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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 CIE ASSISTANTSHIPS

During the Fall-Spring (2006-07) academic year, the Center for International Education (CIE) and the concentration in International Education will offer a number of partial/full assistantships in connection with international education both in the non-formal and formal sectors. Specific assistantships may include: undergraduate teaching, research, training, curriculum development, evaluation, and administration. Additional work may be available on CIE funded projects, including the Higher Education Project, Afghanistan.

To apply, applicants should send a resume and a letter specifying background and skills by April 24, 2006 to The Center for International Education at 285 Hills South, UMass or cie@educ.umass.edu. Phone: (545-0465)

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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 COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Cinzia Pica April 10, 2006, 9:00 a.m., Room 20, Furcolo. Chairperson: Dr. J. Kevin Nugent.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL DEFENSE

Georgene Lockerman April 11, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Room 151, Hills South. "A Patient-Doctor Dialogue About Chronic Illness." Chairperson: Dr. Janine Roberts.

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FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Arlene Hijara Proposed Dissertation Title: "Currents in the mainstream: Shifting constructions of communicative competence, social identities and academic competence among oral deaf students in a regular high school." Statement of the Problem: Unlike their signing counterparts, oral deaf students are trained to communicate in English. They express by speaking and receive information by speech reading and through aided residual hearing. However, unclued listeners may find their speech unintelligible and may not truly grasp their need to "hear" by seeing. This study will explore the worlds of oral deaf students during their first few years in the mainstream and examine how they 1) negotiate language and communication, 2) position themselves as learners, and 3) make learning possible alongside hearing teachers and peers. Chairperson: Dr. Patricia Paugh.

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UPCOMING FORTNIGHTLY BREAKFAST SERIES EVENT

Dr. Claire E. Hamilton, Professor of Education in the UMass School of Education, will be giving a lecture entitled, “Supporting Pre-literacy Development in pre-Kindergarten Classrooms” Tuesday, April 4 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 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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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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