Research Assistantship
Department of Educational Policy, Research, and Administration

One 10 hour/week research assistantship is available for Fall 2012 and Spring 2013.

Responsibilities include: This student will primarily work on research projects examining aspects of college access and success. S/he will assist with writing for publication, grant writing, and quantitative research. The individual will also assist with selected higher education program coordination tasks as needed.

Qualifications include: The ideal candidate will have developed skills in quantitative research methods. Strong writing, organizational, and time management skills are required, as is the ability to work in collaboration as well as independently. The ability to manage large data sets and use Stata is preferred.

To apply, please send a brief cover letter and CV to Dr. Ryan Wells at rswells@educ.umass.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATIONS

HEATHER BATCHELOR

JANA SILVER
May 15, 2012, 10:00 a.m., Room 225, Furcolo Hall. “Personal History and Present Practice; A Cross Cultural Study of the Influences on Arts Integration in the United States and Japan.” Chairperson: Dr. Sally Galman.

The Beacon Deadline is FRIDAY

- Please submit general news and announcements to: dms@educ.umass.edu by 5:00 P.M. on Friday for inclusion in the following issue. All assistantship notices will run for two issues.
- Please submit notices of examinations and formation of dissertation committees to Linda Guthrie. These types of announcements will run for one week.

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Research Fellowship Program Invitation

The leadership of the School of Education is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Research Fellowship Program. All full-time faculty members in the School of Education are invited to submit proposals to obtain funding to support a research project. The size of awards will range from $5,000- $15,000.

Goals of the Program

The Research Fellowship Program is designed to:

- Provide support to SOE faculty for their programs of research.
- Encourage SOE faculty to seek external funding for research projects by providing “seed money” for promising research initiatives.
- Expand the research capacity of the School of Education by funding research projects that may lead to increased research collaboration among faculty and students.
- Increase access to graduate assistantships providing research experiences.
- Facilitate collaboration across concentrations and departments within the School of Education (as such proposals that include collaboration across concentrations and departments are strongly encouraged).

Program Description

- The Research Fellowship program is sponsored by the School of Education using fund balances available in 2012-13.
- All full-time faculty members in the School of Education are eligible.
- All funds awarded must be expended (funds encumbered) by May 1, 2013. Absolutely no extensions.

Research Fellows will be expected to:

- Submit a brief project report (to chair, copied to dean) by September 1, 2013.
- Share a brief report of the research project at an informal brown bag seminar.

Application deadline: Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 5 p.m. Applications should be submitted in electronic form to Joyce Tutun, jtutun@educ.umass.edu. Decisions will be announced: by June 15, 2012. Decisions will be based on the quality of the proposal; the feasibility of the proposed project; and the potential to attract external funding.
PLEASE JOIN US...

The SCHOOL OF EDUCATION’s

GRADUATION CELEBRATION!!!

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Campus Center Auditorium

5 p.m. Social hour 6 p.m. Program

Appetizers and cash bar

All SOE 2011-12 graduates and Minor in Education graduates and their guests, and SOE faculty are welcome!

RSVP to jtutun@educ.umass.edu

Our graduation celebration is festive and fun! There is always good food (including cupcakes!) and camaraderie, and opportunities to have candid photos taken of you with your friends and family, have a professional graduation photo taken by Grad Images, and to thank faculty.

Let us know if you plan to attend and how many guests you will bring with you by calling us at 545-2705 ASAP. Remember to tell us your name and the number of guests accompanying you, if any, when you RSVP! Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADUATES: When you arrive at the celebration, please stop by the School of Education registration table at the bottom of the elevators. You will need to complete both sides of a reader card: one side is for your concentration coordinator to use in announcing your name; the other is for the photographer to know how to contact you. If you don’t fill out the card, your name will not be read.

During the program, each concentration will be announced and you will line up to the right of the stage. Your name will be read, you’ll cross the stage and shake hands with the Dean, then continue across to exit the stage. At the bottom of the stairs you’ll stop at the photographer’s location to have your photograph taken.

See you there!
Announcement of Comprehensive Examination

KATE WAY May 1, 2012, 4:00 p.m., Room 100, Furcolo Hall.
Chairperson: Dr. K.C. Nat Turner.

Formation of Dissertation Committee

JAMES BRENCHLEY Proposed Dissertation Title: “Social-Emotional Development Assessment: Scale Development for Kindergarten through Second Grade Youth Universal Screening.”
Statement of the Problem: The purpose of this study will be to develop a list of behaviors associated with domain areas of social-emotional development that kindergarten through second grade teachers in various settings endorse as being developmentally appropriate for the youth they work with. These behaviors will then be used to develop a screening tool that will be administered to kindergarten through second grade youth in multiple settings that will be analyzed to determine whether there are items that are reliably endorsed and predictive of appropriate social-emotional development.
Chairperson: Dr. Sara Whitcomb.

Our 2012-13 School of Education scholarship recipients

Rebecca Allen, Mary Margaret Whittaker-Webster Memorial Scholarship
Durrey Brooks, Joseph W. Keilty Memorial Scholarship
Stephanie Burger, Meline Kasparian Scholarship
Sadie Cora, Grace Norton Carney Scholarship
Nicole Crosby, Grace Norton Carney Scholarship
Stephanie Cuenoud, Meline Kasparian Scholarship
Kate Curtin, Paul J. Carney Reasons to Give Scholarship
Tiffany DaSilva, Helen Eaton Timson Scholarship
Maria DeRosa, Grace Norton Carney Scholarship
Anne Marie Foley, Early Childhood Education Graduate Student Fund
Katelyn Gagnon, Janice Camby Endowed Scholarship
Kanae Haneishi, C. Lynn Vendien Professional Prize Award
Kirsten Helmer, C. Lynn Vendien Endowed Scholarship
Sami Keats, Meline Kasparian Scholarship
Amanda Laughner, Richard J. Clark Memorial Scholarship for Teacher Education
Cheyne LeVesseur, Mary Margaret Whittaker-Webster Memorial Scholarship
Robin McCann, Early Childhood Education Graduate Student Fund
Elizabeth McCoy, Marylin C.Haley School of Education Scholarship
Jason Muhammad, Joseph W. Keilty Memorial Scholarship
Bethany Politylo, Mary Margaret Whittaker-Webster Memorial Scholarship
Natalie Rud, Joseph W. Keilty Memorial Scholarship
Juan Ruiz-Hau, Joseph W. Keilty Memorial Scholarship
Sherrene St. Peters, Meline Kasparian Scholarship
Svitlana Stepanchenko, Janice Camby Endowed Scholarship

Congratulations!