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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

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 mattrm@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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Leslie Stein  May 2, 2006,  11:00 a.m., Room 20, Furcolo.  
Chairperson: Dr. J. Kevin Nugent.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

Peter A. Tamas  May 4, 2006,  1:00 p.m., Room 151, Hills South.  "The Education of a Development Professional."  
Chairperson: Dr. Sangeeta Kamat.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL DEFENSE

Michael James Burchell  May 15, 2006,  1:00 p.m., Room 151, Hills South.  "The Construction of Whiteness by White Anti-Racism Educators."  
Chairperson: Dr. Patricia S. Griffin.

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Bernette A. Melby  Proposed Dissertation Title:  "Loose Coupling at a Large Public University and the Impact it has on Students: A Case Study of the Unintended Consequences of Policy Implementation."  Statement of the Problem:  Our world is filled with complex organizations, learning to behave in them is a crucial aspect of socialization.  yet what we understand of students' unique experiences in the loosely coupled environment remains limited.  This study will focus on the unintended consequences of policy implementation in a loosely couple organization -- the large public university.  
Chairperson:  Dr. David F. Schuman.

UPCOMING GLOBAL HORIZONS SPRING 2006 WORKSHOP EVENTS

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 A. Hluuwala, 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.

April 23 - Transracial Adoption
This workshop works with K-12 educators to explore multiculturalism and its assumptions alongside notions of internationalizing curricula while negotiating the plethora of backgrounds from which students come.  Facilitator:  Dr. Amanda L. Baden, a counseling psychologist, is on the faculty of the College of Education and Human Services at Montclair State University.  Dr. Baden routinely runs workshops for teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators on issues related to working with transracially adopted children, their classmates and parents.

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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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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