SCHOOL OF EDUCATION - UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

BEACON DEADLINE: The deadline for Beacon announcements is 3:30 p.m. on Monday, due in Room 124, Furcolo Hall or to zinna@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.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

SPRING 2006 PROJECT ASSISTANTSHIP

One part-time (10 hours per week) assistantship is available for Spring 2006 working in the Academic Affairs/Graduate Program Office.

Responsibilities include: general clerical duties. (Computer research using Internet search engines, data collection and entry, revising and converting documents to computerized formats, filing, photocopying, and other administrative projects.)

Qualifications include: Computer knowledge including proficiency with MS Word, Excel, and database files, organizational and time-management skills, and an attention to detail.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to Linda Griffin, Associate Dean, at 123 Furcolo or by email to lgriffin@educ.umass.edu.

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Educational Policy, Research and Administration

FALL 2006-SPRING 2007 NEW FACULTY RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

One part-time (10 hour/week) research assistantship in the Center for International Education is available for the Fall 2006-Spring 2007 academic year with the possibility of continuation for a second academic year. The position will entail working with a new faculty member in the concentration in International Education.

Responsibilities include: 1) Teaching Related: Developing and managing websites for each class, Researching and preparing course reading lists and packets, Scanning non-PDF articles for class onto the course website, Reviewing existing curricula. 2) Writing Related: Assisting with research for publications, Checking references where needed, Compiling references into 'Endnotes', Assisting with all phases of editing, Compiling bibliographic database. 3) Grant Related: Assisting in finding grant applications, Assisting in all stages of grant preparation.

Qualifications include: The ideal candidate will be a self-starter and demonstrate a willingness to do above tasks as well as the potential for collaboration on research and writing.

To apply, please send a brief letter of application and your resume to Jacqi Mosselson at jmosselson@educ.umass.edu.

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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

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

One part-time (10-20 hours per week) assistantship is available for Fall 2006 for the course Educ 192A: Education at the Movies.

Responsibilities include: 1) attend weekly large group presentations and facilitate supervision of students (i.e., supervise students’ arrival and departure, record attendance, collect assignments, be available for general questions and answers from students); 2) attend weekly planning meetings to organize and prepare seminar and other course related content; 3) conduct weekly small group seminar sessions; 4) meet with and assist course director, faculty, and TA teams as needed.

Qualifications include: excellent communication and organizational skills, exceptional interpersonal skills that will facilitate teambuilding, significant interests in public school dynamics and media perspective, and well-developed technology skills.

To apply, please contact Nola Stephen, 16 Furcolo Hall, at 545-1186 or nola@educ.umass.edu.

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Center for Teaching

No positions available this week.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Molly Mei-Ling Lim  Proposed Dissertation Title: "Perceptions of Teacher Empowerment in a Turning Points School--A Case Study of Teachers at the Amherst Middle School." Statement of the Problem: Teachers in public schools generally do not feel empowered or seem to have a voice or place in the decision making process of school policies. This study will focus on teachers' perceptions of empowerment in a Turning Points context, and the levels of empowerment teachers perceive themselves as having.

Chairperson: Dr. Andrew Effrat.

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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. Masha Rudman

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GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

The Graduate School will be awarding a limited number of student travel grants for graduate students who will be presenting at recognized conferences during the 2005-6 academic year. The application and expense summary can be downloaded from: www.umass.edu/gradschool > students > travel grant application.

While the last page of the application will be signed by Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, students must provide the requested student information for that page (p. 3), as well as for the other required pages. Students must also provide a written recommendation from their advisor or chairperson with their application.

Requests will be considered exclusively for travel to recognized conferences for the purpose of presenting the results of research conducted during graduate coursework at UMASS Amherst. Awards are for presentations rather than just attendance at a conference or event. Criteria for nomination include merit of the project, prestige of the conference or event and financial need of the student. Awards will be made to the individual student rather than for a project (divided among several students). The Travel Grant Committee may not be able to fund all nominations that are forwarded for consideration. Grant amounts are up to $ 300.00 for domestic and $ 400.00 for international travel. Applications will be rank ordered by department.

Deadline to submit the complete application with faculty recommendation and expense summary to Linda Guthrie in Room 123, Furcolo is MARCH 29, 2006.

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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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