TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration

One 10 hour/week graduate teaching assistantship available for Fall 2013 for EDUC 115.

**Responsibilities** may include: assist with course preparation; attend lecture section, lead discussion section with 35-40 undergraduate students; attend weekly meetings; provide feedback on students’ written work; hold regular office hours; communicate with students, as needed, either via email or other media.

**Qualifications include:** excellent written and oral communications skills; excellent organizational skills; ability to work with various campus constituencies including faculty members, administrators, and students; appreciation of diversity and multi-cultural values in domestic and international contexts.

Previous teaching experience preferred. To apply, please send a resume to Sheila Seuffert at seuffert@educ.umass.edu.

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**Seeking nominations for**

**THE SOE COLLEGE/SCHOOL OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD**

**Deadline Friday, March 1, 2013**

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**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 in two issues.
- Please submit notices of examinations and formation of dissertation committees to Linda Guthrie. These types of announcements will run for one week.
Teaching Assistantship
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

One 10 hour/week assistantship for spring 2012 for Program Supervisor for the ESL Licensure Program. The ESL Licensure Program has placements in K-12 public schools in western Massachusetts (e.g., Amherst, Springfield, Holyoke).

Responsibilities include: attending an orientation and weekly meetings with UMass faculty to problem solve and troubleshoot issues; establish and maintaining professional relationships with administrators and teachers in the schools and at field experience sites; conducting observations of candidates’ teaching practices according to specified timetables and using appropriate forms; providing quality oral and written feedback to candidates to support them in designing and reflecting on curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices; conducting three-way meetings among the supervising practitioner, the UMass teaching candidate, and the program supervisor according to specified timetables and using appropriate forms; assisting UMass faculty in assessing candidate’s course projects using TK20.

Qualifications: Classroom teaching experience in K-12 schools in US; knowledge of languages/cultures of diverse students (e.g., Spanish, Chinese); expertise in designing curriculum, instruction, and assessments for language learners; commitment to social justice in education; excellent communication and problem-solving abilities; ability to negotiate differences and meet professional standards; research interest and practical experience in teacher education in U.S. public schools is a plus.

Applicants should submit letters of interest, resume, and contact information for two references to Marie-Christine Polizzi-Antonioli <mpolizzi@educ.umass.edu>
Application deadline: January 25, 2013. Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

TECNAM YOON January 31, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Room 22A, Furcolo Hall.
Chairperson: Dr. K.C. Nat Turner

CHERYL BROOKS February 7, 2013, 2:00 - 4:00, Room 151, Hills South.
Chairperson: Dr. Benita Barnes.

2013-2014 SOE scholarship applications now available at http://www.umass.edu/education/students/prospective/scholarships
Deadline is Friday, March 15, 2013.
2013-2014 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Application Deadline: March 15, 2013

The School of Education is pleased to provide the following opportunities for financial assistance. The deadline for all the 2013-2014 scholarships described on this page is Friday, March 15, 2013. See the School of Education website at www.umass.edu/education/students/prospective/scholarships for the application form.

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

Marilyn Haley Scholarship
Provides funding for any 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.

Richard J. Clark Memorial Scholarship for Teacher Education
Provides financial support to any 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.

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 University. Must complete FAFSA.

Early Childhood Education Graduate Student Fund
Provides funding for graduate 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.

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

Nieto/Rudman Endowed Scholarship
Provides financial support for graduate students enrolled in the Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies Department. Preference will be given to students in the Language, Literacy and Culture concentration. Applicants must be in good academic standing with a minimum 3.3 GPA.

Meline Kasparian Scholarship
Provides support to students be accepted or currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program and who have exhibited a desire to become public school teachers.

Janice Camby Endowed Scholarship
Provides scholarship support to any 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.

Winifred Green Scholarship
This scholarship is funded and awarded by the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society of the School of Education and sponsored by a professional organization of retired teachers in Massachusetts. It provides support for any student enrolled in a teacher preparation program who is committed to making a significant difference in the lives of young people in the Commonwealth. The recipient must be in good academic standing, a permanent resident of Massachusetts and have need for financial assistance.

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

C. Lynn Vendien Professional Prize Award
This prize will be awarded to a doctoral student. Preference will be given to students who are studying Physical Education Teacher Education in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.
UMass Mutual Mentoring “MotherWIT” proudly presents the following public event:

**Mothers in Academia**

**Friday Feb. 15**
**2:00 - 4:00 PM**
**UMass Campus Center Room 803**

As higher learning institutions move toward more corporate-based models of teaching, the immense structural and cultural changes are transforming women’s academic lives and, by extension, their families. This panel will feature authors from the forthcoming book, Mothers in Academia (Columbia University Press, May 2013) and their experiences with the conditions of working motherhood and academic life.

