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BEACON DEADLINE:  Notice! Change in Beacon submission procedure: Beginning the week of Monday, March 20th, please submit Beacon announcements to Room, 123 Furcolo Hall or to rkeane@educ.umass.edu. The deadline remains 3:30 p.m. on Monday. 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.htm 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

SPRING 2006 TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP: STEP PROJECT ASSISTANT

One half-time (10 hours per week) assistantship is available for Spring 2006. This position will provide support to the Secondary Teacher Education Program faculty coordinator.

Qualifications include: Knowledge of basic word processing, spreadsheet and database programs; excellent organizational and writing skills; knowledge of and interest in middle and high school education.

Responsibilities include: Attending STEP faculty meetings, as needed, data collection, assisting faculty program coordinator with budgets and other program activities, consolidating and maintaining files, and other duties related to STEP program administration.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume by email to Robert Maloy (rwm@educ.umass.edu) by February 22.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTNIGHTLY BREAKFAST LECTURE SERIES UPCOMING EVENT

Dr. Eric Hurley, Professor of Psychology in the UMass Psychology Department, will be giving a lecture entitled, “Culture, Learning and Education: How we do it. How they do it.” Tuesday, February 28 at 8:30 AM in 225 Furcolo Hall. Sponsored by Child and Family Studies. Breakfast will be served.

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UPCOMING GLOBAL HORIZONS SPRING 2006 WORKSHOPS

March 4 - Exploring Islam in Southeast Asia
Participants will explore the essential role of Islam in the development of Southeast Asian cultures, literatures, and arts and the significance of this role in today’s “post-September 11 world.” Facilitator: Dr. Sally Habana-Hafner. UMass professor and co-director of the Global Horizons Program.

Workshops will take place from 9am to approximately 3pm at 275 Hills South. The cost of the workshops is $20 each, which includes lunch. For more information or to register, please contact Karen Binger at kbinger@educ.umass.edu or 1-413-687-5904.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

WILLIAM GROHE March 13, 2006, 3:00 p.m., Room 219, Furcolo. “Carpets, Beards, and Baseball Signs: An Intertextual and Interdiscursive Look at Meanings Constructed in a Cross-Cultural Setting for Language Learning.”
Chairperson: Dr. Jerri Willett.

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GRADUATE STUDENT GRANT SERVICE FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Association for the Study of Higher Education Lumina Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Program: stipend of $12,500 available for student pursuing doctoral degree in educational writing on higher education. Check website for updated deadline information. Web Site: http://35.8.168.242//fellowship/aboutfellowship.htm

Black Success Foundation Lydia Donaldson Tutt-Jones Memorial Research Grant: $2,000 for research leading to paper related to the success of African Americans in the fields of education, psychology, sociology or

**AERA Dissertations Grants:** $15,000 for research on education policy or practice using NCES and NSF data sets. Three deadlines this year: January 3, March 1 and September 1 2006. Web Site: http://www.aera.net/grantsprogram/res_training/diss_grants?DGFly.html

**James Madison Graduate Fellowships** are for students pursuing or planning to pursue a master’s degree in education and teach high school government or US history. Students pursuing a master’s degree in political science or history who plan to teach are also eligible to apply. Up to $24,000 available over a two-year period. Deadline: February 15, 2006. Web Site: http://www.jamesmadison.com

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**AERA FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Minority Fellowship Program – dissertation support**
The AERA offer dissertation support through its Minority Fellowship Program. This program aims to enhance the competitiveness of outstanding minority scholars for academic appointments at major research universities by supporting their research and writing, and by providing mentoring and guidance toward completion of their doctoral studies. AERA will award up to three doctoral fellowships this year. Interested candidates can obtain more information at http://www.aera.net/fellowships/?id=88. The deadline for application is March 1.

**AERA Grant Program**
The AERA Grant Program provides dissertation support and small grants for researchers who conduct studies of education policy and practice using quantitative methods and including the analysis of data from the large-scale data sets sponsored by National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). This Program too has a March 1, 2006 deadline. More information is available at http://www.aera.net/grantsprogram/, or contact:

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**FACULTY/STAFF ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

**Seeking Information:**
For a Column in the next edition of the School’s Alumnae/ni Newsletter and for occasional updates in our weekly BEACON, please send information about recent (2005) publications, grants, activities, honors, and awards to Laura Holland, ljh@educ.umass.edu.

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