School of Education - University of Massachusetts Amherst

Beacon

Beacon Deadline: The deadline for Beacon announcements is 3:30 p.m. on Monday, due in Room 124, Furcolo Hall or to zinnia@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 publications and then click on Beacon.

Attention! New Feature of the Beacon: Faculty Activities, Honors, and Awards

Message from the Dean:

Dear Colleagues,

This issue of the Beacon introduces a new feature: Faculty Activities, Honors, and Awards. It will highlight major publications, conference presentations, grant and contract awards, appointments to editorial boards, professional awards and elections to office in professional organizations. The intent of this section is for all of us in the School of Education to have a better sense of the depth and breadth of our colleagues’ work and to remind us of what we already know, that the School is a vibrant academic and professional community that contributes to the field of education with innovative projects and influences quality and innovation in the field of education.

I ask that you send information, with as many details as possible, to Laura Holland at ljh@educ.umass.edu. Laura will compile whatever information she has and include it in the weekly Beacon. In order to make it easier for you to read the Beacon and stay informed, I will email it to you every week.

Best regards,

Andy

Spring 05 assistantships available (by department)

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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Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services

No positions available this week.

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**Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies**

**HOURLY POSITION – TECS OFFICE**

Spring 2005

This position supports the office of the TECS Chair.

**Responsibilities include:** assisting in data entry; maintaining records; assisting at various meetings and gatherings; and word processing.

**Qualifications include:** computer skills – knowledge of Excel and Word, excellent organizational and communication skills.

To apply, please send resume to Linda Rhinehart Neas, Room 117 or llaskell@educ.umass.edu.

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**FINAL ORAL DEFENSE**

**ADINA ALEXANDRU**

March 15, 2005, 1:00 p.m., Room 21C, Furcolo. "Miss, Do We Really Have to Pass This Class?" Endorsement of Foreign Language Education in Middle School Students' discourses in an Era of Globalization.

**Chairperson:** Dr. Theresa Austin.

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**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE TUITION WAIVERS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS**

Nominations for tuition waivers for current international graduate students are now being solicited by the International Programs Office.

**Eligibility:** Current students must be in a full-time graduate degree program, have a minimum 3.25 GPA, demonstrated financial need and non-immigrant visa status.

**These waivers are for TUITION ONLY.** Recipients are not automatically entitled to renewals, but can reapply for one additional year.

**Complete application consists of:**

1. Formal application form (student must pick up form at the International Programs Office, 467 Hills South).
2. Financial documentation proving student has sufficient funds to cover all academic fees and expenses other than tuition, estimated at $20,000 for Fall 2005 and Spring 2006.
3. Recommendation letter from student’s advisor or chairperson.

Completed applications are to be submitted to Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator, in Room 123, Furcolo. Andrew Effrat, the Graduate Program Director, will review and nominate those applications that he feels are the strongest.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO**

Linda Guthrie FOR FALL, 2005 is:

**APRIL 14, 2005**

**NOTE:** While the IPO deadline is April 20th, all applications must first be submitted to Linda Guthrie by April 14th in order to be considered for nomination.

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**FACULTY ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

Congratulations to Sonia Nieto, was recently named 2005 Outstanding Educator in the English Language Arts by the national Council of Teachers of English. The Elementary Section Steering Committee along with the NCTE Executive Committee voted unanimously to present her with this award, which recognizes distinguished educators who have made outstanding contributions to the field of language arts in elementary education. The award will be presented at the NCTE Annual Convention in Pittsburgh, on November 17.
Theresa Austin reports on a busy and productive schedule. She has been invited to be a member of the following prestigious judging boards:

- The Papalia Award for Excellence in Teacher Education Selection Committee that grants this award by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages to outstanding researchers and contributors to foreign language education.
- The Education Statistics Services Institute's Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-K: Middle and High School Years' working group for this national research project.
- The TESOL Action Research Award Selection Committee.

She has presented at the following conferences:


And she has been selected to present at the following upcoming international conferences:

- (April 2005) in Montreal at the International Society for Language Studies with Yvonne Farino, who is a doctoral student in LLC.
- (July 2005) Power and Pedagogy in English Language Learning. TESOL Panel with Khadar Bashir-Ali, (Organizer) The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; Mary Romney, Quinebaug Valley Community College, Willimantic, Connecticut; John Leach, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut; Gertrude Tinker-Sachs, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.


She also has some local invited presentations coming up:

In May, she will address the Asian - Asian American Studies Colloquium on Education Language Policies and Teacher Licensure in Massachusetts; and will also participate in


And finally, Theresa reports on her activities for the 2005 AERA Annual Meeting in Montreal, where she has been invited to be the chair and a discussant on two panels:

"Issues in Second Language Research" and "Language Education in the 21st Century: Towards Equity and Pluralism." Also, it is a pleasure to announce that the dissertation of one of her students, Dr. Yuri Kumagai, was selected to be among the finalists in the Second Language Acquisition SIG's of AERA. Congratulations to Theresa for all this fine work and recognition.

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