STUDENTS: Nominate an exceptional teacher for the Distinguished Teaching Awards

The nomination period for the 2016-2017 Distinguished Teaching Awards is now open and will remain so through October 21, 2016.

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

Want to nominate someone? Submit a nomination online at: http://www.umass.edu/tefd/dta
Only current and former students may nominate faculty members and teaching assistants/associates.

(While only students can nominate faculty for the award, the faculty are invited to nominate up to 2 teaching assistants/associates for the award.)

Nominations must be submitted by Friday, October 21, 2016.
Distinguished Teaching Award Committee
The Institute for Teaching Excellence & Faculty Development 301 Goodell (413) 545-5142 dta@provost.umass.edu

New deadline for submitting posters

There is still time to submit your poster to the ethnography unbound conference.

See link for details http://www.umass.edu/sociology/about/ethnoconf2016/call-papers-posters

Call for Posters

Unbounding Ethnography: Theory and Method Beyond the Disciplines

An Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference at University of Massachusetts Amherst
NOVEMBER 4-5, 2016

Keynote Speaker: Michael Burawoy, Professor of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

LETHA GAYLE-BRISSETT       Proposed Dissertation Title: Steering Against the Tide?   Presidential Leadership and Diversity at Amherst College

Statement of Problem: Elite colleges and universities in US, historically, have not served low-income students and students of color well. Through various exclusionary mechanisms, including economic costs, and long-held cultural and social biases, predominantly white institutions of higher education have never been truly representative of the diverse society in which they serve. However, in more recent decades, colleges and universities have increasingly been trying to diversify their campuses, but this has been a challenging endeavor. For those institutions that have achieved some measure of success, it has been suggested that leadership may be a critical factor. Amherst College, an elite liberal arts college, has been one of the more prominent success stories for significantly diversifying its student body. As such, Amherst College provides an ideal setting for examining the role of leadership in the process of diversifying an institution of higher education.

Chair: Dr. Ryan Wells

FACULTY and STAFF: Joe Berger has informal talk time in The Hub most Thursdays at 11

Faculty and staff are invited to meet informally with Joe Berger, Interim Senior Associate Dean, on Thursdays in The Hub from 11 to 12 throughout this semester. Stop by for a few minutes or for a longer conversation.

Joe will not be available on October 6 and 13, and November 10, 17 and 24, which is Thanksgiving Day.

Graduate Student Family Research FALL TRAVEL AWARDS

Application Deadline: Friday, 21st October 2016
Notification: Mid-November 2016

The Center for Research on Families will give out awards of $300 to a minimum of two graduate students who have written an outstanding paper or created an exceptional poster on issues of family research and will be presenting the paper or poster at a national research conference before December 31, 2016. The paper must already have been accepted for presentation at the conference and the award money will be used exclusively for travel expenses associated with the conference.

For More Information, please visit: http://www.umass.edu/family/students/grad/travel-award
Family research is broadly defined and encompasses all disciplines.
Announcements
The ORE is organizing the following three workshops this semester:

- 10/14 10:30am—12:00pm in Furcolo W01: Mentoring graduate assistants (RAs, Pas, and TAs).
- 11/17 1:30pm—3:00pm in Furcolo S149: Institutional Review Board processes, case studies, and sample forms. To be facilitated by representatives from the Human Research Protection Office.
- 12/7 10:30am—12:00pm in Furcolo S125: University resources and procedures for grantseekers and grantholders. To be facilitated by representatives from the Office of Grant and Contract Administration.

Recent Publications

Ask Steve the education librarian
Steve McGinty, education librarian, holds office hours in The Hub, Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00.

Open to all.
OLD DEBATES ABOUT EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT: RECASTING IDEAS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Theodore J. Christ, PhD
The John P. Yackel Professor in Educational Assessment and Measurement
University of Minnesota
(and UMass grad)

When: Tuesday, October 11th,
11:30 am–12:30 pm
Where: Furcolo Room 101

Those who develop and those who use educational assessments should work together to address shared challenges within education. Unfortunately, the characteristics of assessment that are both acceptable to teachers and technically adequate have often eluded the field(s). This may be related to an excessive emphasis on paradigmatic dichotomies: positivist vs. constructivist, performance-based vs. selective-response, ecological vs. standardized, gating-keeping vs. instructionally useful, adaptive vs. nonadaptive, item-response vs. classical-test, and the like.

