October 18 at Gillette Stadium
UMass Amherst Minutemen vs. Eastern Michigan University
Kick-off: 3:00 p.m.

It’s also Educator Day

The university celebrates teachers, counselors, school psychologists and researchers who serve Massachusetts with shout outs on the big screen during the game.

And, it’s Band Day

Bands from our area include Palmer High School, Pioneer Valley Regional School, Ralph C. Mahar Regional School, Turners Falls High School and West Springfield High School.

Lots of activities throughout the day

Games, challenges and inflatable bounce houses! Get your UMass Eyeblack Tattoo or visit the Face Painting station. Don’t miss the Minuteman Marching Band as they perform at the Tailgate Tent, along with the UMass Cheerleaders and Dance Team, and get your picture taken with Sam the Minuteman.

Read more about the day’s activities here:
http://umassalumni.net/football/eastern-michigan/

See you there!
Doctoral Student Travel Grant Information  2014-2015

Guidelines: Grants are awarded exclusively to doctoral students for travel to recognized conferences that occur between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015 for the purpose of presenting the results of research or original artistic works conducted during graduate coursework at UMass Amherst. Awards are for presentations rather than to attend a conference, facilitate a session, or conduct research. Awards will be made to the individual student rather than for a project (divided among several students). Each doctoral student is eligible for one travel grant per year although the College of Education may not be able to award travel grants to every student whose application is endorsed by their Advisor. Travel Grant funds awarded can be applied to registration, transportation, and lodging expenses supported by receipts for $400.00. Meals, copying, and other incidentals are not reimbursable. Students are strongly encouraged to share travel expenses with others attending the conference.

The link to the Doctoral Student Travel Grant application on the College of Education website is:  [http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/travel-grant-programs](http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/travel-grant-programs)

Directions to the Student:

- As soon as you receive verification from the conference organizers of acceptance to present (and no later than the date of travel), **email the completed application (including expense summary page and the confirmation from the conference organizers) to Kristin Tyler, Graduate Program Coordinator (ktyler@educ.umass.edu)**.
- Ask your advisor or chair to send an email of support to Kristin Tyler. Kristin will notify the student after the review of a complete application.
- If a grant is awarded, submit your email notification and receipts for approved travel expenses to Kristin Tyler (ktyler@educ.umass.edu), 123 Furcolo, within 30 days of travel to receive reimbursement.

Required Application Packet Contents (submit to Kristin Tyler):
- Application form
- Expense summary
- Evidence or confirmation of invitation to present
- Email recommendation (brief) from Advisor/Chair

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**The Beacon Deadline is FRIDAY**

- Deadline for submissions is 5:00 P.M. Friday for inclusion in the following issue.
- All assistantship notices will run in two issues. For information about preparing assistantship notices refer to the Faculty Resources pages (How to Write a Beacon Ad) of our web site.
- Please submit notices of examinations and formation of dissertation committees to Kristin Tyler at ktyler@educ.umass.edu. These types of announcements will run for one week.
Graduate Student Travel Grant Information  2014–2015

**Guidelines:** Grants are awarded exclusively for travel to recognized conferences that occur between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015 for the purpose of presenting the results of research or original artistic works conducted during graduate coursework at UMass Amherst. Graduate students are eligible for one grant per year.

Awards are for presentations rather than to attend a conference, facilitate a session, or conduct research. Awards will be made to the individual student rather than for a project (divided among several students). Grant funds vary by department and apply to registration, transportation, and lodging expenses documented by receipts. Meals, copying, and other incidentals are not reimbursable. Students are strongly encouraged to share travel expenses with others attending the conference.

The link to the Graduate Student Travel Grant application on the College of Education website is: http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/travel-grant-programs

**Directions to the Student:**
As soon as you receive verification from the conference organizers of acceptance to present (and no later than the date of travel), email the completed application (including expense summary page and the confirmation from the conference organizers) to Kristin Tyler, ktyler@educ.umass.edu

Have your advisor or project faculty member send an email of support to Kristin Tyler.

If a grant is awarded, submit the email notification and the receipts for approved travel expenses to Kristin Tyler, 123 Furcolo (ktyler@educ.umass.edu) within 30 days of travel to receive reimbursement.

Required application packet contents (submit to Kristin Tyler):
- Application form
- Expense summary
- Evidence or confirmation of invitation to present
- Short email of support from advisor to Kristin

**Camera operator needed for one day research event**
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

Five camera operators for a 1-day research event in Holyoke, Mass. The research event will occur at a Girls Connect event, which is a one-day robotics-learning (LEGO Mindstorms EV3) workshop for upper elementary and middle school girls.

