People are asking, so here it is ...

The Beacon will not be published in the weeks of August 18 and August 25.

The deadline for the August 11 issue is Friday, August 5.
The deadline for the September 1 issue is Friday, August 20.

If you have notices for assistantships, please plan accordingly and send them in time for publication in the AUGUST 11 issue.

Faculty, staff & students...

CELEBRATE with us.

It’s the 20th anniversary of TEACH 180 Days in Springfield!

20 years in partnership with the Springfield Public Schools
20 years of preparing more than 300 teachers together

Please join us on Thursday, June 2 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
at the UMass Center at Tower Square, Springfield
Save this date:   Wednesday, August 31st!

College-wide graduate student orientation
and cookout

 to kick-off the 2016-2017 academic year.

Details in the Beacon throughout the summer

PROJ ECT ASSI STANTSHIP
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

One 10 hour/week project assistantship is available for spring 2016 to support the teacher education and school improvement concentration with administrative and programmatic activities. The student will plan and execute student programming, coordinate communication with students, assist with event planning and website maintenance.

Qualifications: Strong communication, organizational, and time management skills. Ability to work proactively and independently. Preference will be given to doctoral students in good standing.

To apply, send a cover letter and CV with names and contact information of two references to Meg Gebhard at gebhard@educ.umass.edu. In the subject line, please write: PA application

The Beacon is posted to the college’s web site.

www.umass.edu/education
TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

A 10 hour/week teaching assistant is available for fall semester for a program supervisor in CTEP (Collaborative Teacher Education Program). The TA is for supervision of students seeking elementary licensure (1-6) during their fall pre-practicum and spring practicum.

Responsibilities include: Conduct student observations, provide verbal and written feedback; Problem-solve with and support students; Support Supervising Practitioners; Conduct three-way meetings; Conduct debriefing sessions with students; Timely completion of ongoing documentation of student performance; Attendance at bi-weekly Supervisory Team meetings; and facilitation of bi-weekly seminars with students.

Qualifications: Classroom teaching experience (K-6); Excellent communication and problem solving skills; Strong Organizational skills; Experience with and knowledge of local educational settings and issues. Preference will be given to doctoral students.

Applicants should submit letter of interest, CV/resume (including the names and contact information for two references) to Sally Galman at sally@educ.umass.edu (please cc: Barbara Colombo-Adams at bcolombo@educ.umass.edu. Subject line of email should read: “TA CTEP Supervision.” (This assistantship is contingent upon enrollment and is only for the fall 2016 semester.) Application Deadline: June 9, 2016

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP
Department of Student Development

One 10 hour/week research assistantship is available for fall 2016.

Responsibilities: This research assistant will work on a youth participatory action research project over the course of the fall 2016 semester in a Holyoke or Springfield school. The research assistant will conduct literature reviews; data collection; write for conference presentations; publications; and qualitative analysis. The research assistant will attend weekly meetings at the school site in Holyoke and lead high school students through an analysis of relevant educational and social issues and then provide them with the tools necessary to collect data and create multimedia presentations about relevant research topics. The research assistant will work with teachers and university partners to achieve the goals of the project.

Qualifications: The ideal candidate will have strong writing skills and experience working with young people in out-of-school and/or in-school contexts. Applicant must complete CITI training. Priority will be given to doctoral students.

To apply, please send a CV to Antonio Nieves Martinez at antoniom@umass.edu using the term FALL2016 RA in the subject line of the email. Position dependent on funding.

UMass Amherst Alumni Weekend
June 3-4, 2016
Read the full schedule of activities.
PROJECT ASSISTANTSHIP
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

One 10-hour per week project assistantship is available for fall 2016 and spring 2017. The PA will assist the faculty in the language, literacy and culture concentration in the coordination of the concentration as follows: 1) support the planning of fall and spring new student orientations and the LLC student conference; 2) assist in the revision and maintenance of LLC’s online presence (e.g., website, handbook, and Facebook page); 3) participate as listserv moderator; 4) respond to prospective student queries; 5) assist with course preparation (e.g., scanning readings and preparing reading lists); 6) assist in grant preparation (e.g., literature reviews and budget development); and, 7) support manuscript preparation (e.g., support all phases of writing and editing, cross-checking in-text citations with reference list, etc.).

