Get your College of Education tee shirt during UMassGives

Make an online donation of $15 or more to the College of Education on Thursday, April 27, from the laptops we’ll be staffing in The Hub and you will receive a college tee in appreciation of your support.

Online gifts to the college can be made at any time during the 36 hours of UMassGives of course!

BUT, we’ll staff laptops in The Hub on Thursday, April 27 and we’ll help you make your online gift. Visit us in The Hub, make your generous gift, and receive your tee.

Quantities are limited.
Announcements
Are you planning to submit a grant proposal, or closing out an existing grant? The Office of Research and Engagement (ORE) maintains resources for grantseekers and grantees to support your efforts. The ORE can help you develop a research agenda, identify potential funders, develop a proposal, submit your proposal, manage funded projects, and close out funded projects.

Publications

Presentations, Workshops, and Seminars

Woodland, R. (June, 2017). Evaluating Organizational Collaboration. Two workshops to be delivered at the American Evaluation Association Summer Institute. Atlanta, GA.

Engagement

Please send your information for the next issue
Inspire the next generation
Become a MATHEMATICS TEACHER MENTOR
S²TLC-II
Supporting STEM Teaching & Learning through Communities

Seeking 8 exceptionally qualified teachers for this one time only competitive opportunity—ideally two mentors per building (not required)

Benefits
- Paid tuition for 9 UMass graduate credits (Su 2017, F 2017, Sp 2018)
- Stipend of $5,000 for successful completion
- Development as a STEM Teacher Leader
- Membership within a vibrant group of STEM educators
- Advanced degree potential
- Contributions to improving student opportunity to engage in STEM learning
- Potential professional conference travel funds (i.e., NCTM)
- Professional licensure courses
- Collegiality and FUN!

Join a community of STEM educators who...
- Shape STEM teaching and teacher preparation in Western Massachusetts
- Participate in sustained professional learning opportunities
- Build community partnerships and curriculum resources that support community-connected learning and culturally responsive teaching
- Develop the next generation of STEM educators
- Facilitate professional learning communities (PLCs)
- Co-develop and lead a virtual community of practice (VCoP)
- Support and explore collaborative and reflective teaching practices
- Grow and learn together

Requirements
- Professional licensure in grades 8-12 Mathematics
- Mathematics teacher in high need western Massachusetts school district
- Support of school principal
- Demonstrated success in improving student achievement in mathematics
- Commitment to implementing inquiry-based practices in the classroom
- Commitment to mentor new teacher for entire school year
- Complete three required graduate courses
- Participate in ongoing S²TLC face-to-face and virtual communities of practice focused on reflective practice and improvement of student learning
- Complete all project evaluation components

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University of Massachusetts Amherst
What is #UMassGives?
#UMassGives is a 2-day online giving campaign using email and social media platforms to encourage people to give to their favorite part of UMass Amherst. For us, that’s the College of Education! The office of annual giving spearheads this effort.

#UMassGives begins at 12:01 am April 27 and ends at midnight April 28.

How is the College of Education participating in UMass Gives this year?
We created a new scholarship fund - inspired by our students and designed for all of us who care about benefitting another person in an altruistic way.

Announcing the Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund
a fund through which you can positively impact others in acknowledgement of the ways in which others have supported you.

The Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund

During UMass Gives, donations of any amount allocated to the College of Education’s Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund will support a College of Education student who demonstrates his or her desire to pay it forward.

The recipient of the Pay It Forward Scholarship will be acknowledged at the college’s annual Scholarship Celebration.

Be a part of UMass Gives and Pay It Forward. Beginning on February 27, go to
https://umass.scalefunder.com/gday/giving-day/1173/departments/1505
Here’s how our doctoral student Alicia Gonzales described her pay it forward philosophy:

“I am the recipient of the C. Lynn Vendien Professional Scholarship for 2016-2017. I hope that this brief story relays how important and what an impact this scholarship has had on me. A few weeks ago, Russell, my partner, and I were on a hike, and we were imagining our future after graduate school, and in this vision we have income!

He shared with me a few organizations and businesses that he plans on repaying for what they have paid him in resources and information. He asked me what I would love to give back to and I said without hesitation: ‘I would love to give to a scholarship fund, because of what they have done for me.’

Without scholarships, I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to work on a doctoral degree, and I know that repaying what so many people have payed to me will further the education of others- which I believe is so important!

So I thank all of you who have invested in us, and I hope that we use our gifts to one day turn them into gifts for others, both monetarily and non!”

