The College of Education's professor emerita Sonia Nieto presents...

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Brooklyn Dreams: My Life in Public Education

A Lecture by Sonia Nieto, Professor Emerita of Multicultural Education, at UMass Amherst.
Herter 601
September 26, 2016
4:00 pm
Part of the CLACLS Fall 2016 Colloquium Series.

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New conference for ethnographers November 4-5; proposal deadline Sept. 23

Please consider representing the College of Education at this new conference for graduate ethnographers. The deadline for proposals (250-word abstract) has been extended to September 23. This new conference is an excellent venue for your ethnographic research, whether it was carried out in EDUC 815 and other courses, or during your comprehensive examination or dissertation research. Your presentation will generate dialogue that will deepen your data analysis and overall representation of your work.

The Department of Sociology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst requests presentation and poster proposals for the first interdisciplinary graduate student conference on ethnographic methodologies held on our campus. The November 4-5 2016 conference is titled "Unbinding Ethnography: Theory and Method Beyond the Disciplines," with Keynote address by Michael Burawoy, Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. The goal of the conference is to convene dialogue between graduate ethnographers from a range of disciplines, including (but not limited to) sociology, anthropology, political science, education, economics, journalism, and communication. This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology and ISSR.

This call for papers (or posters) is open to graduate students at UMass and the Five Colleges, Incorporated. Undergraduates are invited to submit poster proposals. We are looking for scholarship that addresses key contemporary questions, using a variety of epistemological approaches to participant observation. We are particularly interested in methodological challenges and innovations in the field. Presentation of preliminary findings is welcome.

Please visit the conference website to see the full call for papers and to upload a proposal by Friday, September 23, 2016. Proposals should include a title, a 250-word abstract, presentation format preference, affiliation, and contact information. For further information, please email us at unbounding@soc.umass.edu, or visit the conference event's Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/UnboundingEthnography2016.

Spotlight on Research is now in The Beacon

We would like your feedback on the new format of Spotlight on Research. In particular we would like to hear your thoughts on the “Engagement” section of Spotlight. We envision the Engagement section as a space for information about and links to webinars, blog posts, and other publications and activities related to the research of College of Education faculty and students.

Please email your thoughts to educore@educ.umass.edu. Thanks!
The **College of Education Outdoor Activities Club** is organizing a fun collection of outings for the upcoming school year, including hiking, ice skating, and a friendly kickball game.

Our first event is this upcoming **Saturday, September 24 at 10am ... a campus scavenger hunt!**

Do you know where the wireframe tulip is located on campus? What about the Yellow Duck exhibit? Have you ever seen the UMass Amherst Demonstration Garden or the Taphonomy Research Lab? Join us on Saturday, September 24 for a fun-filled campus scavenger hunt. This is a great opportunity to get outdoors, find the hidden treasures on campus, and hang out with your College of Education friends. If you are interested in participating, please RSVP here: [https://umasseseduoutdoors.wordpress.com/rsvp-here/](https://umasseseduoutdoors.wordpress.com/rsvp-here/)

**Ask Steve the education librarian**

Steve McGinty, education librarian, holds "office hours" in The Hub again this year, Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00.

Come ask Steve questions. He has answers.

**Our web site**

[www.umass.edu/education](http://www.umass.edu/education)
Announcements

The Office of Research and Engagement is now holding drop in hours, during which we are available to provide advice on any questions you may have. You are also welcome to stop into the ORE at any time, or make an appointment with us by emailing us at educore@educ.umass.edu. Drop-in hours are Mondays from 10:00 to 11:00, Tuesdays 2:00 to 3:00, Wednesday 11:00 to 12:00, Thursdays 3:00 to 4:00, and Fridays 9:00 to 10:00.

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Please mark your calendars for this semester’s brown bag research presentations. The ORE is hosting two brown bags this semester during which your colleagues will share their research. The Brown Bags are October 6th from 12:30 to 2:00 in Furcolo W07, and November 3rd from 12:30 to 2:00 in Furcolo W07. Please watch this space for updates about the topics to be presented.

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Florence R. Sullivan has received supplemental funding for her research project entitled "Microgenetic Learning Analytics (MLA)" from the National Science Foundation. The MLA project seeks to develop computational means for assisting in the analysis of microgenetic learning data. The MLA method is being developed in relation to an investigation of the development of computational thinking in youth who are underrepresented in the field of Computer Science. The one-year award was made in the amount of $60,101.00.

Funding Opportunities

Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE), NSF Solicitation 15-585, supports proposals that are interested in improving undergraduate education, which includes PRE-SERVICE STEM EDUCATION. This solicitation states: "A well-prepared, innovative science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workforce is crucial to the Nation’s health and economy. Indeed, recent policy actions and reports have drawn attention to the opportunities and challenges inherent in increasing the number of highly qualified STEM graduates, including STEM teachers.

