SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION COLLEGE/SCHOOL OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

The College Outstanding Teacher Award program was instituted as a complement to the Distinguished Teaching Awards given by the Graduate School. The purpose of the award is to honor individual faculty members for their teaching and mentoring accomplishments within their own colleges.

While classroom teaching is the fundamental criterion, this award also actively values supervision of field/clinical experiences, supervision of research, and mentoring professional publications and presentations.

The Office of Academic Affairs is seeking nominations by colleagues and/or students.

Please submit your nomination to Jane Clukay (jclukay@educ.umass.edu) in the form of a letter highlighting why your nominee should be considered for this award.

**Deadline for receiving nominations is Friday, February 10, 2012.**

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See 2012-13 scholarship listings on page 4.
ATTENTION: FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION NOTICE
FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Doctoral students who plan on graduating in May need to submit their Doctoral form D-8 to Linda Guthrie to schedule their final oral defense **4 weeks in advance of the defense date.** The doctoral forms are available at:

http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/doctoral_guidelines.shtml

**Students should schedule their defense no later than March 30th** to have time to make any necessary edits. The deadline for doctoral students to complete the final oral defense and file all paperwork with Linda Guthrie for a May graduation is **April 6.**

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP

Departments of Educational Research and Administration, Student Development and Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

One 10 hour/week position is available for Spring 2012. This graduate assistant will serve as a research liaison between the Amherst Regional School District (ARSD) and the UMass Amherst School of Education (SOE).

**Responsibilities**

- Serving as the main contact for the SOE for inquiries that come from the ARSD related to research, policies, and summaries of evidence-based practices that the ARSD needs to inform their policies and practices.
- Creating and maintaining a clearinghouse of resources related to research, policies, and summaries of evidence-based practices for the ARSD.
- Monitoring and responding to ARSD inquiries/requests for research, policies, and evidence-based practices.
- Interviewing SOE faculty members who have been identified as being engaged in/with the ARPS. Using the data to create a comprehensive partnership inventory and accurate map of the current network.
- Providing content, as requested, for the SOE website related to the work of the UMass Amherst SOE – ARSD partnership.
- Meet regularly with the UMass Amherst SOE – ARSD Partnership Development Team (SOE PDT)

The GA will work under the direction of the UMass Amherst SOE-ARSD Partnership Development Team (SOE PDT) whose members include: Joe Berger, Associate Dean for Research and Engagement; Laura Valdiviezo, assistant professor - TECS; Sara Whitcomb, assistant professor - SD; and Rebecca Woodland, associate professor – EPRA, and Chair of the SOE PDT.

**Qualifications:** Ability to fully utilize on-line/electronic data systems, ability to collaborate and work on a team, and exceptional inter-personal communication skills. K-12 public school teaching and/or leadership experience is highly preferred.

Please send letter of interest and resume to: Dr. Rebecca Woodland at Rebecca.Woodland@educ.umass.edu //
RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHP
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

Two 10 hour/week research assistant positions for Spring 2012 (contingent upon funds availability). RA will assist Language, Literacy and Culture concentration faculty member with school-based qualitative data collection, including weekly observations, interviews, video- and audio-taping, data organization and transcription of recorded data (A-V and video). A qualified candidate will possess excellent research and organizational skills, experience working with teachers/school staff and collecting data in schools. Candidate must have strong skills in using electronic sources for research purposes and collecting and organizing qualitative data. Knowledge of Excel required.
To apply: Send a one-page cover letter and updated resume to Nelida Matos at nmatos@educ.umass.edu. Please write "RAPSEGS2012" in the e-mail subject.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATIONS

REBECCA PAULSON STONE February 27, 2012, 3:00 p.m., Room 163, Hills South. “A Professional Development Program for the Mother Tongue-Based teacher: Addressing Teacher Perceptions and Attitudes Towards MTBMLE.”
Chairperson: Dr. Cristine Smith.

MARTHA MAGRETA February 28, 2012, 2:30 p.m. Room 287, Hills South. “Mitigating Negative Externalities Affecting Access and Equity of Education in Low-Resource Countries: A Study Exploring Social Marketing as a Potential Strategy for Planning School Food Programs in Malawi.”
Chairperson: Dr. Gretchen B. Rossman.

Save the Date

What: 2012 Graduate Commencement Ceremony
When: Friday, May 11, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.
Where: Mullins Center

Additional Information available at
http://www.umass.edu/commencement/graduate-ceremony
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions: Michael Alderman
alderman@grad.umass.edu.
2012-2013 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Application Deadline: Friday, February 24, 2012

The School of Education is pleased to provide the following opportunities for financial assistance. The deadline for all the 2012-2013 scholarships described on this page Friday, February 24, 2012. See the School of Education website, http://www.umass.edu/education/student/awards.shtml for application forms.

Scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged to attend the School of Education’s Scholarship Donor and Recipient Reception on April 26, 2012, 5 p.m.

**Janice Camby Endowed Scholarship**
Provides scholarship support to a student accepted or enrolled in a teacher preparation program in the School of Education. Students must be from economically disadvantaged areas and in good academic standing. Must complete FAFSA.

**Grace Norton Carney Scholarship**
This endowed scholarship is a large scholarship for students pursuing graduate degrees in the School of Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Applicants must be a native or resident of Massachusetts within the last 10 years. Preference is given to students who hold an undergraduate degree from UMass Amherst, Framingham, or Bridgewater State College. Must complete FAFSA.