UMass Gives is for students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the college.
Starting on Thursday, Feb. 27 it’s easy to make your gift here
https://umass.scalefunder.com/gday/giving-day/1173/department/1505

Why pay it forward?
Because you can.
Because you have the ability to positively affect someone’s life.
Because it encourages an attitude of kindness.
**STUDENTS AND FACULTY:**

Please come to learn about...

**Progress in Holyoke**

Soria will update members of the college community on the most recent changes in the district, which is now in its second year of receivership by the state.

**Job Possibilities**

Students, especially those graduating soon, are encouraged to attend to hear about job opportunities and the support the district has to offer new employees.

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**The Holyoke Public Schools Turnaround and Job Opportunities**

Soria began his journey as an educator in 1992 as a teacher of English Language Learners (ELLs) in the Little Village community in Chicago. As Chief of Schools, he led administrators and staff in the Network of Chicago Public Schools and was responsible for the achievement of 30,000 students.

In Holyoke, Soria works to provide direct support to schools around the design and effectiveness of their curricula, instruction and professional development.

**Tuesday,**

**May 2, 2017**

**6:45-7:30 pm**

UMass Amherst

Furcolo 101

Contact information for event: Rebecca Woodland, EPRA, Holyoke Public Schools Partnership Task Force (Rebecca.Woodland@educ.umass.edu) and Ann Stephany, P12 Educator Preparation (stephany@umass.edu)
2nd Annual Graduate Research Gallery Walk

April 20th from 5:00 to 7:30

Join us in the Hub from 5:00 to 6:25 for presentations of graduate student research.

After the presentations join us in Furcolo 101 from 6:30 to 7:30 for a panel on How to Navigate an Academic Conference. The panel is co-sponsored by the Office of Research and Engagement and the Center for Student Success Research.

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PROGRAM ASSISTANT NEEDED

Women of Color Leadership Network (WOCLN) Program Assistant, in the Center for Women and Community (CWC)

The applicant priority date is 4/27/17. However, the vacancy notice will remain posted until the position is filled.


ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

YVONNE FARINO, May 16, 2017, 3:00 p.m. room S167 Furcolo. “Critical Language Awareness in the Spanish Classroom: A Heritage Language Teacher’s Journey on Experiencing Cultural and Linguistic Otherness.” Chair: Dr. Theresa Austin

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

JASMIN ROBINSON, April 27, 2017, 10:00 a.m. room N113 Furcolo.
Chair: Dr. Maria Jose’ Botelho
Austin receives TIDE Fellowship
The Institute for Teaching Excellence & Faculty Development (TEFD) announced that Theresa Austin, teacher education and curriculum studies, was selected as one of the 12 TIDE (Teaching for Inclusiveness, Diversity, & Equity) Ambassadors of the 2017-18 cohort.

The TIDE Ambassadors Fellowship is a competitive award program that recognizes the vital role faculty fulfill in creating an inclusive and equitable college experience for all students. TIDE Ambassadors build a yearlong community of practice, attending a 3-day institute in May, a half-day institute in December, a day-long institute the following May, and seminars on teaching pedagogy twice a semester.

As ambassadors for excellence in teaching for inclusiveness, diversity and equity, fellows will serve as catalysts for change by designing a diversity-focused workshop or program to share their growing expertise with colleagues at the departmental, school/college, or campus-wide level.
SAVE the DATES!
for TWO College of Education graduation events

Thursday, May 11
It’s our Graduation Celebration!
Campus Center Auditorium 5 p.m.
All College of Education graduating students are invited -
family and guests welcome. Faculty and staff attend, too! Wear party clothes!

AND

Saturday, May 13
Senior Recognition Ceremony
Goodell Building 8:30 a.m.
For our graduating undergraduates, their families and guests.
Caps and gowns. Reception following the ceremony

Watch the Beacon, our Facebook and our web site for details.
WORKSHOP: HOW TO NAVIGATE AN ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

Do you have conferences planned? Join this workshop for tips and tricks on how to make the most out of your conference experience.

