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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 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 the Beacon button on the left. Earlier issues can be found by going to Publications.

ATTENTION! New Addition to the Beacon: FACULTY ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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

No positions available this week.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

MARY MONICA GOMES April 7, 2005, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Room 287 Hills South.

Chairperson: Dr. David R. Evans

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

ANNE LUNDBERG March 31, 2005, 1:00 p.m., Room 151 Hills South.

Chairperson: Dr. Janine Roberts.

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FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

SHERI LYN SCHMIDT April 1, 2005, 11:00 a.m., Room 105 Hills. "Juggling the Contradictions: An Exploration of White College Students' Understanding of Meritocracy and Racial Inequality."

Chairperson: Dr. Ximena Zuniga.

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FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

JANNA SHADDUCK-HERNANDEZ  April 11, 2005, 3:30 p.m., Room 275 Hills South. "Here I Am Now! Community Service-Learning with Immigrant and Refugee Undergraduate Students and Youth: The Use of Critical Pedagogy, Situated Learning, and Funds of Knowledge."

Chairperson: Dr. Gretchen B. Rossman.

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

JOHN RAIBLE  Proposed Dissertation Title: "Sharing the Spotlight: The Non-adopted Siblings of Transracial Adoptees." Statement of the Problem: Research on transracial adoption typically excludes the voices of the non-adopted children in transracial families. This study addresses that void by examining the impact of transracial adoption on the siblings of adoptees.

Chairperson: Dr. Sonia Nieto.

ATTENTION: ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS

If you are a Master’s, CAGS or Doctoral student and do not have your packet of Advising Guidelines and forms, please contact Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator, to receive them. All graduate students must fill out these forms and have them signed by your advisor to chart your progress in your program, to comply with School of Education guidelines and to file for your degree. Linda can be reached at lguthrie@educ.umass.edu, in Room 123, Furcolo Hall, or by telephone at 413 545 6984.

JOSEPH L. BOSCov SCHOLARSHIP

The Graduate School is seeking nominations for the Joseph L. Boscov Scholarships. This scholarship is available to both current and incoming female graduate students who are U.S. citizens. Preference is given to women who are 35 or older, based on financial need, and whose work will “equip them for increased service to the needs of people and/or the environment.”

The Scholarship will provide a stipend of approximately $6,100, as well as a tuition waiver, a curriculum fee waiver, and deferral of the basic health fee.

Important Note: Receipt of this Scholarship will affect the loan eligibility for the coming academic year of a student who also receives a Federal Direct Loan.

Students must meet the above criteria and submit the following to Linda Guthrie, Room 123 Furcolo:

1) A personal statement, not to exceed two pages, that demonstrates how the graduate student’s studies will equip them for increased service to the needs of people and/or the environment and also addresses the student’s financial need.

2) A recommendation from the student’s advisor or chairperson.

3) A Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA) for 2005-06 must be on file with the Graduate Financial Aid Office (Room 243 Whitmore). (NOTE: Students should allow 4-6 weeks for the FAFSA to be processed). Students can access the FAFSA form at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

4) A resume or curriculum vitae.

Please note that we can only recommend one student from each of the School of Education’s departments. Dean Effrat will write a recommendation for each department’s nominee.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS:

APRIL 12, 2005

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