From the College of Education’s Office of Research and Engagement

**BROWN BAG RESEARCH PRESENTATION SCHEDULE, (2015-2016)**
All sessions noon-1:30; short presentation followed by discussion.

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TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS/ PRACTICUM SUPERVISORS
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

10 hour/week teaching assistantships for spring 2016 for EDUC 500M/500S (up to 3 positions available, contingent upon student enrollment).

Responsibilities: Supervision of practicum students (student teachers) in the areas of middle school and high school English, Mathematics, Science and/or History. This includes: site visits to schools for observations and conferences with student teachers and supervising practitioners; writing observation reports using specified protocols; weekly email communication; attendance at monthly supervisor meetings; support of students in completing student teaching portfolios; timely completion of ongoing documentation and evaluation of student performance; participation in an orientation session and student teaching seminars/support sessions on Thursdays from 4 – 6:30 pm; other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Must have public middle or high school classroom teaching experience and subject matter expertise in at least one content area; excellent interpersonal, organizational and communication skills; technology skills are required, including the use of Tk20 (preferred), Excel, email and maintaining student databases; understanding of pedagogical best practices; familiarity with the Massachusetts Framework for Educator Evaluation; previous supervision coursework and/or experience is preferred. Priority will be given to doctoral students.

Applicants should EMAIL a letter of interest, resume, and names and contact information for two references to Ann Stephany, Field Experience Specialist, at stephany@educ.umass.edu. Application deadline: November 2, 2015.

The Beacon. Deadline is FRIDAY.

- Deadline for submissions is 5:00 P.M. Friday for inclusion in the following week’s 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 Announcement) of our web site. www.umass.edu/education

- 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.

- Please submit announcements about departmental or concentration-related conferences, workshops, events and activities of interest to students to dms@educ.umass.edu.

For information about Beacon announcements
www.umass.edu/education/faculty-staff/faculty-resources
ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

HASSAN ASLAMI  October 28, 2015, 1:00pm, room 283 Hills South.
Chair:  Dr. David Evans

REMINDER: DEADLINE FOR TRAVEL AWARD APPLICATION IS THIS WEEK

Application Deadline: Friday, October 23rd, 2015
Notification: Friday, November 6th, 2015

For More Information:  https://www.umass.edu/family/travelaward
Family research is broadly defined and encompasses all disciplines.
Please contact our Student Awards Coordinator Michael Havlin at Michael.Havlin@maine.edu for additional questions.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

CRF Family Research Travel Award
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Send your news to goodnews@educ.umass.edu
or dms@educ.umass.edu.
We'll post to the college's facebook.
www.facebook.com/UMassCollegeofEd

Submitting paper forms?
Due to the current renovation in Furcolo Hall,
please submit paper forms until further notice to Kristin Tyler,
Office of Academic Affairs, 130 Furcolo Hall.
From the Institute for Teaching Excellence and Faculty Development (TEFD)

TEFD’s fall 2015 Diversity & Teaching Series events are open to all faculty, staff and graduate students:


Join our next Brown Bag Lunch focused on the challenges and rewards in teaching for diversity. The focus topic for our October Lunch will be on strategies and best practices. Share your experiences and ideas with colleagues and leave feeling invigorated. Bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea, water provided. Facilitated by Dr. Kirsten Helmer (Senior Instructional Consultant, TEFD).

When: Thursday, October 22, 11.45 AM to 12.45 PM (Part 3 on 11/19)
Audience: All Instructors and Graduate Teaching Assistants
Location: Room given after registration
More info & registration: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BrownBagLunchDiversityandTeachingPart2

2. “Culturally Responsive Teaching in College Through a Motivational Framework”

This interactive workshop responds to the question: How can we apply a motivational approach to culturally responsive teaching? It is aimed at participants across all disciplines who seek effective and practical teaching strategies that foster motivation in their classrooms among culturally diverse student groups. Facilitated by Dr. Kirsten Helmer (Senior Instructional Consultant, TEFD).

When: Friday, October 30, 9 AM to 11 AM
Audience: All Instructors and Graduate Teaching Assistants
Location: Room given after registration
More info & registration: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CulturallyResponsiveTeachingandMotivation
Consultations: If you can’t make the workshop but would like to schedule an individual consultation later in the afternoon, email khelmer@umass.edu.

3. "Teaching to a Variety of Learners -- Disability and Good Course Design"

Benjamin J. Ostiguy (Associate Director of Operations, Disability Services), Maureen Bourbeau (Document Conversion Specialist, Disability Services), and Marisha F. Marks, Instructional Designer (Division of Continuing & Professional Education) will lead a workshop on universal design.

When: Tuesday, November 17, 1 PM to 3 PM
Audience: All Instructors and Graduate Teaching Assistants
Location: Room given after registration
More info & registration: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/disabilitycoursedesign

Space is limited for all events, so we encourage you to register promptly!
The College of Education’s
Statistical Consulting Service

2015 Fall
FREE Workshops
Hills House South, Computer lab (Room 169)
Furcolo Hall, PC lab (Room W09)

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FREE to all UMass faculty, staff, & students
Please sign up at
https://sites.google.com/site/UMassStatConsulting/
or email hdiao@educ.umass.edu or
aleagarcia@educ.umass.edu to sign up.
Walk-ins are always welcome as well!