Dr. Christ will present a contemporary perspective to help the next generation of researchers and practitioners. He will define and illustrate the application of the Purpose as Paradigm approach to productive collaborations between those who use and those who development assessments. He will use examples from the development and ongoing refinement of the Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST), which was used more than 6,000,000 times by teachers in August and September of 2016.

Free and Open to the Public

Sponsored by the Department of Student Development
Leadership team meetings
minutes and agendas are posted here:
https://www.umass.edu/education/faculty-staff/faculty-resources/leadership-team

Find out about the college’s events, meetings
and activities on our college calendar.
http://www.umass.edu/education/news/calendar

Send information about your department’s or concentration’s events,
using the format you’ll see on the calendar, to:
dms@educ.umass.edu

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

ALLISON HUNTER  Proposed Dissertation Title: The role of prior knowledge, situational interest, and case study pedagogy in the undergraduate biology classroom.

Statement of Problem: In the undergraduate science classroom, case study pedagogy is method that uses stories with dilemmas and/or questions to convey scientific content. Case study pedagogy shows a lot of promise as an active learning pedagogy to meet the demands of 21st century biology education initiatives; however, there is a dearth of information on how students learn with case studies in the undergraduate biology classroom. Understanding the variables that impact learning with case studies (e.g., prior content knowledge, interest in biology; pedagogical strategies) and any relationships between those variables is necessary to understand how students learn with case studies in the undergraduate biology classroom. Such findings could inform the improvement of case study pedagogy with regard to appropriate student populations, the development of case study teaching materials, and the training of faculty in case study pedagogy.

Chair: Dr. Martina Nieswandt

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

JENNIFER O’DONNELL, November 30, 2016, 12:00 p.m. room N173 Furcolo. “Seguimos Luchando: Women Educators’ Trajectories in Social Movement Based Popular Education Projects in Buenos Aires, Argentina.”
Chair: Dr. Laura Valdiviezo
College of Education
Office of Research and Engagement

RFP BROWN BAG SERIES FALL 2016

Co-PIs: Bob Maloy and Torrey Trust
Title: Unleashing Students’ Creativity: How Teachers Learn to Use 3d Printers to Transform Students from Passive Consumers to Active Creators of Content
Date: October 6th, 2016
Location: W07- Furcolo Hall

Bob Maloy
Torrey Trust

PI and Presenter: Korina Jocson
Location: W07- Furcolo Hall
Date: November 3rd, 2016
Title: Media Making and Learning
Opportunities through School-Community Connections to Support Minoritized Youth

Korina Jocson

Co-PIs: Chrystal George Mwangi and Jacqi Mosselson
Title: A Critical Exploration of the Campus Experiences and Power Structures Impacting the Success of International Doctoral Students
Date: November 3rd, 2016
Location: W07- Furcolo Hall

Chrystal George Mwangi
Jacqueline Mosselson
College of Education Meetings and Events

**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. 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.

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**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.**

- 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. 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)
IF you are working on a flyer, video, web page, photograph, social media project ... take a look at the UMass Brand Guide.

A brand is more than an identity; it encapsulates the way people think about an institution and the way an institution thinks about itself. Our branding entails much more than using the correct wordmark or color. It’s about consistent communication. About achieving a common look and feel. About speaking with one voice. The more consistent we are as a brand, the more powerful we are as an institution.

Our brand is so important because of the vast audience we speak to: prospective students, alumni, donors, faculty, staff, and students; business, education, and community leaders; local, national, and international media. Whether we are sending out an email blast, a formal invitation, or communicating through social media, it is imperative that our branding remain consistent and represent quality and excellence.

