ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

COLLEEN SMITH December 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m. 163 Hills South.
Chairperson: Dr. Ezekiel Kimball

Dissertation Research Grants

The Graduate School is now accepting Spring 2014 proposals for the Dissertation Research Grant program for doctoral students who have achieved candidacy. The program offers up to a maximum of $1,000 for dissertation research related expenses. Grants are awarded once per semester through a competitive proposal process.

The submission deadline for fall semester is Tuesday, 14th October 2014. A subcommittee of the Graduate Council will review proposals and determine awards. Detailed information on the program including allowed and prohibited expenses, submission and eligibility requirements and process can be found here:

http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/funding-support/dissertation-research-grants

For further information or if you have questions, please contact David Lafond in the Graduate School at researchgrant@grad.umass.edu or by phone at 577-6286.

Friday Deadline
The deadline for submitting ads to the Beacon is 5 p.m. Friday, for inclusion in the following week’s issue. See inside for details.
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 Doctoral forms can now be typed into and are found at the following URL:

http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/advising-guidelines/doctoral-guidelines

Kristin will submit these forms to the Graduate School after they are signed by Dr. Linda Griffin, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Program Director, and Dean Christine McCormick (Department Head).

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

The following are scheduled for tenure and/or promotion review during the 2014-15 academic year:

**Promotion to Professor**
Margaret Gebhard, associate professor, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies (TECS)

Kathryn McDermott, associate professor, Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration (EPRA)

**Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor**
Sara Whitcomb, assistant professor, Department of Student Development (SD)

*Those wishing to comment should forward letters to the appropriate department chair: Dr. Claire Hamilton, TECS; Dr. Gretchen Rossman, EPRA; Dr. Mary Lynn Boscardin, SD.*

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**About IT security and attacks**

You are invited to the next UMass Amherst TechTalks event - "Approaches to IT Security & Today's Most Prevalent Attacks" on Wednesday October 8, 2014, 11 am - 12 pm in room 220 of the Integrative Learning Center.

UMass Amherst alumni Dave Heaney (B.S., Computer Science 2001) and Eric Galis (B.S., Computer Science 2004) will discuss their approaches to IT Security and the characteristics of today's most prevalent cyber security attacks.

Dave Heaney is the Assistant Vice President for IT Security Operations at TJX and Eric Galis is the Director of Security Engineering for Pearson Education.

Register today at: [https://www.oit.umass.edu/general/umass-amherst-techtalks-registration-form](https://www.oit.umass.edu/general/umass-amherst-techtalks-registration-form)

TechTalks is a series of events for students, faculty, and staff exploring a wide range of technology topics, from creative uses of technology, innovation, and sustainability in IT, to the new ways technology is shaping our future. Questions? Please contact it-suggestions@umass.edu.

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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.
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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FYI Students: Statute of Limitations and Readmission Process

Statute of Limitations extension:
Student emails a request for a Statute of Limitations (SOL) extension to Chair/Advisor for review with a timeline to completion, including semester of defense and graduation.

If Chair/Advisor approves the student’s request for a Statute of Limitations extension, the Chair/Advisor forwards approval and timeline to Dr. Linda Griffin, copied to Kristin Tyler.

If Dr. Griffin approves, she sends a recommendation for an SOL extension to the Graduate School. The Graduate School reviews the recommendation and that office notifies (emails) the student directly of their decision regarding the recommendation for an SOL extension.

Readmission:
Student emails a request for readmission to Chair/Advisor.

If Chair/Advisor approves readmission, the Chair/Advisor emails a request for readmission to Dr. Linda Griffin, copied to Kristin Tyler.

If Dr. Griffin approves, she recommends readmission to the Graduate School for that office’s review. The Graduate School reviews the request and if approves, all back fees and readmission fee must be paid.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for devices using Wi-Fi on campus

The on-campus UMASS-SECURE1X wireless network has been replaced with EDUROAM (education roaming), a worldwide roaming service that spans thousands of educational institutions in the U.S. and abroad. The EDUROAM network enables our students, faculty, and staff to securely and seamlessly connect to the wireless network on the UMass campus and at other participating institutions. EDUROAM has been available at UMass Amherst since April 2013 and many are already using it for secure wireless network access.

NOTE – You do not need to be on-campus to configure your device for the network.

To configure your Wi-Fi-ready computer or device for EDUROAM, run the XpressConnect Setup Wizard by opening the following webpage on your device: http://www.oit.umass.edu/xpressconnect

Click on the red button labeled “Run XpressConnect” and follow the step by step instructions.

More information and guides for connecting specific devices (iOS, Android, Windows, and OSX) can be found at http://www.oit.umass.edu/wireless.

If you have any difficulty connecting your device to the EDUROAM network, please contact the University IT Help Center (413-545-9400) for assistance.
The Children, Families, and Schools Concentration of the College of Education proudly presents

The Fortnightly Lunch Series

Ysaaca D. Axelrod
Assistant Professor
Department of Teacher Education & Curriculum Studies

“We speak in Spanish here, we can’t do that in class”: University-School Partnerships to Support Heritage Language Development

This paper presents a collaboration between university students and Latin@ children at an elementary school in the Southeastern United States. Using an ethnographic case-study design, this study examined a before-school program called: “Valuing Heritage Language.” The findings of this study reveal the importance of supporting language and literacy development across domains and languages, as well as the importance of honoring and fostering heritage language(s) in order to support identity development.

Tuesday, October 7, 2014
12pm-1pm, Furcolo Hall, Room 20