Research, Educational Measurement, and Psychometrics (REMP)
Promoting sound educational research and testing practices since 1968
The College of Education’s Statistical Consulting Service

Students and Faculty from the UMass Center for Educational Assessment 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:
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Questions? Please email hdiao@educ.umass.edu or aleagarcia@educ.umass.edu

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February 2016 Degree Deadlines

Master’s Degree (M.Ed.) and Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) Candidates

- December 4, 2015 is the deadline to submit TYPED forms to Kristin Tyler, Office of Academic Affairs, Furcolo Hall to file to graduate for the February 2016 degree period.
  - Master’s Degree (M.Ed.) submit:
    - Typed Master’s Degree Eligibility Form
    - Typed College of Education’s Form M-2 Completed Program of Study
    - List in chronological order from your transcript only graduate courses to be counted toward the Master’s degree
    - Course numbers and course titles listed on the Form M-2 must match transcript and Degree Eligibility Form exactly
  - Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) submit:
    - Typed Education Specialist Degree Eligibility Form
    - Typed College of Education’s Form ES-2 Completed Program of Study
    - List in chronological order from your transcript only graduate courses to be counted toward the Ed.S. degree
    - Course numbers and course titles listed on the Form ES-2 must match transcript and Degree Eligibility Form exactly.
- This deadline 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 B. McCormick who will sign Section E on the Master’s Degree Eligibility Form or Part II of the Education Specialist Degree Eligibility Form.
- Your advisor must sign the College of Education’s Form M-2 or ES-2, but NOT the Degree Eligibility Form.
- Please note that handwritten forms will not be accepted.
- Forms are fillable and are found at the following URL. If you have any difficulty, please open the forms in Internet Explorer or Safari: [http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/forms](http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/forms)

Doctoral Degree (Ed.D. and Ph.D.) Candidates Filing to Graduate for the February 2016 degree period

- Submit your TYPED Doctoral Form D-8 to Kristin Tyler to schedule your final oral defense 4 weeks plus 2 additional days in advance of the defense date in order to meet the Graduate School’s 4 week deadline.
- Schedule your defense no later than November 25, 2015 to have time to make any necessary edits.
- Rooms are reserved by contacting Robert Heath, College of Education Curriculum Coordinator, by email at: rheath@umass.edu
- December 4, 2015 is the deadline to submit your TYPED Doctoral Degree Eligibility Form, TYPED Form D-9 (Result of Final Oral Examination) and one original signature page to Kristin Tyler, Office of Academic Affairs, Furcolo Hall.
- The Doctoral forms are fillable and are found at the following URL. If you have any difficulty, please open the documents in Internet Explorer or Safari: [http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/advising-guidelines/doctoral-guidelines](http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/advising-guidelines/doctoral-guidelines)
- Please note that handwritten forms will not be accepted.
- 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 B. McCormick who will sign section C of the Doctoral Degree Eligibility Form as Department Head/Chair.
- December 15, 2015 (by 4:30pm) is the deadline for you to electronically submit your dissertation and the Survey of Earned Doctorates to the Graduate School. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!
Reframing “the Arts” in Education:
From Art for Art’s Sake to Cultural Production

Wednesday, October 28, 2015
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
101-102 Furcolo Hall
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Rubén Gaztambide-Fernández, Associate Professor
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/OISE
University of Toronto

Maria José Botelho, Associate Professor
College of Education
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Patty Bode, Magnet Resource Teacher for Integrating Arts
Springfield Conservatory of the Arts/SCotA
Springfield, Massachusetts

Light dinner will be provided.
RSVP to licssac@gmail.com by October 23.
Sponsored by Five College Faculty Seminar in Arts Integration &
Language, Literacy, and Culture Concentration of the College of Education at the
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Students – About Your UMass Email Address
The official email for UMass Amherst correspondence on any matter is your UMass email account. If you are using another personal email address, please link your UMASS email address to your personal email address.
Graduate Student Travel Grant Information
2015–2016

Guidelines: Grants are awarded exclusively for travel to recognized conferences that occur between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016 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 form and the confirmation from the conference organizers) to Deborah Becerra, assistant to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, dbec@umass.edu

Ask your advisor or project faculty member send an email of support to Deborah Becerra.

If a grant is awarded, submit the email notification and the receipts for approved travel expenses to Naitian Wang W106 Furcolo (naitianwang@educ.umass.edu), within 30 days of travel to receive reimbursement.

Required Application Packet Contents (submit to Deborah Becerra):
- Application Form
- Expense Form
- Evidence or confirmation of invitation to present from conference
- Short email of support from advisor to Deborah Becerra
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**Ride your bike this Sunday**

The College of Education Outdoor Activity Club and the Education Club have teamed up to host a biking activity for students, staff, and faculty on Sunday, October 25 at 10 a.m. We will start near Planet Fitness in Hadley and bike to Northampton. Once we cross the bridge to Northampton, we’ll enjoy a picnic at a local park. The bike ride is a flat, fun 3.9 miles. Bikers of all levels are welcome (or you can run/walk alongside the bikers).

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by Thursday, October 22: [https://umasseduoutdoors.wordpress.com/rsvp-here/](https://umasseduoutdoors.wordpress.com/rsvp-here/)

If you missed our last outing, here is a recap with photos: [https://umasseduoutdoors.wordpress.com/adventure-blog/](https://umasseduoutdoors.wordpress.com/adventure-blog/)

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**Office of Research and Engagement’s Drop-in Hours**

The College of Education’s Office of Research and Engagement (ORE) offers drop-in hours for everyone interested in seeking specific or general information about grant proposal writing and grant management. The schedule is:

- **November 3, 11 AM to 1 PM**, Furcolo N113
- **December 4, 10 AM to noon**, Furcolo S125

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**The Center for Research on Families announces the Annual Competition for GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS IN FAMILY RESEARCH**

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