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

ETHAN A. KOLEK
May 4, 2012, 10:00 a.m., Room 151, Hills South. “The Silent Majority: An Examination of Nonresponse in College Student Surveys”
Chairperson: Dr. Elizabeth Williams.

STEPHEN T. SADLIER
May 10, 2012, 10:00 a.m., Room 225, Furcolo Hall. “Movements of Diverse Inquiries as Critical teaching Practices Among Charros, Tiacuaches and Mapaches.”
Chairperson: Dr. Maria Jose Botelho.

ELIZABETH A. ROBINSON
May 15, 2012, 12:00 noon, Room 22A, Furcolo Hall. “Research as Praxis in ESL Teacher Education.”
Chairperson: Dr. Patricia Paugh.

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

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

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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!
Faculty, students, staff & alumni share what they are doing

Theresa Austin, professor, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, was guest speaker at the Phi Kappa Phi annual initiation ceremony for new members held in the Campus Center auditorium on April 1. Her talk was entitled “It's all Greek to me - How multilingualism broadens cultural development.” In it, Austin says she “discussed the benefits of multilingualism and my research on how people develop become bilingual and biliterate, and how teachers can facilitate this through instruction.” More info about Phi Kappa at http://www.phikappaphi.org/web/Members/chapter_details.asp?ChapterID=004.

SOE doctoral candidate Maria Eugenia Lozano was awarded a travel grant from AERA Division K for the 2012 Graduate Student Seminar in Vancouver. The Graduate Student Seminar provides doctoral students at the dissertation stage opportunities for feedback and to meet with other emerging scholars as well as with established scholars in the field of teacher education research. The seminar focused on dilemmas encountered, lessons learned, and the role of the dissertation in the emergence of a long-term research trajectory and work in small groups as situated in needed research in the field.

Sally Campbell Galman, assistant professor, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum studies, tell us that her most recent book has finally arrived! Officially published in March, “Wise and Foolish Virgins: White Women at Work in the Feminized World of Primary School Teaching” asks the questions, “What does it mean for an entire profession to be numerically dominated by white women, and what is the relationship between teacher preparation and professional feminization?” www.amazon.com for more information.

Please send items of interest to dms@educ.umass.edu

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

MOHAMMAD JAVAD

May 3, 2012, 1:30 p.m., Room 273-275, Hills South.
Chairperson: Dr. David R. Evans.

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

YOLANDA D. JOHNSON

Proposed Dissertation Title: “An Examination of Distributed Leadership Practices of School Principals on School Counselor Evaluation.” Statement of the Problem: With the emphasis on accountability in public schools, school counselors must engage in evaluating their interventions. When school counselors evaluate their interventions, they are able to demonstrate their effectiveness.
Chairperson: Dr. Sharon Rallis.
School of Education’s
2nd Social Justice in Education Forum
Friday, April 20, 2012