impact of Urban School Workplace on the Effect of an Immersion Teacher Preparation Program, 2001-2005." Statement of the Problem: This study is intended to explore some urban public school teachers' perceptions of the influence of their current school workplace on the effect of their teacher preparation program and their career plans. Chairperson: Dr. Joseph B. Berger.

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

SUSAN C. LYON  Proposed Dissertation Title: Women in Engineering: Tell Me What You Need To Succeed." Statement of the Problem: The under-representation of women in engineering has been a topic of intense focus by the federal government, academic and researchers since the 1970s. The problem is of particular importance in the United States where young women and minority youth are now the demographic majority. Over the next ten years, the United States will need to educate an additional 1.9 million workers to fill expected employment demand in engineering and the sciences. In order for the United States to fulfill this demand, an increased involvement of women in engineering is critical. Chairperson: Dr. Joseph B. Berger.

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 (letters should be addressed to School Personnel Committee, c/o Cindy Hamel, 124 Furcolo Hall)

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