USING THE UNIVERSITY’S BRAND GUIDE
The brand guide defines our standards and best practices, and establishes the basis for effective communication. It was created as an “operating manual,” detailing specific rules and usages to serve as guidelines for online, print, and other university-affiliated publications and advertising. Adhering to this guide will ensure that communication from all colleges, departments, and university organizations is presented in a consistent voice, look, and feel.

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from

5:30-7:30 p.m.

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More than $100,000 in Grants Available!
The Graduate School is pleased to announce the availability of more than $100,000 in grant funding to current UMass graduate students. These awards will be disbursed through three initiatives—the Dissertation Research Grant, the Predissertation Grant, and the Dissertation Fieldwork Grant programs. We encourage all eligible students to apply for these internal awards, which often facilitate success in larger, high-profile competitions for external funding. Please read below for additional details regarding the Graduate School's 2016–17 Grant Competition.

Dissertation Research Grants
Overview: Dissertation Research Grants provide recipients a maximum of $1,000 for expenses related to dissertation research. Deadline: October 15th Eligibility: UMass Amherst doctoral students who have achieved candidacy at the time of application are eligible to apply. Click on link below for additional details.
More Information: www.umass.edu/gradschool/funding-support/dissertation-research-grants

Predissertation Grants
Overview: Predissertation Grants provide recipients a maximum of $1,000 to evaluate the feasibility of planned dissertation research, generate pilot data, or establish the necessary networks to carry out planned dissertation research, among other activities. Deadline: November 15th Eligibility: UMass Amherst doctoral students who have completed at least one semester of graduate study at the time of application but have not yet filed their dissertation prospectus are eligible to apply. Click on link below for additional details.
More Information: www.umass.edu/gradschool/node/639

Dissertation Fieldwork Grants
Overview: Dissertation Fieldwork Grants provide recipients a maximum of $5,000 for expenses related to dissertation fieldwork, which is defined broadly and includes data collection taking place for an extended period outside the immediate Amherst geographical area. Eligibility: UMass graduate students in good standing and currently enrolled in a doctoral program are eligible to apply. Click on link below for additional details. Deadline: November 1st More Information: www.umass.edu/gradschool/node/641

Questions?
Questions about these awards should be directed to Heidi Bauer Clapp, Assistant Director of the Office of Professional Development, at hbauerclapp@grad.umass.edu.

Please note that a second Graduate School Grant Competition will be held during spring semester. Application deadlines are provided on the relevant webpages listed above.

From the Graduate School
From University Health Service

Don't let flu bug you!

Flu season is here and so are campus flu clinics. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommend that everyone over the age of six months be vaccinated against flu.

New this year: UHS flu clinics are open to all members of the campus community – students, faculty and staff! Costs are billed to your health insurance; bring your insurance plan's ID card with you. For questions about insurance coverage and billing at UHS please go to: https://www.umass.edu/uhs/insurance

Walk-in clinics around campus:
- **Thursday, Oct. 6**, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., North Apartments, Building D
- **Thursday, Oct. 13**, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., Commonwealth Honors College
- **Friday, Oct. 14**, 3 – 6 p.m., North Village Apartments
- **Thursday, Oct. 20**, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Berkshire Dining Commons
- **Friday, Oct. 21**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., The Spot, Student Union
- **Thursday, Oct. 27**, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., Webster Lounge
- **Thursday, Nov. 10**, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., Recreation Center
- **Thursday, Nov. 17**, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., Van Meter Lounge

Walk-in clinics in UHS, room 302
- **Thursday, Sept. 29**, 1 – 4 p.m.
- **Friday, Oct. 7**, 9 a.m. – noon
- **Friday, Oct. 28**, 9 a.m. – noon
- **Friday, Nov. 18**, 9 a.m. – noon
- **Friday, Dec. 2**, 9 a.m. – noon
- **Thursday, Dec. 8**, 1 – 4 p.m.

You can also be vaccinated during a scheduled visit – just ask!

Learn more about flu, ways to stay healthy, and what to do if you're sick on the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov).

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**Important**

The College's calendar of events and meetings is on our web site


**Put your events on our calendar.**

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