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.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP
Department of Student Development

One 10 hour/week graduate research assistantship is available for the 2012-2013 academic year. This post would begin in September 2012 and conclude in May 2013.

Responsibilities are as follows: This graduate student will primarily work on a research project examining the effects of an iPad application designed to promote reading comprehension skills of students with autism. S/he will assist with data collection and analysis, and may assist with manuscript authorship.

Qualifications include: The ideal candidate will have developed skills in or a strong commitment to learning: principles of applied behavior analysis, single subject research design, interobserver reliability, behavioral data collection, graphing and visual inspection of data, ethics of ABA, characteristics of learners with autism, and knowledge of reading instruction. Excellent writing, organizational, and time management skills are required.

To apply, please send a brief cover letter and CV to Dr. Jason Travers at travers@educ.umass.edu.
TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP
Department of Student Development
Special Education concentration

Teaching assistant to supervise practicum students.
**Responsibilities include:** Assisting the practicum instructor, participating in biweekly practicum group sessions, supervision of student teachers, site visits to schools, conferences with students and supervising practitioners, observation reports, weekly email contact, attendance at supervisor meetings, support of students in completing licensure paperwork and uploading it to TK20, review of student teaching portfolios, maintaining contact between schools and university, timely completion of ongoing documentation of student performance.

Please send a resume and cover letter to Dr. John Carey at careyandassoc@comcast.net

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP
Department of Student Development
Center for School Counseling Outcome Research & Evaluation

20 hr/week graduate assistantship for FALL 2012 and SPRING 2013

**Responsibilities include:** Creating and overseeing a large-scale database for an Institute of Education Sciences grant project, including merging electronic data and supervising 30+ undergraduates in the data entry process.

**Qualifications:** Working knowledge of basic and advanced measurement theory including classical test theory, item response theory, and scaling, ability to compute inter-rater reliability, familiarity with psychometric software, experience managing databases, and experience supervising undergraduate students.

Applicants should submit letter of interest, resume, and names and contact information for two references to: Karen Harrington at karenh@educ.umass.edu. Application deadline July 15, 2012.
**RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP**
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies
Mathematics, Science, and Learning Technology concentration

A 10 hour/week research assistantship is available for the 2012/13 academic year starting in the fall 2012. The RA will assist in research on small group learning in a high school science class with particular emphasis on student interest and motivation in inquiry-based science tasks how these relate to student scientific content knowledge.

**Responsibilities:** Videotaping of small group work during inquiry-based tasks, transcribing and coding of video transcripts and student focus group, date entry in SPSS, basic statistical analysis; opportunities to assist in writing of conference proposals and manuscripts for publication.

**Qualifications:** A qualified candidate will possess research and organizational skills and be able to work independently. S/he has a background in science education research, teaching experiences in K-12, and excellent research writing skills. The RA will receive training in applying the theories to the interviews and if necessary, an introduction to SPSS. Motivation in learning more about qualitative and quantitative data analysis is expected.

To apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and two to three names of references to:
Dr. Martina Nieswandt, mnieswan@educ.umass.edu

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION**

**ANDREA S. AYVAZIAN**   August 1, 2012, 1:00 p.m., Room 153, Hills South.
“Principles and Practices for Community-Based Adult Education Through the Lens of a Hatcher-Assagioli Synthesis.”
Chairperson: Dr. Alfred (Ash) Hartwell.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION- change of title**

**PATRICK TUDRYN**   July 31, 2012, 10:00 a.m., Room 151, Hills South. “Examining Leadership Practices and the Roles of Special Education Leaders through the Distributive and Collaborative Lenses.”
Chairperson: Dr. Mary Lynn Boscardin.