Hurricane Maria
Puerto Rico Relief

What is Needed:
~ Flashlights
~ Batteries
~ Water purifying tablets
~ Canned foods
~ First Aid Kits
~ Clothing
~ Personal Care kits (toothpaste, toothbrushes, tampons, soap, shampoo)
~ Pedialyte/Gatorade
~ Diapers
~ Baby Formula
~ Gloves
~ Hand Sanitizer
~ Towels
~ Trash Bags

UMSPA in partnership with Nueva Esperanza in Holyoke will be collecting donations for Hurricane Maria relief for Puerto Rico. A collection box will be placed in The Hub from October 2nd to October 13th.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please submit donations to: Hurricane Maria Community Relief Fund.

A donation box will be in the College of Education’s Hub from October 2-13.
The College of Education’s Scholarship Celebration

Wednesday, October 4, 2017
Campus Center Amherst Room
5:30 p.m.

Celebrating the power of philanthropy to change lives.

Sandy Madden sent a pic of Ilean Vasu, a MSLT student, who successfully defended her dissertation.

From left to right: Betsy McEneaney, Sandy Madden, Ileana Vasu, Harriet Pollatsek
We’re kicking-off 
the 2017-18 **Faculty and Staff Campaign**

UMass Amherst educates more Massachusetts residents than the top eight private universities in Massachusetts combined. For this reason, the work current and retired faculty and staff do, and the gifts we contribute to campus, are imperative. Our support provides an excellent, day-to-day experience for the students we work with, teach, and mentor. These students go on to be leaders of the commonwealth, the nation, and the world.

We hope you will join us in supporting this year’s Faculty and Staff Campaign. To support the generosity of current and retired faculty and staff, the campus will match your gift, doubling your support to any area of campus you choose (see complete match details below).

**Ways to Give:**

**Through Payroll Deduction**– Spread your gift out over weeks or months and have it taken directly out of your paycheck.

- **Online**– click the “Give” button to make your gift today.
- **By Check**– Send a check to Faculty and Staff Campaign, Development Office, UMass Amherst, Memorial Hall, 134 Hicks Way, Amherst, MA 01003. Please be sure to indicate what area of campus you would like your gift to support.
- **Make a Pledge**– Print out a [pledge form](#) to make a pledge now and fulfill it later. Deliver it to the address on the form.

**Match Details:**

- The campus will match $1 for every $1 given by all current and retired faculty and staff to qualifying campus accounts, up to $500,000 (on a first come, first served basis) through June 30, 2018. Those of you who have already shown your support with a qualifying gift or pledge made on or after July 1, 2017, but before the kick off of the Faculty and Staff Campaign, will be included in this match.
- All gifts from pledges will be matched as long as you establish your pledge or payroll deduction while there are still matching funds available and you fulfill your pledge by the end of the campaign on June 30, 2018.
- If a gift exceeds $10,000, the campus match will be limited to $10,000.
- Contributions designated to any campus account will be matched, except for tickets to university events and deferred gifts. Deferred gifts are also known as planned gifts or estate commitments.
- Gifts made by the spouse or domestic partner of a faculty, staff, or retiree will be eligible for the campus match. Matching gifts from the employer of a spouse or domestic partner will not qualify for campus matching funds.
- Campus matching funds will be distributed into the same account as the original gift.

The campus match cannot be used in the donor’s total for membership in campus donor societies or clubs.

For questions, contact Stephanie Flaherty at 413–545–1466 or stephanief@admin.umass.edu.
Teachers Meet Other Teachers

Keisha Green, teacher education and curriculum studies, and Bruce Penniman, director of the Western Mass Writing project, invite area teachers to meet informally at sharing sessions hosted by the UMass Amherst College of Education and the Western Mass Writing Project at the UMass Center @ Springfield, 1500 Main St.

On third Thursdays, 4-6 p.m., and second Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., of the month, all area PK-12 teachers are invited to share ideas and build community among teachers in two-hour sessions that may include reflective writing, sharing of classroom management and pedagogical practices, and workshopping lesson plans. The sessions are free and light refreshments will be served. Discounted parking at Tower Square garage for attendees. Register at https://tinyurl.com/TTT-RSVP-form

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The College of Education’s
Statistical Consulting Services

Fall 2017
FREE & PRACTICAL

Statistics Workshops

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FREE to all UMass faculty, staff, and students
Sign up at [www.sites.google.com/site/UMassStatConsulting](http://www.sites.google.com/site/UMassStatConsulting)
or email ddtaylor@umass.edu, **Walk-ins are always welcome!**

Research in Educational Measurement and Psychometrics (REMP)
Promoting sound educational research and testing practices since 1968
Announcements
Dr. Rebecca Woodland, EPRA and Dr. Mike Hannahan, UMass Donahue Institute have been awarded a $471,575 for an 18 month US Department of State Grant to deliver the Instructional Leadership Institute for Pakistani Educators. ILIPE entails the delivery of 5 days of instructional leadership training in Pakistan, and 5 weeks of professional development in the College of Education. Dr. Woodland will serve as ILIPE Academic Director.