**Paul J. Carney Reasons to Give Scholarship**
Provides scholarship support to a student in a School of Education program who is not eligible for a Pell grant, but still has significant need. Applicants must demonstrate high academic achievement and complete a FAFSA.

**Richard J. Clark Memorial Scholarship for Teacher Education**
Provides financial support to a student in the Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies department within the School of Education. A GPA of 3.3 or better is required, as well as experience with community service, internships, employment that demonstrates a commitment to excellence and equity.

**Early Childhood Education Graduate Student Fund**
Provides funding for students studying young children and their families with preference given to the study of the needs of the gifted and talented. To provide opportunities for students to enhance their academic experience and become involved in outreach.

**Marylin Haley Scholarship**
Provides funding for eligible students based on financial need. Preference will be given to graduate students majoring in secondary teacher education, early childhood and elementary teacher education, reading and writing, or special education.

**Meline Kasparian Scholarship**
Provides support to students who are attending or who would like to attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst and who have exhibited a desire to become public school teachers. Applicants must be accepted or currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program.

**Joseph W. Keilty Memorial Scholarship**
This endowed scholarship is a large scholarship to support full-time graduate students. Students with a demonstrated financial need, high academic performance, and exceptional promise are encouraged to apply. Preference is given to doctoral students. Must complete FAFSA.

**Helen Eaton Timson Scholarship**
Provides scholarship support to a deserving student in a School of Education program.

**C. Lynn Vendien Endowed Scholarship**
Provides scholarship support to graduate students from foreign countries. Preference will be given to students who are affiliated with Physical Education Teacher Education in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

**C. Lynn Vendien Professional Prize Award**
This prize will be awarded to a doctoral student who is studying Physical Education Teacher Education in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

**Winifred Green Scholarship**
Awarded by Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society and sponsored by a professional organization of retired teachers in Massachusetts, this scholarship provides support for an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled or planning to enroll in a Teacher Licensure Program, who is committed to make a significant difference in the lives of young people in the commonwealth. Awardee must be in good academic standing, a permanent resident of Massachusetts, and have need for financial assistance. Awarded separately.
Faculty, students, staff & alumni share what they are doing

**Kerrita Mayfield**, lecturer, Department of Student Development, received a Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts grant to do a series of workshops for grades 5 to 12 teachers on topics: Interrupting Relational Violence, Interrupting Gender-Based Teasing, and Designing Student Centered Discipline Systems.

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

**McGinty on sabbatical**

Steve McGinty, Education Librarian, Du Bois Library, will be on sabbatical from February 27 through August 14, 2012. Beth Lang will substitute for Steve during his sabbatical. contact her at: bwlang@library.umass.edu or 413-545-6890.

**The UMass Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP)**

offers the following programs this semester (details for each program provided below):

1. **Challenging Racism and Exploring White Identity**
2. **Pre-Tenure Faculty Discussion and Support Group 3**
3. **Faculty and Staff LGBTQ Support Group**

FSAP is a free, confidential service for employees of UMass Amherst offering counseling, consultation and referrals to help resolve a broad range of personal, work and family problems. Visit: www.umass.edu/uhs/services/fsap/

Pre-registration and commitment to attend most sessions is required. To register for the group, send an e-mail to: timscott@uhs.umass.edu or call 545-0350.

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**Brown Bag Presentations of 2010-2011 SOE Research Fellowship Work**

**Friday, February 3, at Hills South**
- Carey Dimmit and Ximena Zuniga
- Nat Turner
- Ryan Wells
- Rebecca Woodland

**Friday, February 17, at Furcolo**
- Sally Galman
- Sandy Madden, Barbara Madeloni, Kathy Davis
- Sarah Whitcomb

**Friday, February 24, at Furcolo**
- Theresa Austin
- Flavio Azevedo
- Denise Ives
- Kysa Nygren

**Friday, March 2, location TBA**
- Benita Barnes
- Maria Jose Botelho
- Meg Gebhard
- Rich Lapan
The Social Justice Mediation Institute is holding its annual trainings May 14-18 and again August 25-9, 2012

Do you know anyone interested in being trained as a mediator? Over 2500 people have gone through the social justice mediation training in the past 15+ years and we are offering an opportunity this spring and summer in Amherst, Massachusetts, U.S.A. for those who are interested in becoming trained mediators from a social justice perspective.

Details can be found at http://www.sjmediation.org
Leah Wing, Ed.D., Director, Social Justice Mediation Institute
lwing@legal.umass.edu and aleahwing@gmail.com

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The Center for Research on Families presents the GRADUATE & UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FAMILY RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS

Application Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2012    Notification: March 9, 2012
For More Information: www.umass.edu/family/students
Please contact wendy@sbs.umass.edu with questions.

**GRADUATE STUDENTS**

**CRF FAMILY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**
$10,000 award to a graduate student with the potential to make an outstanding contribution to the field of family research.

**CRF FAMILY RESEARCH METHODOLOGICAL STUDIES AWARD**
Funding for graduate student(s) who wish to attend CRF's Summer Methodology Workshops at UMass Amherst.

**CRF FAMILY RESEARCH TRAVEL AWARD**
$300 to a graduate student(s) with an outstanding paper/poster on issues of family research who will be presenting at a national research conference.

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

**CRF FAMILY RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP**
$3000 to an undergraduate student(s) with the potential to make an outstanding contribution to the field of family research. Student(s) will assist a faculty member with his/her research on families.

**CRF FAMILY RESEARCH HONORS THESIS/CAPSTONE PROJECT AWARD**
$500 to recognize the honors thesis research of an outstanding UMass undergraduate student(s) focused on family issues.