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BEACON DEADLINE: Notice! Change in Beacon submission procedure: Please submit Beacon announcements to Room 123A Furcolo Hall or to llaskell@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

No positions available this week.

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Educational Policy, Research and Administration

No positions available this week.

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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 ASSISTANTSHIP IN TECS

One half-time (10 hours per week) research assistantship - Bridges to the Future Secondary Teacher Preparation Program.

This position is a Field Coordinator position to work with student teachers in the Greenfield/Athol/Orange community.
**Responsibilities include:** Working with agencies in Athol and Orange to coordinate CSL placements for 20 student teachers; facilitating meetings between the agency and the student teachers; basic supervision during CSL placement and weekly contact, and co-teaching parts of the course.

**Qualifications include:** excellent communication skills; significant experience and knowledge in the field of community service learning; familiarity and experience with student teaching programs; knowledge of the Greenfield/Athol/orange area; flexibility to work with both student teacher and agency’s schedules. This position will require most of the work to be done on site in Greenfield, Athol and Orange.

To apply, please contact Dr. Linda Griffin, Room 123, Furcolo Hall, 413-545-0246 or email: lgriffin@educ.umass.edu.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION**

**PATRICIA DONOVAN** - August 15, 2006, 10:00 a.m., Room 100, Furcolo Hall. "Secondary Mathematics and English Teachers' Perceptions Regarding the Impact of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System on Curriculum and Instruction Decision-Making in Their Classrooms."

**Chairperson:** Dr. Robert Maloy.

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**FAQ's and other information that is good to know:**

*I’m a new, recently hired grad student. Is there an orientation that will tell me what I need to know about my assistantship?*

Yes! The dates of the **Academic Year 06-07 new graduate student employee orientations** begin August 24, 2006 and include a special session designed for international students to be held on August 31, 2006. At these orientations students will complete the paperwork necessary for the University to pay them as employees (with the exception of the Assistantship Form - GFAF). Graduate students will be helped with all mandatory federal, state, and required campus forms such I-9’s, W-2’s, the Participation Agreement and the Union Dues Deduction form. **Assistantship Forms (GFAF) are completed, as usual, in the department and should, in most cases, be submitted to the Assistantship Office prior to the new student employee attending the orientations. Additionally, students will get a comprehensive explanation of their health and dental insurance plans and immunization requirements. These orientations are required and are the best and most efficient way for completing all of these critical requirements.**

*What are the dates, times and places of these orientations?*

**The New Graduate Student Employee Orientations will be held:**

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**International Employee Orientation will be held:**

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*How long will the sessions last?*
The non-international presentations last about an hour and there is plenty of time afterwards for students to receive assistance in completing their paperwork and ask questions.

*What about international students and tax issues?*

International students will receive, in addition to the items covered at the other orientations, information from the Human Resources staff that will address critical tax issues. Chinese translation services will be available.

*Do I need to bring anything with me?*

Yes! New students attending these sessions must bring with them ID and documentation which fulfills federal employment verification requirements, for instance:

**US Citizens and Resident**
1. US Passport, or
2. Drivers license *or* University picture ID
   - *and*
   - Social Security card *or* US birth certificate
3. Voided check if they desire direct deposit of pay into a checking account

**International Students**
1. Visa
2. Unexpired passport with I-94 card
3. I-20 or DS-2019
4. Social Security card – if you have one
5. List of dates of entry to & exit from the US
6. Voided check if they desire direct deposit of pay into a checking account

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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.