Publications

Please send your information for the next issue of Spotlight on Research to educore@educ.umass.edu by Friday September 29
Are you Interested in Becoming an English or History Teacher?

- Learn about pathways to earning a state license to teach at the middle or high school level!
- Learn about opportunities to become a change agent in public schools!
- Light refreshments served!

  September 15, 2017, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Furcolo 101  
  October 6, 2017, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Furcolo 101  
  November 10, 2017 3:00 - 4:00, Furcolo 101

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

JULIE ROBINSON, October 16, 2017, 11:30 a.m. room N125 Furcolo. “Motivation and Gender Dynamics in High School Science: The Effect of Gender Composition on Motivation in Small Group Inquiry and Engineering Tasks.”  
Chair: Dr. Clare Hamilton

SUPPORT THE HUB
Stop by and buy some coffee, bagels, salad, soup, snacks, and say “hi” to the cheerful person behind the counter who attends to our food and beverage needs.

Do you have a message for the College’s monitors?  
Send it to dms@educ.umass.edu

October 10
Stay posted for details about the opening of the UMass Amherst Community Campaign
Hurricane Maria Relief for Puerto Rico

Donation collection
Friday, September 29
10:00am - 3:00pm
Campus Center concourse
(near Blue Wall) UMass

Accepting donations of the following items:
batteries
baby wipes
usb/car chargers
first aid kits
toiletries
tampons/pads
flashlights
diapers

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE SENT TO LA NUEVA ESPERANZA IN HOLYOKE, MA TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO PUERTO RICO

*IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CASH DONATION, YOU CAN DO SO AT MARIAFUND.ORG
Graduate Assistantship  
Department of Student Development

10 hour/week graduate assistantship available for fall 2017, and spring 2018 based on funding availability, to work with the coordinator of the special education program.

**Responsibilities include:** collecting and organizing data and information within the college, university, state department, and accreditation organizations related to the undergraduate and graduate programs offered in special education; assisting in organizing materials and school/organization activities related to programming, curriculum, and advising; attend concentration level meetings as needed/requested; other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications include:** Experience working in local schools/organizations, excellent written and oral communication skills; excellent organizational skills; ability to work with various College constituencies including faculty members, administrators, and students; currently enrolled in a graduate program in the College of Education. Priority will be given to doctoral students.

To apply, please send a resume and a one-page letter outlining your qualifications to Judy Pierce judithpierce@educ.umass.edu. Please put SPED GA in the subject line of your email.

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**PLEASE USE EDUC instead of COE**  
You’d think that the college’s acronym would be COE but it is not!  
COE refers to the university’s College of Engineering.  
Please use EDUC or “Education” instead of COE. **THANKS!**
OCTOBER 11
DR. DIANE GOODMAN
FACILITATING DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS

The Straight A’s Model

Inclusive classrooms require that faculty can effectively facilitate discussions about issues related to diversity and social justice. Yet, often, educators feel uncertain and unprepared about how to constructively engage these issues. When people have an approach and skills, they are often more willing and able to constructively address these topics.

In this workshop, participants will learn the “Straight A’s Model” for facilitating conversations on diversity issues and will briefly practice each component of the model. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion. While focused on classroom settings, participants will leave with practical skills they can utilize in a variety of contexts and share with others.


Diane J. Goodman, Ed.D. has been working on diversity and social justice issues as an educator and activist for over 30 years. Diane is the author of the book Promoting Diversity and Social Justice: Educating People from Privileged Groups, (2nd ed.) and co-editor and contributor to Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice (3rd ed.) as well as other publications. Her website is www.dianegoodman.com.
From the UMass Amherst Graduate School

**Wednesday, October 11th – 11:15am–1:00pm**

803 Campus Center

**Facilitating Discussions about Diversity and Social Justice Issues: The Straight A’s Model**

Inclusive classrooms require that faculty can effectively facilitate discussions about issues related to diversity and social justice. Yet often educators feel uncertain and unprepared about how to constructively engage these issues. In this interactive workshop, Dr. Diane Goodman, consultant, speaker, author, and activist, will explain the “Straight A’s Model” for facilitating conversations on these topics. View the [flyer](#) for more information about this widely sponsored event. Lunch will be provided. [Pre-registration](#) required.

**Friday, October 6th – 9:00am–3:00pm**

Westfield State University, Westfield, MA

**Teaching at Teaching Intensive Institutions Conference**

Interested in teaching at colleges and universities that put teaching first? UMass Amherst is co-sponsoring a free one-day regional conference to bring together graduate students, post-docs, and faculty to discuss what it’s like to work at teaching-intensive institutions and how to apply for these faculty positions. Participants will engage with faculty and deans from a range of teaching-intensive institutions across the New England region through a series of talks, panel presentations, and networking opportunities. Faculty will be available to review and offer advice on CVs and cover letters. Bus transportation will be offered to UMass Amherst participants. View the [agenda](#) and [register now](#).

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Are you planning order swag or printed materials that use the College of Educations wordmark/logo?

Please contact Denise first to find out about upcoming university-wide new branding! [dms@educ.umass.edu](mailto:dms@educ.umass.edu)

THANK YOU