The basic skill needed is digital camcorder operation (follow subjects, framing, zooming, swapping memory cards). Must have transportation to Holyoke for both days.

The time commitment is as follows: Friday, November 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Setup of research space and basic training with cameras; Saturday, November 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Recording of research event and break down of equipment, clean-up of space. Camera operators will be compensated $15 per hour.

To apply please send an email stating your interest and listing your camera operation experience to Ricardo Poza (rpoza@educ.umass.edu). Please type “Camera Operator” in the subject of the email.
M.Ed. and Educational Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) Candidates
February 2015 Degree Deadlines

The Degree Eligibility Form and College of Education Master's Form M-2 or Form ES-2 for the Ed.S. must be completed (typed) and submitted to Kristin Tyler in the Office of Academic Affairs, 123 Furcolo, no later than December 5, 2014. This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of Dr. Linda Griffin, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Program Director, and Dean Christine McCormick (Department Head). Your advisor must sign the College of Education Master's Form M-2 or ES-2, but NOT the Degree Eligibility Form. Please note that hand-written forms will not be accepted.

Forms can be downloaded from the following URL. If you have any difficulty, please open the documents in Internet Explorer or Safari:

http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/forms

Ed.D. and Ph.D. Candidates February 2015 Degree Deadlines

Doctoral students planning on a February 2015 degree must submit their typed Doctoral Form D-8 to Kristin Tyler to schedule their final oral defense at least 4 weeks in advance of the defense date. Students should schedule their defense no later than November 26, 2014 to have time to make any necessary edits. Rooms are reserved by contacting Robert Heath (rheath@umass.edu).

The typed Doctoral Degree Eligibility Form, the typed Form D-9 (Result of Final Oral Examination) and one original signature page must be submitted to Kristin Tyler in Room 123 Furcolo no later than December 5, 2014.

The dissertation must be submitted electronically and other required materials must be submitted to the Graduate School (Room 534 Goodell) by 4:30p.m., December 15, 2014. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

KIRSTEN HELMER  November 7, 2014, 3:00 p.m., room 228 Furcolo Hall. “Reading Queerly in the High School Classroom: Exploring a Gay and Lesbian Literature Course.”
Chairperson: Dr. Maria Jose’ Botelho
The College of Education’s
Statistical Consulting Service

Students and Faculty from the UMass Center for Educational Assessment (Research, Educational Measurement, & Psychometrics Doctoral Concentration) are available for consultation free of charge.

Providing assistance with:

- Research Design
- Drawing Samples
- Modes of Data Collection
- Reliability & Validity Studies
- Survey Development
- Interpretation and Presentation of Results
- Regression or ANOVA Analysis
- Multivariate Analysis

- Factor Analysis
- Power Analysis
- Longitudinal and Multi-Level Data Analysis
- Structural Equation Models
- Statistical Software Support including Excel, SPSS, SAS, Mplus, and R
- And more!

Drop In Hours

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To schedule an individual appointment (outside of drop in hours), simply fill out an information form at:

https://sites.google.com/site/UMassStatConsulting/

Questions? Please email jdickey@educ.umass.edu or aleagarcia@educ.umass.edu

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a free service sponsored by the Graduate School’s Office of Graduate Student Life

From October 14th through the end of fall semester classes, the Office of Graduate Student Life is beta testing an innovative peer coaching program. The service is FREE to all currently matriculated UMass Amherst graduate students.

Graduate Students: Become a beta tester and be entered for a chance to win one of two $50 Amazon gift cards! (For details, see information link below; limit one entry per student.)

Looking for individualized assistance with
- time management
- goal setting
- confidence-building
- increasing productivity
- creating work-life balance
- exploring and removing obstacles to your success

--and more?

GET A COACH!

Quick answers to common questions

For more details, see our FAQ via the “more information” link below.

What is coaching? A conversation between you and a trained person who focuses on you, your goals and values, and your process. Who are the coaches? Our peer coaches are second- and third-year master’s students from the UMass School Counseling program who have received specialized coach training and are supervised on an ongoing basis.

Is coaching the same as therapy? No! Coaching is action- and results-oriented. Where does this coaching take place? Locations all over campus! How do I sign up? Via our scheduling page – link below. How long does coaching take? Up to 30 minutes per session, for as many or as few sessions as you wish.

MORE INFORMATION:
http://blogs.umass.edu/gradlife

SCHEDULE A SESSION:
https://www.flashappointments.com/client/ign/launch.cfm?busId=10756

Still have questions? Email the Office of Graduate Student Life at gradlife@grad.umass.edu.
Bette K. Elsdon, Director / 526 Goodell Bldg., 140 Hicks Way, Univ. of Massachusetts Amherst.