Qualifications include: The qualified candidate will be an advanced doctoral student who possesses excellent organizational, research, and digital technology practices. S/he will be comfortable with completing projects independently, taking initiative and finishing multiple tasks.

To apply: Please send a cover letter, resume, and two references to Maria José Botelho at mbotelho@educ.umass.edu. Kindly use “LLC PA Application” in the email subject line.

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

1. Middle School Student Handcuffed, Charged With Crime For Taking Free Milk
2. Teachers of Color Pay an 'Invisible Tax' That Leads to Burnout, Ed. Sec. Writes
3. Is It Time to Move Away From the Traditional School Calendar?
4. Gates Chief Acknowledges Common-Core Missteps
5. Why 10th Grade Should Be the New Senior Year
6. Response: Blended Learning Is 'the Next Generation of Education'
7. What I Learned Making Common Core Videos With State Teachers of the Year: The Assumptions Are Wrong

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Leadership team summer meeting dates and times

August 16 @ 9-11 AM
July 26 @ 9-11 AM
June 28 @ 9-11 AM

Meeting minutes and agendas are posted here:
https://www.umass.edu/education/faculty-staff/faculty-resources/leadership-team
Submit items for Spotlight on Research and Engagement

The deadline for submissions for the June Spotlight is Wednesday, June 8.

The Office of Research and Engagement encourages all members of the College who have announcements about conference presentations, publications, or other scholarly activity to send their information to: educore@educ.umass.edu
Goncalves Awarded Zuckerberg Leadership Prize
May 26, 2016

Michelle Goncalves, founder and executive director of UMass Women into Leadership (UWiL) and director of special projects in the Office of the Chancellor, has been awarded a two-year, $100,000 Roy J. Zuckerberg Endowed Leadership Prize for her work to reduce the gender gap in public leadership. The award provides $30,000 toward the activities of UWiL and a $20,000 stipend for a total of $50,000 each year. Goncalves said the money will assure continuation of UWiL, which is funded primarily through donations.

“I wasn’t sure how I was going to fund the next five years, and then … this,” she said. “It’s an incredible honor.”

Goncalves also assists Interim Dean Robert S. Feldman here in the College of Education.

Read more at
http://www.umass.edu/newsoffice/article/goncalves-awarded-zuckerberg-leadership

Are you building a web site? Blog? Creating a flyer?
Get the branding right. Read the UMass Brand Guide

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. 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.

- Let us help you get the word out!
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. 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
PROGRAMS OF STUDY UPDATED
Because you’ve been asking......updated content about each concentration’s Program of Study that leads to the doctoral degree has been posted to our web site.

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Fall 2016 courses are on our web site.

www.umass.edu/education/current-courses

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Sireci in the news

Stephen Sireci, College of Education and Center for Educational Assessment, comments in an article on opposition by teacher unions, school committees and superintendents to a state plan to evaluate teachers by using test scores to measure how much students have learned. **One of the authors of a 2014 report that questioned the reliability of test growth measures, Sireci says, “Our research indicates that student growth percentiles are unreliable and should not be used in teacher evaluations. We see a lot of students being misclassified at the classroom level.”** (Globe, 5/31/16)

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Reminder: How to request a room for a meeting, etc...

When requesting rooms for meetings, groups, special activities, please send your request to educ-roomrequest@umass.edu.

If a request is specific to one of the college departments, please send your request to the appropriate departmental assistant...

Malis Loeung malis@educ.umass.edu TECS; Judy Pierce judithpierce@umass.edu SD & EPRA; Michael Hanna mhanna@umass.edu (backup)

Thanks, Robert Heath, for the reminder.

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**Which College of Education staff member’s full (not a nickname) first name is a palindrome?**

Email your answer to dms@educ.umass.edu

If you’re one of the first 3 people with the correct answer you’ll win College of Ed swag including a chic fleece scarf. (Winter is not far away.)

Oh, and “Bob” as in Interim Dean Robert S. “Bob” Feldman does not count!