The NSF Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE) in collaboration with AAAS will offer an Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) webinar focusing on those interested in improving undergraduate education for pre-service STEM teachers. The webinar will be on Tuesday, September 27 from 5 – 6:30 pm EDT. PowerPoint slides will be made available and participants will have the opportunity to ask questions. A recorded version of the webinar will be posted later.

Upcoming Conference Presentations


A frequent Beacon feature!

Trusted Tech Tips

Looking for a way to spice up your class presentations? Try Google Slides (https://www.google.com/slides/about/)! Google Slides is a collaborative presentation design tool with an interface similar to PowerPoint. You can design slides in real time with peers or students. You can use the social commenting feature to add and reply to comments for each slide. It is easy to embed YouTube videos into a slide so you can watch the video without ever leaving the presentation.

If you are looking for professionally designed Google Slides templates, look no further than Slides Carnival (http://www.slidescarnival.com/). Google also recently added a "Q&A" feature that allows you to collect questions from the audience throughout the presentation: https://docs.googleblog.com/2016/05/slidesQA.html

Happy presenting!

Six students awarded REAL fellowships:
Sybing, Taylor, Boyd, Santiago-Ortiz, Smith, Torres

Six College of Education graduate students received Research Enhancement and Leadership (REAL) fellowships from the Graduate School. They are: Roehl Sybing, language, literacy and culture concentration; Darius Taylor, research, educational measurement and psychometrics (REMP) concentration; and Amari Boyd, Aurora Santiago-Ortiz, Alisha Smith and Andrew Torres, all in the social justice education concentration. The REAL program is designed to facilitate the recruitment and success of minority students, enrich the university's intellectual community, and help diversify the professoriate. Doubling the campus' financial support for minority students, the initiative increases institutional allocation for diversity fellowships to $1.2 million annually. The funding reflects a campus-wide financial commitment from the Office of the Provost and all of the colleges and schools.

At an event honoring the recipients are, left to right, Ray Sharick, Aurora Santiago-Ortiz, Korina Jocson, Alisha Smith, Darius Taylor, Ximena Zuniga and Joseph B. Berger.
Travel Grant Information for the current year is available here:

http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/travel-grant-programs
College of Education Meetings and Events

**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 to 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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**Talk with Joe Berger**
**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.

“I am looking forward to lots of opportunities to engage with all of you, answer any questions, and respond to concerns,” Berger said. “Of course, my office door is constantly open as well and I am always open to invitations to come and meet with individuals and groups throughout the College.”

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

**Drop in Advising**

Academic Advising Appointments available for Education Exploratory Track Students

Contact: Chanti, 413-545-6107, chan@educ.umass.edu

For major change and quick questions (P/F, late drops, credit overload)

W151 Furcolo.

Monday - Friday

10:30 - 11:30 & 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Send information about your department’s or concentration’s events, using the format you’ll see on the calendar, to:
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We’ll post to the college’s Facebook.

www.facebook.com/UMassCollegeEd

and other places.

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**LIST YOUR EVENTS!**

Find out about the college’s events, meetings and activities on our college calendar.

http://www.umass.edu/education/news/calendar

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2016-2017 Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture Series:
The U.S. in the Age of Mass Incarceration

How is it that the United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world? What forces led us here, and what alternatives are on the horizon? The 2016-2017 Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture Series will explore the ways that state violence, mass incarceration, and mass criminalization have transformed the U.S. economy, culture and society. More than a dozen panels, performances, gallery exhibitions, and lectures by the nation’s leading scholars, artists and activists will explore a wide range of topics, from police brutality, immigration detention, and carceral feminism to the consequences of incarceration for women, people of color, and LGBTQ individuals. The series will culminate in the opening of the national traveling exhibition States of Incarceration: A National Dialogue of Local Stories.

This Feinberg Series aims to offer meaningful events that consider the carceral state in historical perspective and that will support and amplify ongoing work by community groups and activists, enriching undergraduate and graduate education at UMass and surrounding educational institutions. Taken together, these powerful events will explore the many ways in which the carceral state impacts our lives and our world in deep and far-reaching ways.

All events are FREE and open to the public.

