Celebrate excellence in teaching

Nominate your favorite teacher for a Distinguished Teaching Award, the highest recognition of teaching awarded to faculty members and teaching assistants/associates.

Want to nominate someone? In a brief paragraph, tell us why you think your nominee should receive a Distinguished Teaching Award. All nominations must include your name and email address. Nomination forms are available online at http://tinyurl.com/15-16DTA-Form. Nominations may also be submitted by email to dta@provost.umass.edu.

Only current and former students may nominate faculty members and teaching assistants/associates.

Please submit all nominations by Friday, October 16, 2015 to:

Distinguished Teaching Award Committee
The Institute for Teaching Excellence & Faculty Development
301 Goodell
(413) 545-5142
(413) 545-3829 (fax)
dta@provost.umass.edu
ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

ANNEMARIE FOLEY  October 21, 2015, 2:00 p.m. room S167 Furcolo Hall.
Chair:  Dr. Claire Hamilton

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

KEIKO KONOEDA  November 3, 2015, 1:00 p.m. room S155 Furcolo Hall. “Critical Literacy and Identities in World Language Education: Telling Reflective Stories of Digital Storytelling.”
Chair:  Dr. Theresa Austin

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.

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
Dissertation Research Grants Available!

The Graduate School invites participants in its fall 2015 Dissertation Research Grant Competition. Approximately 30 awards for a maximum of $1,000 each are available to support dissertation research by UMass doctoral students. Funds may be used on a wide range of activities, including travel, field work, equipment purchase, transcription, etc.

Eligibility

All graduate students who have achieved doctoral candidacy by the time of application are eligible for this award. Applicants must be currently enrolled (in classes or on program fee) and in good academic standing.

Application Information & Deadline

To apply, students must provide the following materials:

- A completed application form, available via the program website
- A one-page (single-spaced) project description
- A detailed budget
- A letter of recommendation from their faculty advisor
- A one-sentence statement of support from their graduate program director

Additional information about the Dissertation Research Grant Competition can be found here. Application materials or questions about the application process should be emailed to Heidi Bauer-Clapp at researchgrant@grad.umass.edu.

All applications for the fall 2015 Dissertation Research Grant Competition are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20th, 2015.

A second Dissertation Research Grant Competition will be held during spring semester. Applications for the spring competition will be due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.
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:

- **October 8**, 10 AM to noon, Furcolo N125
- **October 20**, 3 PM to 5 PM, Furcolo S115
- **November 3**, 11 AM to 1 PM, Furcolo N113
- **December 4**, 10 AM to noon, Furcolo S125

Offered by Career Services

**Weekly Internship Info Sessions**
Every Monday (except Oct. 12 holiday) 508 Goodell. Learn how to use the CareerConnect database.

**Government, Criminal Justice, & Non-Profit Career Fair**
Thu, October 8, 1:30pm - 4:00pm, Woodward Center at Westfield State University, Western Avenue, Westfield, MA. This fair is FREE and Open to all Majors. The list of agencies can be found here: http://www.westfield.ma.edu/academics/career-center/career-fairs-events. For further information, contact the WSU Career Center at (413) 572-5206

**CNS Career Services Series: Using Social Media in Your Job Search**
Wed Oct 14, 6pm - 7pm, Morrill II Room 222

**Civil & Environmental Engineering Career Fair**
Thu, Oct. 15, 10-3pm, Guinness Student Center, hosted by Department of Civil Engineering.

**Linked In Learning Lab**
Thu, Oct 15th, 3:30-5:00, Dubois Library 16th floor, Room 1685 Are you curious about LinkedIn but are not sure where to start? Come to the LinkedIn Learning Lab and start wherever you are. Receive 1-1 help with your profile. Learn how to maximize your networking and develop an online profile that will help you in your job or internship search. All levels welcome.

This list is compiled by the UMass Amherst Career Services Office, 511 Goodell. To view calendar of events go to: www.umass.edu/careers. 413-545-2224.

