SCHOOL OF EDUCATION - UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

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

EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION 2006-2007 ASSISTANTSHIPS

The Educational Administration concentration has 5-7 part-time (10 hours per week) graduate assistant opportunities beginning in Fall 2006 for the 2006-07 academic year for full-time graduate students.

Responsibilities include: 1) Teaching Related: Researching and preparing course reading lists and packets, Scanning non-PDF articles onto the course website, Reviewing existing curricula, Procuring, setting up, operating, & returning audio-visual equipment for the knowledge & skill application labs, Setting up the record-keeping system, and keeping records up-to-date for the labs. 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) Research Related: Assisting in conducting field research in K-12 educational settings, 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. K-12 educational experience is preferred.

If you qualify and are interested in a position, please send an electronic letter of interest and resume to Matt Militello at mattm@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

No positions available this week.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRECTION TO FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION LOCATION

Cecilia O. Buckley  April 19, 2006, 12:00 noon, 157 Hills South. "School Board Use of Data in Policy Development."  Chairperson: Dr. Jeffrey W. Eiseman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATIONS


Jill Clarfield  April 18, 2006, 10:00 a.m., Room 354, Hills South. "Examining the Efficacy of Two Computerized Reading Programs for Kindergarten Students at-risk for Reading and Behavior Problems."  Chairperson: Dr. Gary Stoner.


FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Kristin Ezbicki  Proposed Dissertation Title: "The Effects of a Math-Fact Automaticity Intervention on the Complex Calculation and Application Performance of Low Performing Fourth Grade Students." Statement of the Problem: Previous research has demonstrated a robust correlation between math-fact retrieval speed and overall mathematics proficiency. This research will investigate whether improving students' math-fact retrieval speed (automaticity) will also improve their performance on multi-digit computation problems as well as applied math problems (e.g. word problems).  Chairperson: Dr. Gary Stoner.

UPCOMING GLOBAL HORIZONS SPRING 2006 WORKSHOP EVENT

April 22 - Multicultural Classrooms
Participants will discuss the concept of multiculturalism in our classrooms by exploring concepts of identity, our own and those of others. To do this, the workshop will engage in a deeper understanding of diversity, emphasizing the importance of not only looking outward to our students’ cultures but also developing an awareness of cultures within ourselves. Facilitator: Dr. Muninder Ahluwalia, an Assistant Professor at Montclair State University, whose professional interests include training school teachers and counselors in working with multicultural classrooms and the impact on identity development.

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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NEW GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP WEBSITE

The Graduate School is pleased to announce a new web site dedicated to graduate student employment. On it will be an updated listing of available positions for graduate students that are currently being advertised campus wide. Additionally, the latest information concerning policies and procedures for graduate student appointments, minimum rates of pay, benefit costs and calculations, new graduate student employee orientation announcements, and other relevant requirements and announcements will be posted.

The URL for the Assistantship Site is http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/assistantship/

Please direct questions, comments, and suggestions to Josh Kroner at kroner@resgs.umass.edu or Debra Britt at dbritt@resgs.umass.edu.

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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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2006-2007 SOE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The School of Education Scholarships and Awards Program is pleased to provide several opportunities for financial assistance. Below are the 2006-2007 Scholarship Application Forms. (Applications can also be obtained at 123 Furcolo Hall or on the Beacon’s webpage.) Please be sure to check the scholarship for which you are applying on the application form.

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University of Massachusetts Amherst
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
2006-2007 Scholarship Application Form

Please complete this form and return to:
Office of the Dean, School of Education, 124 Furcolo Hall
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003

The deadline for applying is May 1, 2006.

PART I
Name: _____
Local Address: _____
Local Phone: (____) ______-
Permanent Address (if different from Local): _____
Permanent Phone: (____) ______-
Major: _____
Student ID Number: _____ Email: _____

Race/Ethnicity: Choose which group best describes you (optional)
☐ Black, Non-Latino    ☐ White, Non-Latino
☐ Cape Verdean    ☐ Latino
☐ Asian/Pacific Islander    ☐ North or South American Indian/Alaskan
☐ Multiracial: please specify the group with which you identify most

GPA: _____ undergraduate _____ graduate

Academic Standing:
☐ Undergraduate Program of Study: _____ Graduation Date: _____
☐ Graduate Program of Study: _____ Graduation Date: _____

PART II
Prepare a brief, but carefully written statement that addresses:
1. Reasons you are preparing for a career in the field of education;
2. Your specific interests in the field of education;
3. Your career plans; and
4. Your qualifications for the specific School of Education Scholarships or Awards for which you are applying (e.g., financial need, academic performance, ALANA student)

PART III
All applicants must include the following materials with their application:
1. An updated curriculum vitae or resume
2. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or employment supervisor
3. Unofficial transcript
4. Letter of acceptance from program if you are an entering student

PART IV
To be considered for the following scholarships, students who are U.S. citizens must complete the 2006-2007 FAFSA with the UMass Financial Aid Office by March 1, 2006: Berkshire County Delta Kappa Gamma Society Scholarship, Camby Scholarship, Janice Camby Endowed Scholarship, Joseph W. Keilty Memorial Scholarship, and Patricia Silver Award.

FAFSA is available from the Financial Aid Office, Room 255, Whitmore Administration Building, or may be completed online at http://www.umass.edu/umfa/

Please indicate the Scholarship(s) or Award(s) for which you would like to be considered by checking ☒ the appropriate box(es):
BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS MAY APPLY

☐ Janice Camby Endowed Scholarship (Anticipated award amount: $600)
  Provides scholarship support to a student accepted or enrolled in a teacher preparation program in the School of Education. Students must be from economically disadvantaged areas and in good academic standing. Must complete FAFSA.