Wednesday, September 28 -- The Circumference of a Prison: Youth, Race, and the Failures of the American Justice System, Feature Lecture

Lecture and book signing with Reginald Dwayne Betts, author of A Question of Freedom, PEN New England Award winner and national spokesperson for the Campaign for Youth Justice. Arrested at age sixteen, Betts served eight years in an adult prison. Today, Betts uses his experiences to speak about the current state of the criminal justice system—including sentencing juveniles as adults, solitary confinement, maximum security prisons, the collateral consequences of a criminal record—and presents promising ideas for reform. 7pm, Cape Cod Lounge, UMass Amherst Student Center


Lecture and book signing with award-winning historian Talitha L. LeFlouria (University of Virginia) on the plight of post-Civil War black women prisoners and their day-to-day struggles to overcome work-related abuses and violence. Copies of LeFlouria’s prize-winning book Chained in Silence will be available for purchase. UMass/Five College Graduate Program in History Distinguished Annual Lecture. 4:30pm, Bernie Dallas Room, Goodell Hall, UMass Amherst

Wednesday, October 26 – Resisting Police Violence in Springfield and Beyond: Mothers, Activists, and Queer People of Color Speak Out

An evening with local and national voices, Kissa Owens (mother of Delano Walker), Andrea Ritchie (attorney, writer, Soros Justice Fellow), Shaeshae Quest (OutNow), Maria Ververis (mother of Michael Ververis), and Rhonda Williams (community organizer and scholar). Co-hosted by OutNow, Arise for Social Justice, and Project Operation Change, with the STCC School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. 7pm, Scibelli Hall Auditorium, STCC, Building 2

Faculty - About the Public Engagement Project, Oct. 7

Save the date Friday, October 7 from 12-1 (Furcolo, room TBA) for a presentation about the Public Engagement Project (PEP) and its 2017 fellowship program. Our own Steve Sireci will speak about his experience as a fellow, and Amy Schalet, Director of PEP, will be on hand to answer any questions.

PEP is a great resource for the college as you work to translate your research into practice and as you engage in outreach to schools and across education organizations. See more: https://www.umass.edu/pep/
CSSR FALL 2016 CALENDAR

Sep 28  Workshop: Is a Ph.D. in Higher Education right for you?
         Answers to questions like: Why get a PhD? When to go? Where to go? -and- How to pay for the degree? – By Zeke Kimball
         12 pm @Furcolo 101

Oct 5    Center for Student Success Research Kickoff
         Celebrate the opening of CSSR – Food & Funding Opportunities
         12pm @Furcolo 101

Oct 19   Speaker Series: Cris Smith
         Implications of the Adult Transitions Longitudinal Study (ATLAS) for Adult Basic Education-to-College Student Success
         12 pm @Furcolo 101

Nov 2    ASHE Preparation- Do you (want to) present at ASHE?
         Practice Your Talk or Observe for Next Year!
         12pm @Furcolo W201

Nov 30   Workshop: Turning your Conference Paper into Publication
         Tips and tricks on how to publish - By Ryan Wells
         12 pm @Furcolo 101

Dec 7    Speaker Series: Dean Robert Feldman
         How Today’s Undergraduates Are Different, Why It Matters, and Teaching Strategies That Lead to Student Success

These events are organized by Center for Student Success Research
For questions email: rswells@educ.umass.edu

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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. 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

News about Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviews
As many of you know, the University has transitioned away from IRB review at the College level to central IRB review. (Students: IRB [Institutional Review Board] reviews research proposals that involve human subjects).

The University’s Human Research Protection Office (HRPO, https://www.umass.edu/research/compliance/human-subjects-irb) is a valuable resource to both students and faculty for questions, training, and research on IRB. HRPO can be contacted at humansubjects@ora.umass.edu.

If there are any on-going projects that received local approval, please contact the Human Research Protection Office ASAP to transition projects into their e-protocol system.

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Is a Ph.D. in Higher Education Right for You?

The PhD in Higher Education has become a key credential for those pursuing faculty careers, for policy analysts and institutional researchers, and for mid-level managers seeking to advance to senior administration. In this workshop, higher education program faculty and advanced doctoral students share reflections on their own doctoral experiences to help first and second year masters students plan their educational futures. We address questions such as: Why get a PhD? When to go? Where to go? - and- How to pay for the degree?

By Zeke Kimball, Ryan Wells and current Doc Students

Yedalis Ruiz and Alicia Remaly

September 28, 2016

12 - 1pm @ College of Education, Furcolo 101

Light refreshments will be provided

This event is organized by Center for Student Success Research. For questions, send an email to: rswells@educ.umass.edu
Center for Student Success Research Kick-Off!

Enjoy refreshments and learn more about the focus areas of the center, possibilities for collaboration, and funding opportunities.

RSVP: http://tinyurl.com/zoynfsu

October 5, 2016

12 - 1pm @ College of Education, Furcolo 101
813 N Pleasant St, Amherst.

For questions: gbettenc@umass.edu

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