Thursday, April 20, 2017
6.30pm-7.30pm
Furcolo 101
Virtual attendance possible: Success@educ.umass.edu
Cosponsored by the Office of Research and Engagement
Missed Dr. Darder’s inspiring talk? The .pdf can be found here.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwIPO7SVme_5cUt3LU1Ya1ByWW8/view

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION – Room change

FERNANDA GANDARA, May 8, 2017, 2:00 p.m. room S115 Furcolo. “Evaluating a Translingual Administration of the Early Grades Math Assessment (EGMA) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.”
Chair: Dr. Jennifer Randall

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

JULIA NOVRITA, April 21, 2017, 3:00 p.m. room 120 Montague House.
Chair: Dr. Bjorn Nordveit

The University’s undergraduate and graduate

COMMENCEMENT 2017

Friday, May 12

Monday – Thursday
9-5:30
Friday 9-2

SUPPORT THE HUB
We Celebrate Adoption

WHAT: Celebration of Adoption

WHERE: Campus Center Room 168 1 Campus Way, Amherst, MA 01003

WHEN: Thursday, April 27th 2017 6-8:30PM

DESCRIPTION: We will explore various adoption related topics in an Open House forum

- Foster care
- Mental health
- Loss and adoption
- International and domestic adoption
- Stigma
- Race, ethnicity, and identity
- Law and adoption

Light refreshments will be served

ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED: Students from UMass Adoption Mentoring Partnership
UMass Student Adoption Advisory Board
In collaboration with the Rudd Adoption Research Program

CONTACT: Students E. Sander: esander@umass.edu
J. Gomolson at jgomolson@umass.edu
Advisor Jen Dolan at Jdolan@psych.umass.edu
for any questions, comments or suggestions
A Mini-Symposium Hosted by Social Justice Education

This mini-symposium serves as the culmination to Education 797K - Social Justice Education with College Students, during which Masters and Doctoral students from different concentrations of the College and beyond have studied various social justice education practices that are used to engage, support, and challenge college students in different contexts.

Join us for presentations & panels led by graduate students, faculty, and alumni of the Social Justice Education concentration, who will share their insights and pose questions drawing on their scholar and practitioner roles in higher education.

Questions? Feel free to email Dave Neely at dneely@umass.edu

FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST
11:30AM-5:00PM
FURCOLO HALL 101
UMassGives is a 2 day online giving campaign

All donations allocated to the College of Education will go to the Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund.

The College of Education will match the first $1,000.

Computers will be available for online donations Thursday from 9:30am-4:00pm in the Hub.

With generous gift of $15 or more, you will receive a College of Education Tee.
College of Education students, staff, and faculty

Please save the date for the College of Education Outdoor Activity Club's **Kickball & Picnic** event: **Sunday, April 23 11am-1pm.**

Come for the food, fun, and joy of being outdoors. No kickball experience necessary (you are welcome to bring a picnic blanket and watch the game). Bring your family members and significant others and come hungry!

For more information and to RSVP, please visit: [https://umasseduoutdoors.wordpress.com/rsvp-here](https://umasseduoutdoors.wordpress.com/rsvp-here)
Graduate Commencement 2017

The Graduate School invites all eligible students to participate in Graduate Commencement 2017, which will take place from 9:00–11:15 a.m. on Friday, May 12th, in the Mullins Center. Graduate students who completed or will complete a master’s, educational specialist, or doctoral degree in September 2016, February 2017, or May 2017 may take part in the ceremony.

Required Forms

Commencement Participation Form: Please help the Graduate School plan appropriately for Commencement by submitting the online participation form, which can be found here. Completing the participation form will ensure that you receive important information about Commencement.

Degree Eligibility Forms for May Degree Candidates: Please also remember that May 2017 degree candidates must have their eligibility forms submitted to the Graduate School by Wednesday, April 12th.

Regalia Requirement

All graduates must wear academic regalia to participate in Graduate Commencement. Regalia is available at the following locations during the dates and times specified:

- Master’s degree and Educational Specialist degree recipients may obtain their regalia (free of charge) at the University Store between April 25 and May 10 from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (weekdays only). Master’s degree and Educational Specialist degree recipients unable to obtain regalia in person during the specified dates should call 413.545.2619 on or after April 25th to have their regalia shipped to them. Degree recipients will be responsible for any shipping costs.
- Doctoral recipients may purchase their hoods at the Graduate Student Service Center in the Goodell Building between April 25 and May 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (weekdays only). A payment of $65 must be made via Visa, MasterCard, check, or money order. Caps and gowns will also be provided. Doctoral recipients unable to purchase their regalia in person during the specified dates should call 413.545.0722 on or after April 25th to have their regalia shipped to them. Degree recipients will be responsible for any shipping costs.

Required Check-In

On May 12th, graduates must check in under the tents in the parking lot on the west side of the Mullins Center between 7:00 a.m and 8:00 a.m. All graduates should be wearing their regalia—except for doctoral hoods—at that time. Doctoral recipients should keep their hoods with them until they enter the Commencement stage. Final instructions regarding the processional and ceremony will be given at that time.

Questions?

Please direct any questions regarding the ceremony to the Graduate School's Commencement email address, gradcommence@grad.umass.edu.