**PANELISTS:**

* **Kirsten Isgro** / SUNY Plattsburgh, “Speaking Truth to Power to Change the Ivory Tower”

* **Vanessa Adel** / UMass Amherst, “Four Kids and a Dissertation: Queering the Balance Between Family and Academia”

* **Wendy Wilde** / UMass Amherst, “Diverse Academic Support for an Employee, Mother, and Nontraditional Student”

* **Allia Matta** / CUNY LaGuardia Community College, “Revolving Doors: Mother-Woman Rhythms in Academic Spaces”

* **Brenda Bushouse** / UMass Amherst, “Supporting Academic Mothers: Creating a Work Environment with Choices”

**MODERATOR: Mari Castañeda / UMass Amherst**

For more information please contact: Prof. Laura A Valdiviezo (laj@edu.umass.edu), Prof. Sally Galman (sally.galman@gmail.com) or Prof. Mari Castañeda (mari@comm.umass.edu)

This event is supported by the UMass Amherst Center for Teaching and Faculty Development’s Mutual Mentoring Initiative, funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

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http://www.umass.edu/education/news/newsletter
Faculty, students, staff & alumni share what they are doing

**Dennis R. Rader** (Ed.D 1987) is visiting professor for a public school district, Frankfort Independent Schools, in Frankfort, Kentucky. Rader says that his “primary endeavor is The Innovative Brain Project, where I visit classrooms and divide the students into project teams and then challenge them with out-of-the-box thinking exercises.” Google "innovative brain day" to see a short video produced by the local television station about his work.

Professor emerita **Sonia Nieto** of the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies and associate professor **Kathryn A. McDermott** of the Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration were among 168 education scholars nationwide named to The American Enterprise Institute’s (AEI) Frederick M. Hess’s “Edu-Scholar Public Presence Rankings,” which recognizes “university-based scholars for their contributions to the public square.” That impact is described as both the corpus of a scholar’s work (widely-cited works, books, etc.) and that scholar’s centrality to public discussion in 2012 (appearances in newspaper reporting, online media, and so forth). Hess is the AIE’s director of education policy studies and an Education Week blogger. Read more of the In the Loop post at: http://www.umass.edu/loop/content/nieto-mcdermott-cited-american-enterprise-institute-promoting-public-dialogue-education

**Malis Loeung**, administrative assistant, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, and her family (l to r) Sonisai Loeung Rinehart, Viseth Loeung and Corey Rinehart (M.Ed. 2002), shown here with Senator Elizabeth Warren, attended the Inauguration of President Barack Obama on January 21, 2013. Malis said that the family took its place on the National Mall “way in front of the Reflecting Pool but the proceedings were still far away.”

“It didn’t matter though,” said Loeung. “It was our first Inaugural experience, a lifetime experience. Just being there, at that moment, was extraordinary.” Malis said that the family decided to attend the Inauguration immediately after President Obama’s re-election. “We knew we couldn’t miss this bit of history,” she said. After the Inaugural Parade, the family met Elizabeth Warren. “Because we knew about her, my daughter’s jaw dropped when she saw her,” Malis aid. “And it stayed that way while she shook her hand.”

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

The Office of External Relations and University Events is pleased to offer two opportunities for exceptional graduating seniors to be recognized: The 21st Century Leaders Award and the Undergraduate Student Commencement Speaker.

The deadlines are:
Student Speaker application—Tuesday, February 5
21st Century Leader Award nominations—Friday, February 8

Below are brief descriptions of each award and links to websites for additional information and nomination forms, and individual deadlines.

Undergraduate Student Commencement Speaker
Apply to be the 2013 Undergraduate Student Commencement Speaker so you can share your thoughts as a graduating senior and have a lead role in the Undergraduate Commencement ceremony. Submit a proposal for consideration by the Selection Committee. To view the requirements visit [http://www.umass.edu/commencement](http://www.umass.edu/commencement). Proposals should be sent to the Student Speaker Selection Committee, 305 Whitmore Administration Building, by Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

21st Century Leaders Award
This award recognizes the strong academic record and exemplary achievement of undergraduate students who further distinguished their intellectual accomplishments, and enhanced the reputation of the University by contributing to the campus community through their leadership skills, academic achievements, community service, and artistic or athletic accomplishments.

Nominees, who must be graduating seniors in 2013, are characterized by their determination to fulfill their academic potential and achieve personal goals. They will be recognized for high academic performance and for the prestige and honor they bring to the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 8, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.

Additional information and nomination forms are available online at [http://www.umass.edu/commencement](http://www.umass.edu/commencement).

If you have any questions on either of these recognitions, please call the Office of External Relations and University Events at 413-577-1101.
MWCC Hosting FAFSA Day Massachusetts - Open to All! Jan. 27
Mount Wachusett Community College will host FAFSA Day Massachusetts on Sunday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. at its Gardner campus, 444 Green St. The annual event provides free assistance to students and families seeking to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

A College Goal Sunday Program, FAFSA Day Massachusetts is a state-wide, non-profit, volunteer-driven program now in its ninth year. Students, families and adult learners who would like assistance applying for financial aid for the 2013-2014 academic year are encouraged to attend the two-hour event, which provides information on the availability of financial aid for college applicants. The event is open to all college-bound students and their families, regardless of the college the student seeks to attend.

The FAFSA is the federally required form for all students seeking federal or state financial aid for higher education. Students and parents should each bring the following information: A FAFSA Personal Identification Number (PIN); Social Security number; driver’s license number; most recent federal tax return; most recent W-2 form or year-end pay stub; untaxed income records; bank statement(s); business and investment records; and an alien registration card for non-US citizens. Students born before Jan. 1, 1990 do not need to bring parental information.

Registration is strongly encouraged. To register or for more information, visit www.fafsaday.org or call 978-630-9169.

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