Three ways to challenge our own bias:

1. We must be willing to accept that we do, in fact, have biases, and to make ourselves aware of them.

2. We must be determined not only to unearth our own stereotypes, but also to challenge them.

3. We need to learn how to exchange those automatic biases for different, more inclusive, notions.
Professional Development for staff:

**Advanced Word. Classes begin in January**

Alexandra Martines of Workplace Learning and Development will offer 90 minute classes in Advanced Word beginning in January.

**9:30 - 11 a.m. Thursday, January 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 9.**

W009 Furcolo All are encouraged to attend.

In these classes you will learn to create masterful documents more easily using Microsoft Word. You’ll learn how to create and work with graphics and charts, understand formatting settings that can make documents confusing to edit, manage document versions, and create and use Templates and Styles. Create beautiful, professional documents without the frustration. Topics subject to change based on class interests and needs.
COLLEGE ACADEMIC MATTERS (CAM)

The CAM minutes are online
http://www.umass.edu/education/faculty-staff/faculty-resources/college_academic_matters

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

CYNTHIA SHUTTLETON, January 19 & 20, 2017, Furcolo.  Chair:  Dr.  Sarah Fefer

Lots of news and pics
https://www.facebook.com/UMassCollegeofEd

7 MINUTE MEDITATION on WEDNESDAYS

Chanti Chanthavong, academic advisor, 1st Year Experience
is offering 7-minute movement meditation every Wednesday

starting at noon in W163 Furcolo.

Chanti explains: “As we head into the holidays, I think it is important for us to take the time to reflect on 2016 whether be it professionally or personally. With that said, I would like to invite you to take a 7-minute kinesthetic meditation. This is activity based and involves movement of muscle groups in the body. To prepare for a session, do not eat 2 hours before the meditation session. If you are interested in learning how to harmonize your mind and body, please join me.”
SPRING 2017 EXTERNSHIPS -  Deadline January 25, 2017

The deadline to submit complete spring 2017 externship forms and documents to Kristin Tyler in the Office of Academic Affairs (W114 Furcolo) is 1/25/2017. Forms must be typed and original ink signatures are required.

Please see the Graduate School website for the full externship policy, procedures, and forms at: http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/funding-support/graduate-assistantship-office/externship-policy-procedures

Please contact Kristin Tyler at ktyler@educ.umass.edu for questions regarding externships.

Here are the 7 most popular Education Week stories and opinions you and your colleagues have been reading this week.

1. Trump, DeVos Call for Ending Common Core at Michigan Rally
2. What Do You Mean My Kid Doesn't Have Homework?
3. Study: It's Far Too Hard to Fire Bad Teachers
4. The Brain Science Behind Student Trauma
5. RTI Expands, Encounters Growing Pains
6. Maybe Instead of Finland, We Should Be More Like Massachusetts?
7. Who Is Part of Ed. Sec. Nominee Betsy DeVos' Policy Circle?

Welcome new College of Education staff member Christine Dolgas

Christine Dolgas, Grants and Contracts Coordinator III
Office of Research and Engagement
Start Date: 12/27/16

We’ll send more about Christine in a future issue.
NSF NOYCE teaching fellows had their annual showcase in Furcolo Dec. 15.

The fellows, who teach at high needs middle and high schools, shared their action research projects; reflected on seminars, courses and speaker events, as well as their own presentations at conferences; and discussed leadership opportunities and accomplishments that took place over the five years of the project.

The NOYCE Teaching Fellowship project, “Supporting STEM Teaching and Learning through Communities (SSTLC),” responds to the critical need for middle and high school STEM teachers through a collaboration between UMass Amherst educators and researchers, high-needs middle and high schools in western Massachusetts, and a non-profit organization focused on the professional development of teachers and the education of youth in the sciences. Sandra Madden, principal investigator, and colleagues from the UMass Amherst College of Natural Sciences and the UMass Amherst School of Engineering received a $4,499,695 million grant from the National Science Foundation for the project.
May 2017 Doctoral Degree Deadlines for Ed.D. and Ph.D. candidates filing to graduate for the May 2017 degree period

March 29, 2017 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 March 22, 2017 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
- March 29, 2017 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, incomplete, and/or incorrect forms will not be accepted.
- Kristin will submit these forms to the Graduate School.
- April 12, 2017 (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!

There will be no Beacon next week.

Send announcements, news, photos, flyers for the Beacon to Denise.
And, please be sure that your materials carry the college’s word mark.
  dms@educ.umass.edu

Leadership team meetings minutes and agendas are posted here:
https://www.umass.edu/education/faculty-staff/faculty-resources/leadership-team
May 2017 Degree Deadlines for Master’s Degree (M.Ed.) and Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) candidates filing to graduate for the May 2017 degree period

March 29, 2017 is the deadline to submit TYPED forms to Kristin Tyler, Office of Academic Affairs, Furcolo Hall to file to graduate for the May 2017 degree period. After spring 2017 add/drop, please submit your typed forms to Kristin. You do not have to wait until the March 29, 2017 deadline to submit your forms.

Master’s Degree (M.Ed.) submit:
- Typed Master’s Degree Eligibility Form (Non-thesis Students)
- 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
- Department, course numbers, course titles, semester and year, credits, and grades listed on the Form M-2 must match transcript and Degree Eligibility Form exactly
- Leave the grade column blank for courses in which a grade has not yet been posted on your transcript

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
- Department, course numbers, course titles, semester and year, credits, and grades listed on the Form ES-2 must match transcript and Degree Eligibility Form exactly Leave the grade column blank for courses in which a grade has not yet been posted on your transcript
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- 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, incomplete, and/or incorrect 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

Farewell

to our staff member

Peg Louraine

Center for Educational Assessment assistant

and Ron Hambleton’s right-hand person.