BEACON DEADLINE: Notice! Change in Beacon submission procedure: Please submit Beacon announcements to Room 123A Furcolo Hall or to llascell@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 06/SPRING 07 ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE (by department)

Please note: All available positions are contingent upon funding.

Dean’s Office

10-hour per week summer Project Assistantship/Development/Dean's Office

Duties include: Assist in the initial planning of the SOE Centennial Celebration activities, scheduled for the 2007-2008 academic year; assist in the coordination of SOE Caravan Events; conduct benchmarking research and data gathering; assist in the analysis of alumni data; assist in the communication/marketing efforts of the Development Office.

Qualifications: Ideal candidate should be a strong writer; comfortable working in professional setting including interactions with senior official and external constituents; proficient in MS Excel and other Office programs. Preference will be given to candidates with event/project management experience.

Interested candidates should email a business resume, a cover letter, and a short writing sample to Aimee Jo Pion at apion@admin.umass.edu.

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Educational Policy, Research and Administration

Summer and Fall 2006 Research Assistantship

Position: Research assistantship (20 hours/week) for summer and fall 2006 to assist on the educational leadership development program in China, a cooperative program between UMass Amherst and Chinese universities.

Qualifications include: Excellent research, writing and editing skills; self-motivated; excellent inter-organizational networking and interpersonal communication skills; ability to communicate effectively with Chinese partner universities. Chinese proficiency and educational research experience are desired.
Responsibilities include: Reviewing literature and drafting research reports, assisting with and coordinating project activities, and traveling in China.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to the Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration, 161 Hills South (413-545-3610).

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Office of Teacher Education

No positions available this week.

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Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services

EDUCATION 698 FALL 2006-SPRING 2007 ASSISTANTSHIP

One half-time (10 hours per week) assistantship is available for Fall 2006. This position will provide support for EDUC 698.

Responsibilities include: Assisting in supervision of pre-practicum, practicum and internship students. Coordinating practicum placement, assisting in teaching courses leading discussion groups, maintaining schedules, providing support to faculty, photocopying, library work.

Qualifications include:

Please send letter of interest outlining qualifications and resume to Dr. Mary Lynn Boscardin, 175 Hills South mibosco@educ.umass.edu.

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Part-time (10 hours/week) research assistantship available for Fall 2006/Spring 2007:

Responsibilities include working with faculty to coordinate school counseling partnerships in western MA schools, providing support and supervision to students in practicum placements, data gathering in partnering school district(s), and other duties as needed. Preferred candidate would be licensed as a school counselor.

To apply, please contact: Dr. Carey Dimmitt, 358 Hills South (577-1358) or email: cdimmitt@educ.umass.edu.

Part-time (10 hours/week) assistantship available Fall 2006/Spring 2007 for EDUC 293a:

Responsibilities include attending class lectures, meeting with instructor to plan classes, organizing class materials, helping with grading, tracking attendance, and leading discussions, and other duties as needed. Teaching experience preferred.

To apply, please contact: Dr. Carey Dimmitt, 358 Hills South (577-1358) or email: cdimmitt@educ.umass.edu.

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Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

FALL 2006 RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

One part-time research assistantship is available for Fall 2006 in TECS.

Responsibilities include: Assisting in the design of a research project examining oral language development in preschool children, field-based data collection, and analysis and organization of qualitative and quantitative data.

Qualifications include: Experience working with young children preferably in early care and education settings; basic knowledge of language development and pre-literacy skills in early childhood; familiarity with observational and interview-based data collection methods; basic skills in quantitative and qualitative data analysis methods.

To apply, please contact Dr. Claire E. Hamilton at cehamilt@educ.umass.edu Application review will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.

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Summer 2006 Project Assistantship for Secondary Teacher Education Program

Responsibilities include: Assist the coordinator of STEP in the organization, administration and development of the STEP Advising Office; provide initial information about teacher license programs to prospective students; respond to telephone and e-mail inquires about teacher education programs in the School of Education.

Qualifications include: Strong organizational and communication skills; interest in teacher education; teaching or tutoring experience preferred.

Contact: Robert W. Maloy, 110 School of Education.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

VICTORIA HARLEY June 21, 2006, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Room 151, Hills South.

Chairperson: Dr. Maurianne Adams.

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KATHERINE P. DOUGLAS June 19, 2006, 10:00 a.m., Room 151, Hills South.

Chairperson: Joseph B. Berger.

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GRADUATE PROJECT ASSISTANTSHIP (PA)
Student Assessment, Research, and Evaluation Office (SAREO)

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Student Assessment, Research, & Evaluation Office (SAREO) conducts a variety of research projects related to higher education. SAREO administers Project Pulse which conducts approximately 15 web-based surveys during the academic year, and the PA will be responsible for a wide variety of activities associated with the polling operation and other research activities within SAREO. Research activities will include collecting data, analyzing data, writing reports, and disseminating data. Specific duties are detailed below.
1. **Analyzing and Disseminating Data.** This task includes analyzing data through the use of computerized statistical software packages and writing research reports. Opportunities are provided for writing scholarly papers to be submitted for conference presentations and publication in appropriate academic journals.

2. **Assisting in the Supervision of Project Pulse.** This task includes helping in the day-to-day handling of various aspects of the Project Pulse operation including working with web-based survey design software, survey administration, and data collection.

3. **Assisting in Other Research Responsibilities.** This task includes meeting with clients, identifying research needs, helping design survey instruments, and programming Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) scanner and computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) software.

**EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

- Doctoral student in higher education or related field.
- Strong interest in research on higher education issues and undergraduate students.
- Knowledge of the practice and application of social science survey research methodology.
- Strong communication skills.
- Word processing skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge of data analysis and statistics.

**EXPERIENCE PREFERRED**

- Applied work in survey research.
- Proficiency with SPSS for Windows, Excel, and PageMaker.

**DATES OF POSITION AND HOURS OF WORK**

July 16, 2006 – Sept 2, 2006 (10 hours per week)
Sept 3, 2006 – May 26, 2007 (15 hours per week)

**SEND RESUME AND COVER LETTER BY JUNE 19, 2006 to Gary Malaney, 420 Hills North.**

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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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