We're looking forward to seeing you at our
**Graduate Student Orientation**
**Wednesday, August 31, 2016**

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- Program starts at 9:30 am
- BBQ from 12:30-1:30 pm
- Concentration-specific info sessions 1:30-3 pm
- Details inside...

**A reminder about our summer computer support classes**

**Tuesday morning** sessions on Advanced Excel (which was asked for most by staff who completed the Survey.)

**Thursday afternoons** are Drop-in sessions for anyone who is interested in learning other programs (You name it! For example, Drupal, InDesign, or Excel for those who might miss a Tuesday morning session due to vacation or time conflict.)

**You do not have to register for any of the classes.** Just come in!

The instructor for all classes is Cate Burlington, a computer instructor at UMass who has recently completed her Master’s in Education with an emphasis on Information Technology.

**Advanced Excel:**
- 10:00 am to 11:30 am, Tuesday 8/16 in W09 Furcolo
- 10:00 am to 11:30 am, Tuesday 8/23 in W09 Furcolo

**Drop-in sessions for Word, Excel, InDesign, Drupal, Outlook etc:**
- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Thursday 8/11 in W09 Furcolo
- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Thursday 8/18 in W09 Furcolo
- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Thursday 8/25 in W09 Furcolo
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◊ Welcome by Dean Feldman, info session with Graduate Program Director Ray Sharick, meet faculty and staff, find out where to go for information you need

◊ Faculty and staff from our social justice education concentration offer a group activity for graduate students, staff, and faculty to promote community-building in an inclusive environment.

◊ A lunchtime musical performance showcases the musical talents of professor Stephen G. Sireci, associate professor Florence Sullivan, and Weiyang Liu, a student in Learning, Media & Technology and a Guzheng instructor and experienced performer.

◊ Parking is free from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on August 31 in Lot 44 behind Furcolo for those attending Orientation. Parking passes will be distributed as you enter the parking lot on August 31.

College of Ed students, faculty and staff...
join us under the tent behind Furcolo and help us build our strong college community!
Attend for part or all of the day.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31
Woodland and UMass researchers awarded NSF grant to create computer science models usable in high-needs schools

Rebecca Woodland, educational policy, research and administration, and W.R. (Rick) Adrion, computer science, received a one year, $300,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to begin a planning process for creating effective and transferable “Computer Science for All” (CSforAll) models in two school districts in western Massachusetts. Both districts serve significantly diverse student populations, large numbers of economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities and English-Language learners.

The UMass Amherst researchers will conduct focus groups with teachers by level (elementary, middle, and high) to identify obstacles to computer science education from their perspectives. The UMass team, which also includes Ebong Hannah Branh, sociology; Nilanjana Dasgupta, psychological and brain sciences, and graduate research assistants, hopes to draw on teachers’ extensive local knowledge to develop effective strategies for implementation of an age-appropriate computer science education curriculum that accounts for local but also widespread structural challenges, such as high teacher turnover, state funding and takeover, and infrastructure. Read more...

http://www.umass.edu/education/faculty-staff-news/Woodland%20awarded%20NSF%20grant

Graduate School Professional Development Offerings

**Wednesday, August 17th – 12:00-1:00pm**
538 Goodell

**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Check-in**
With the fall semester (and NSF GRFP deadlines) on the horizon, this session will help you assess the status of your applications. Join us for coffee, cookies, and motivation for a late summer writing push! Attendees can sign up for a follow-up 1-on-1 consultation to receive feedback on drafts in progress. Pre-registration is required.

**Thursday, August 18th – 10:00am–3:00pm**
804-08 Campus Center

**NSF Dissertation Research Grant Writing Retreat (Thursday NSF DDRIG Series)**
Geared for those with September or October deadlines, this writing retreat will allow for peer-feedback on your application draft and focused attention on critical aspects of the proposal. We will also review resources to help you make sure your application is complete and submitted on time. A pizza lunch is provided; pre-registration is required.
September 2016 Doctoral Degree Deadlines
for Ed.D. and Ph.D. candidates filing to graduate for the September 2016 degree period

August 22, 2016 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.

- Submit your TYPED Doctoral Form D-8 and final draft of your dissertation to Kristin Tyler to schedule your final oral defense 4 weeks plus 2 additional business days in advance of the defense date in order to meet the Graduate School’s 4 week deadline.

- Schedule your defense no later than August 15, 2016 to have time to make any necessary edits.

- Rooms are reserved by emailing the College of Education’s room request at: educ-roomrequest@educ.umass.edu

- August 22, 2016 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

- Please note that handwritten forms will not be accepted.

- Kristin will submit these forms to the Graduate School.

- August 31, 2016 (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!**
College of Education Meetings and Events
as of August 3, 2016

**Wednesday, August 31**
All day in Furcolo Hall and in the field behind the building.

**College of Education Graduate Student Orientation**
Welcome reception for all graduate students and informal kick-off to the school year.