Events at the W.E.B. Du Bois Library

**October 15: Du Bois Fellows Talks**
Recipients of the 2015 Du Bois Library Fellowships present their research: Nneka Dennie & Crystal Webster both PhD candidates in the W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies present "Black Male Feminism and the Evolution of Du Boisian Thought, 1903-1920," and “The Transfiguring Soul of Childhood”: Du Bois and the Social, Political, and Cultural Role of Black Children" respectively. 4 - 5:30 p.m. Floor 26, W.E.B. Du Bois Library.

**October 16: Birds of Prey with Tom Ricardi**
Join wildlife rehabilitator Tom Ricardi to learn more about our resident peregrine falcons and other birds of prey, with special animal guests including a golden eagle, a red tailed hawk and a kestrel. 1p.m., Lower Level, Du Bois Library, to be held rain or shine.
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.

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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.
  
  o 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

  o 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)
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- 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!
The Center for Research on Families announces the Annual Competition for GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS IN FAMILY RESEARCH

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

CRF Family Research Travel Award
Two separate awards of $300 will be given to two UMass Amherst graduate students who are presenting original research at a national research conference before December 31st, 2015. An applicant for the award must be an author (first preferred) on an accepted poster or paper presentation at the conference, and the award money must be used exclusively for travel expenses associated with the conference. Second authors will be considered by priority is given to first authors.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/PARAPROFESSIONALS
Gill Montague Regional School District
The Gill-Montague Regional School District is hiring substitute teachers! This is a part-time, as-needed and on-call position working throughout our schools. Successful candidates may work at all levels as a classroom/specialist teacher or paraprofessional. To apply, visit gmrsd.org and click on Departments/Human Resources for the link to the School Spring website application.

Substitute Teacher pay $70/day.
Substitute Paraprofessional pay $10.41/hour

222 Turnpike Road
Montague, MA 01351
Phone: 413-863-7200

https://www.facebook.com/UMassCollegeofEd
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 5:00-6:30 PM

**Pizza and Proposals**

This low-stakes peer review session offers the opportunity to receive feedback on an external funding application draft. We will also address how to develop an effective process for writing and revising funding proposals. Participants must bring 3 printed copies of a competitive grant or fellowship application in process; specific instructions will be sent to registered participants. You bring the proposal, we bring the pizza! This session is ideal for those preparing applications for AAUW Fellowships, Ford Foundation Fellowships, Social Science Research Council IDR Fellowships, Wenner-Gren Dissertation Research Grants or the NSF GRFP, although any UMass grad student or postdoc preparing a competitive funding application is welcome to attend. Pre-registration is required. Check back for registration! 803 Campus Center

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1:00-2:00 PM

**Intro to Grant Searching**

This session discusses the basic tools available to UMass graduate students looking for grants and presents some tips on applying for external funding. Pre-registration is required. Check back for registration!

https://www.umass.edu/gradschool/opd
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
Doctoral Student Travel Grant Information
2015-2016

Guidelines: Grants are awarded exclusively to doctoral students 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.

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.

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All UMass Amherst students interested in education are welcome.

Please join us for the first general education club meeting of the year! During this event we will discuss our meeting schedule and semester activities. We will welcome new members to the advisory board. In addition, opportunities to volunteer within the community will be discussed.

Education Club General Meeting

October 7
from 5:30-6:30
Furcolo Hall
Room W201

The Education Club Advisory Board looks forward to seeing you there!!
College of Education faculty, students, families & friends at the Notch

Hiking Bare Mountain & Picnic
Monday, October 12
9 A.M.

Outdoor Activities Club
UMASS AMHERST COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The mission of the Outdoor Activities Club is to provide opportunities for the College of Education faculty, staff, students, and family members (and pets!) to connect around a shared interest and enjoy the outdoors. This club is sponsored by the College of Education’s Community Enhancement Grant.

Check out our upcoming activities:
https://umasseduoutdoors.wordpress.com/