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BEACON DEADLINE: Notice! Change in Beacon submission procedure: Beginning the week of Monday, Feb. 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

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.

March 11 - Education in China
This workshop serves to give K-12 schoolteachers an opportunity to examine their own cultural self-identities while exploring Chinese culture and its education system. Facilitator: Xiao Zhou, a doctoral student at the Center for International Education who has been involved in World Teach and other cross-cultural projects.

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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FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Barbara Baker   Proposed Dissertation Title: "Liberating the Body in Body Politics." Statement of the Problem: Research is needed that focuses on the power of theatrical performance to be utilized as a tool of resistance against internalized oppression in the lives of women of color. The study will examine how women of color use theatre to address and challenge the ideologies and internalization of oppression in their daily lives.

Chairperson: Dr. Barbara J. Love

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FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Ann Barone  Proposed Dissertation Title: “Both Sides of the Armory's Fence-Springfield, the Armory and the Civil War: An Inquiry-Based Trip for Urban Middle School Students.” Statement of the Problem: Urban middle school students are often considered at-risk for failure on standardized tests, and they need effective ways to learn required material. To meet the needs of students and to more fully utilize local resources, a full-day Civil War program at the Armory is proposed. This program is to be based on best practices as reported in the literature, and it hopefully can be used as model for others seeking to develop similar programs.

Chairperson: Dr. Kenneth A. Parker

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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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