**Friday, September 16**
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  Cape Cod Lounge, Student Union

**College of Education Convocation**
Featuring Beverly Daniel Tatum, former President of Spelman College and author of *"Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria" And Other Conversations About Race*

**Friday, September 23**
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM  Campus Center, room 174-176

**All College Meeting**
Business meeting for faculty, staff, and students. Continental breakfast provided.

**Wednesday, October 5**
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  Amherst Room, Campus Center

**Graduate Student Scholarship Reception**
A celebration of our graduate student scholarship recipients and a thank you to our donors who make the scholarships possible.

**Thursday, October 13**
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM  Furcolo, room 101

**Brown Bag Breakfast with Chancellor**
Featuring Chancellor Subbaswamy. Coffee and donuts provided.

**Tuesday, November 1**
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  Location TBA

**College Dialogue: Black Lives Matter - Implications for the College of Education?**
Join the College for inter-departmental, meaningful, safe, stimulating and intellectually challenging dialogue about our beliefs and knowledge related the Black Lives Matter movement. This is the first in a series of conversations.

**Thursday, November 3**
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM  Furcolo, room 101

**Brown Bag Breakfast on Campus Budget Processes**
Featuring Elizabeth Chilton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement and co-chair, Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation. Coffee and donuts provided.
September 2016 Degree Deadlines
for Master’s Degree (M.Ed.) and Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) candidates filing to graduate for the September 2016 degree period

August 22, 2016 is the deadline to submit TYPED forms to Kristin Tyler, Office of Academic Affairs, Furcolo Hall to file to graduate for the September 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 by semester from your transcript only graduate courses to be counted toward the master’s degree
Course numbers, course titles, semester and year, credits, and grades 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 by semester from your transcript only graduate courses to be counted toward the Ed.S. degree
Course numbers, course titles, semester and year, credits, and grades 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.
- 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)
FRIDAY is the deadline for submissions to The Beacon

- 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](http://www.umass.edu/education). And speak to the appropriate department chair about the submission process for assistantship announcements.

- 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 news and announcements about departmental or concentration-related conferences, workshops, events and activities of interest to the college community to Denise Schwartz [dms@educ.umass.edu](mailto:dms@educ.umass.edu). Have questions about content, format and how to submit? Email me.

For information about Beacon announcements visit the college’s web site [www.umass.edu/education/faculty-staff/faculty-resources](http://www.umass.edu/education/faculty-staff/faculty-resources)

Send announcements, news, photos for the Beacon to Denise [dms@educ.umass.edu](mailto:dms@educ.umass.edu)
Understand Yourself as a Learner

How do we learn? What is active learning? What makes learning meaningful?

STEM as an integrative approach – learning beyond the classroom

Learning and Teaching in STEM Education

EDUC 492J

*Open to Education, Science, Math, Engineering, and Computer Technology Majors and Non-Majors*

T/TH 1-2:15pm

Furcolo W014

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
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PROJECT ASSISTANTSHIP
Educator Licensure Office
One 15 hour/week project assistantship is available for fall 2016 in the Educator Licensure Office.

**Responsibilities:** assisting the Assistant Dean for P12 Educator Preparation, and the Licensure Officer on various projects (web maintenance, newsletter production, data collection, analysis, etc.). Other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications include:** knowledge of teacher education; experience working with undergraduate students; good organizational skills; excellent writing and editing abilities; some knowledge of web maintenance. Previous teaching experience is desirable.

To apply, please submit a letter of application as an email attachment addressing the above responsibilities (which will be used as a writing sample) and resume to: Kim Drake, Educator Licensure Officer and Chief Undergraduate Advisor, College of Education, University of Massachusetts Amherst – at kdrake@educ.umass.edu

All project assistantships are contingent on available funding. This assistantship is contingent on acceptance of a 15-hour per week Educator Licensure Office project assistantship for fall 2016.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

**GABRIEL REIF,** September 1, 2016, 9:00 a.m. room N125 Furcolo.  **Chair: Dr. Ryan Wells**

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Leadership team meetings agendas and minutes can be found here:

[http://www.umass.edu/education/faculty-staff/faculty-resources/leadership-team](http://www.umass.edu/education/faculty-staff/faculty-resources/leadership-team)

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Candidate Forum on Public Higher Education

PHENOM, The Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Society of Professors, and the Center for Education Policy and Advocacy will host the forum with the Candidates for State Representative in the Third Hampshire District.

**Thursday, August 11th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm**
UMass Campus Center, Room 804/08

Come hear the Democratic candidates running to replace Ellen Story discuss their priorities for public higher education in Massachusetts. Candidates Vira Douangmany Cage, Solomon Israel Goldstein-Rose, Sarah C. LaCour, Bonnie MacCracken, Eric T. Nakajima and Lawrence O’Brien will participate.