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BEACON DEADLINE: Notice! Change in Beacon submission procedure: 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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

Bob Wajizigha Chulu  March 27, 2006, 2:00 p.m., Room 151, Hills South. "Equating High Stakes Educational Measurements: Design and Consequences."  
Chairperson: Dr. Stephen Sireci.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

Shuhong Li  April 24, 2006, 3:00 p.m., Room 151, Hills South. "Evaluating the Accuracy and Consistency of Proficiency Classifications Using Item Response Theory."  
Chairperson: Dr. Stephen Sireci.

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UPCOMING GLOBAL HORIZONS SPRING 2006 WORKSHOP

April 1 - Educational Technology
This workshop focuses on the uses of technology to enhance global education. Participants will look at various forms of media and technological tools to examine the possibilities, issues, and controversies regarding educational technology in global education. In addition, the relationship between educational technology and the way in which we understand ourselves in this technologically accessible global era will be discussed. Facilitator: Dr. Florence Sullivan, Assistant Professor in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies at Umass.

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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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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ATTENTION MAY 2006 DEGREE CANDIDATES

The next degree-granting period will be May 2006. Listed below are deadline dates to apply for graduation for M.Ed., C.A.G.S., Ed.D. and Ph.D. candidates who will have completed requirements for a May 2006 degree.

M.Ed. and C.A.G.S. Candidates: Degree Eligibility forms must be completed and returned to Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, no later than April 21st, 2006. This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of the Graduate Program Director and the Dean. The Eligibility form must be accompanied by the School of Education Completed Program of Study form (Master’s Form M-2 or CAGS Form C-2). Your advisor must sign the School of Ed form, but not the Eligibility form.

Forms are available from Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office and on the School of Education home page: www.umass.edu/education > Academics > Advising Guidelines.

M.Ed. degree candidates should check with the Office of Degree Requirements (545-0025) before April 21st, 2006 concerning any fees that may be due.

Ed.D. and Ph.D. Candidates: The Doctoral Degree Eligibility form must be submitted to Linda Guthrie in Room 123 Furcolo, along with the D-9 form (Result of Final Oral Examination) no later than April 21st, 2006. The Eligibility form is sent to each student by the Degree Requirements Office (534 Goodell) after the defense date is scheduled (Form D-8). Linda will submit this form to the Degree Requirements Office after it is signed.

Three copies of the dissertation signature page must be signed by Christine B. McCormick, Dean of the School of Education. Students should submit their signature pages to Linda by April 21st, and she will obtain the Dean’s signature. She will then return these pages to the student for inclusion with the dissertation.

Dissertation copies, fees and materials must be submitted to the Office of Degree Requirements (Room 534 Goodell) by 5:00 p.m., April 28th, 2006. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!

IMPORTANT: If you do not file for graduation by the degree deadline date, you must pay the Program Fee to maintain continuous enrollment until you graduate.

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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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