☐ Camby Scholarship (Anticipated award amount: $2,000)
  Provides scholarship support for a student accepted or enrolled in a teacher preparation program in the School of Education. Students must be from an economically disadvantaged area and in good academic standing. ALANA students are encouraged to apply. Must complete FAFSA.

☐ Meline Kasparian Scholarship (Anticipated award amount: $2,000)
  Provides scholarship support to students who are accepted or enrolled in a teacher preparation program in the School of Education. Students must be from economically disadvantaged areas and in good academic standing. Must complete FAFSA.

☐ Patricia Silver Award (Anticipated award amount: $500)
  Provides scholarship support to incoming or current students in a teacher licensure program with demonstrated financial need. Preference for students with a learning disability or some other special need and/or who are committed to working with children with special needs. Must complete FAFSA.

☐ Berkshire County Delta Kappa Gamma Society Scholarship (Anticipated award amount: $500)
  Sponsored by an organization of retired teachers in Massachusetts, this scholarship provides support for an undergraduate or graduate student who is committed to making a significant difference in the lives of young people in the Commonwealth. Awardee/s must be in good academic standing, a permanent resident of Massachusetts, and have need for financial assistance. Must complete FAFSA.

GRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY

☐ Joseph W. Keilty Memorial Scholarship (Anticipated award amount: $1,000)
  Provides scholarship support to graduate students formally admitted as degree candidates. Students with a demonstrated financial need, high academic performance, and exceptional promise are encouraged to apply. Must complete FAFSA.

☐ C. Lynn Vendien Endowed Scholarship (Anticipated award amount: $600)
  Provides scholarship support to graduate students from foreign countries. Preference will be given to students who are affiliated with Physical Education Teacher Education in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

☐ C. Lynn Vendien Professional Prize Award (Anticipated award amount: $600)
  This prize will be awarded to a doctoral student who is studying Physical Education Teacher Education in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

☐ SOE Diversity Fund (Anticipated award amount: $1,000)
  Provides scholarship support to incoming students who are committed to entering the teaching profession and are from underrepresented populations of the School’s current enrollment. ALANA students are encouraged to apply.
University of Massachusetts Amherst
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
2006-2007 Grace Norton Carney Scholarship Application Form

Please complete this form and return to:
Office of the Dean, School of Education, 124 Furcolo Hall
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003

The deadline for applying is May 1, 2006.

This endowed scholarship, made possible by an anonymous gift, will fund tuition, fees and some associated costs for students pursuing graduate degrees in the School of Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

PART I
Name: ______ 
Local Address: _____
Local Phone: (    ) ______-
Permanent Address (if different from Local): _____
Permanent Phone: (    ) ______-
Major: _____
Student ID Number: _____ Email: _____
Are you a current resident of Massachusetts? □ yes □ no. If yes, for how many years? _____

Race/Ethnicity: Choose which group best describes you (optional)
□ Black, Non-Latino □ White, Non-Latino
□ Cape Verdean □ Latino
□ Asian/Pacific Islander □ North or South American Indian/Alaskan
□ Multiracial: please specify the group with which you identify most

Academic Standing:
□ High School School: _____ Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____
□ Undergraduate School: _____ Program of Study: _____ Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____
□ Graduate School: _____ Program of Study: _____ Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____

Do you have a judicial record with the University? □ yes □ no

PART II
Prepare a brief, but carefully written statement that addresses:
5. Reasons you are preparing for a career in the field of education;
6. Your specific interests in the field of education;
7. Your career plans; and
8. Description of extracurricular activities including community service at home and/or in the Amherst area.

PART III
All applicants must include the following materials with their application:
5. An updated curriculum vitae or resume
6. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or employment supervisor
7. Unofficial transcript
8. Letter of acceptance from program if you are an entering student

PART IV
To be considered for the Grace Norton Carney scholarship, students who are U.S. citizens must complete the 2006-2007 FAFSA with the UMass Financial Aid Office by March 1, 2006. FAFSA is available from the Financial Aid Office, Room 255, Whitmore Administration Building, or may be completed online at http://www.umass.edu/umfa/
FACULTY/STAFF ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

KEVIN NUGENT ADDRESSES HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN ENGLAND
J. Kevin Nugent recently gave two talks at Cambridge University, sponsored by the Brazelton Centre in Great Britain. On March 27, he was the guest speaker at a study day held at Cambridge University’s Clare College, for researchers and health professionals working with newborn infants and their families. “Understanding Newborn and Infant Behavior” was the topic he addressed. On March 29, Kevin gave a talk entitled “Combining Developmental and Physical Concepts in the Newborn Examination” to an audience of pediatricians, therapists, and nurses.

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UPDATE: SONIA NIETO RECEIVES 3RD AWARD AT AERA

Sometimes it’s hard to keep up with all the awards and honors garnered by the faculty! In addition to receiving the 2006 Henry T. Trueba Lifetime Achievement Award and the 2006 Distinguished Career Award given by the AERA Committee on Scholars of Color in Education, Sonia has also been selected for the AERA Division G Award for Research and Scholarship. This award recognizes contributions to research and scholarship that promote knowledge generation and that extend the mission of the social context of education. Once, twice, thrice: congratulations, Sonia!

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FULBRIGHT AWARD FOR JANINE ROBERTS

Janine Roberts has received another Fulbright award, the Fulbright Senior Specialists Grant in Social Work at the UNIFE (Femenine University), in Peru. Congratulations, Janine!

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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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