2011 Graduation Celebration!!
School of Education’s Graduation Celebration
Thursday, May 12, 2011
Campus Center Auditorium 5-7 p.m.
All SOE 2010-1011 graduates, Minor in Education graduates, and guests welcome.
Delicious appetizers  Cash bar  Photos with friends and guests
RSVP with number of guests you will bring 413-545-1551 or jtutun@educ.umass.edu

The Beacon Deadline is FRIDAY
Please submit Beacon 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;
Teaching Assistantships
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

10 hours/week assistantships are available for Fall 2011 for the course, Educ 192A: Education at the Movies.

Responsibilities include some or all of the following: 1) attend weekly large group presentations and facilitate supervision of students (i.e. supervise students’ arrival and departure, record attendance, collect and mark assignments, be available for general questions and answers from students, etc); 2) attend weekly planning meetings to organize and prepare course related content and deal with other related business; 3) participate in designing the final exam; 4) deal with student requests relating to add/drop period and other student needs; 5) design and conduct small group seminar sessions; 6) meet with, and assist, Course Instructor, faculty and TA Team members as needed; 7) complete other course related tasks as assigned.

Qualifications include: excellent communication and organization skills, exceptional interpersonal skills that will facilitate team building, significant interest in public school dynamics and media perspective, well-developed technology skills, a professional attitude and commitment to duties; previous teaching experience with young adults would be an asset.

Please email a cover letter of application and an updated résumé to Nola Stephen at nola@educ.umass.edu. Please provide contact information, including a phone number.

SOE Community and Friends!
We cordially invite you to attend this year’s Language, Literacy and Culture concentration’s Annual Student Conference
Friday, April 29 from 4-8 pm
Location: Furcolo Hall, Lower level

Presentations will include research panels, poster and multimedia sessions in topics such as: literacy development at the elementary, middle school, high school and adult education, parent-teacher-community collaborations, math literacies and literacy identities, English language development, foreign language teaching and learning, multicultural education and multicultural children’s literature, assessment, teacher education and supervision, ethnographic research and more.

We will kick off the event with a potluck dinner. Please bring a small dish to share. We will also have a celebration for our graduating students.

Attendance is free. Please feel free to bring family or friends. We hope to see you there!
Conference Organizers: Laura A. Valdiviezo - Conference Chair; Kirsten Helmer - SAC Conference Organization Committee; Weiwei Huang - SAC Conference Organization Committee
Assistantships

Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration
Center for International Education and Concentration in International Education

The Center for International Education and the Concentration in International Education have several assistantships for the fall 2011 semester. Specific assistantships may include the following:

- Conducting research and information development and resource support for field staff in Afghanistan on the Afghanistan Higher Education project.
- Conducting research and development on potential donors and/or funding sources for CIE’s external-funding efforts.
- Managing data-base and providing information support for CIE and the concentration.
- Developing recruitment strategies for potential new students; developing contacts; supporting the International Education’s admissions process.
- Developing and assisting in implementing a communications strategy for CIE and the EPRA department.
- Conducting research, evaluations, and/or literature reviews for the Commonwealth Corporation, a Massachusetts organization focusing on workforce development.
- Teaching assistants for a large undergraduate class on Introduction to International Education.

All assistantships are subject to funding.
Please send a one-page letter of interest and resume to Barbara Gravin Wilbur, bgw@educ.umass.edu by May 15, 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

HEIDI R. BOHLER
May 10, 2011, 12:30 pm – 2:30 p.m., Room 21C, Furcolo.
"Fifth-grade students’ tactical understanding, decision-making and transfer of knowledge in a Tactical Games Model net/wall sampling unit."
Chairperson: Dr. Linda L. Griffin.

School of Education faculty, students, staff & alumni share what they are doing

Stephen Sireci, School of Education professor, Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration, was awarded the 2010 Thomas F. Donlon Memorial Award for Distinguished Mentoring from the Northeastern Educational Research Association (NERA.) The award is given in recognition of Donlon’s long and valued contributions to NERA, particularly as a mentor, and is awarded to an individual identified for distinguished mentoring.

You can read more about our faculty, students, staff and alumni on our website.
www.umass.edu/education
Send items to dms@educ.umass.edu

41,078 pageviews of our website March through April, 2011
Research Fellowship Program Invitation 2011

The leadership of the School of Education is pleased to announce the 2011-2012 Research Fellowship Program.

All full-time faculty 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- $10,000.

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.

Program Description
• The Research Fellowship program is sponsored by the School of Education using fund balances available in 2011-2012.
• All full-time faculty members in the School of Education are eligible.
• All funds awarded must be expended (funds encumbered) by May 1, 2012. Absolutely no extensions.

Research Fellows will be expected to:
• Submit a brief project report (to chair, copied to dean) by September 1, 2012.
• Share a brief report of the research project at an informal brown bag seminar.

Application deadline: Tuesday, May 31 at 5 p.m. Applications should be submitted in electronic form to Joyce Tutun, jtutun@educ.umass.edu. Decisions will be announced: by July 1 (est.) Decisions will be based on the quality of the proposal; the feasibility of the proposed project; and the potential to attract external funding. Please review the following application instructions. If you have questions about the Research Fellowship Program, please contact your department chair.

Research Fellowship Application Instructions – 2011-2012

Your proposal must include a two-page description of the research project, a one-page appendix, and a proposed budget and budget narrative.

Name:
Project Title:

Description of Research Project – Maximum length two pages, single-spaced, 12 pt

Successful proposals will clearly indicate the following:
• Purpose of the study
• Research questions
• Methods (data collection and analysis)
• Significance of the Study

Appendix - Maximum length one page, single space, 12 pt
• Key references cited in research project description
• Evidence of expertise and/or previous work relevant to the proposal
• Potential external sources for future funding

Budget and Budget Narrative

Funds can be used to support a graduate assistant, student hourly support, software, materials, equipment, research related travel…but not for additional faculty compensation.

Please note the following requirements and timelines for fund use: Student Payroll (Assistantships/Hourly) – the appointment must end by May 26, 2012. Cost: 1 (10hr/wk) RA for 1 semester at $21.03/hr = $4,977 (stipend and fringe). Material and equipment purchased with Research Fellowship Program funds must arrive on campus by May 1, 2012. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will hold title to any materials or equipment purchased in whole or in part with Research Fellowship Program funds. Travel paid for with Research Fellowship Program funds must begin and end during the period September 1, 2011 through May 1, 2012.