CORRECTED NOTICE FOR ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS GRADUATING IN MAY, 2012

DEADLINE* TO SUBMIT YOUR SIGNED MASTER’S, CAGS OR DOCTORAL FORMS TO LINDA GUTHRIE, 123 FURCOLO is:

APRIL 6th, 2012

Master’s and CAGS students must submit both the M-2 (or C-2) and Eligibility form to Linda.

* Earlier submission of forms is greatly appreciated.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATIONS

A. EDWARD CUTTING  Thursday, April 5, 2012, 1:00 p.m., Room 219, Furcolo. “A comprehensive fifty-one jurisdiction review of statutes mandating and encouraging the teaching of history in K-12 schools.”
Chairperson: Dr. Linda L. Griffin.

MICHAEL SEAN FUNK  April 2, 2012, 2:00 p.m., Room 100, Furcolo Hall. “Making Something of It: The Untold Stories of Promising Black Males at a Predominately White Institution of Higher Education.”
Chairperson: Dr. Bailey W. Jackson.

Dr. Ronald Ferguson, Wednesday, March 28, Amherst Regional High School Auditorium

Maria Geryk, Superintendent of the Amherst, Pelham and Amherst-Pelham Regional Schools, announces that Dr. Ronald Ferguson, a nationally renowned expert on the racial achievement gap, will visit Amherst on Wednesday, March 28, 2012.

Based at Harvard University since 1983, Ferguson will work with district teachers, administrators and students throughout the day. He will be the featured speaker at a public forum from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on March 28 in the Amherst Regional High School Auditorium at 21 Mattoon Street, Amherst. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Parents, guardians, students, faculty and community members are encouraged to attend this free event.

Reservations are recommended. Translators, transportation and free childcare and parking will be available. To reserve a seat or to arrange for childcare, translation or transportation services, contact Kimberly Stender at stenderk@arps.org or 413-362-1825.

Dr. Ferguson’s visit to Amherst is part of the Office of the Superintendent’s initiative to bring the national discussion on education to the community and is made possible by generous donations from Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst Education Foundation and Five Colleges, Inc.

About Ronald F. Ferguson

Dr. Ronald F. Ferguson is an MIT-trained economist whose work over three decades has focused on economic, social and educational challenges in urban America. Issues of racial and ethnic inequality have been a central focus. He joined the faculty at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government in September 1983, after teaching at Brandeis and Brown Universities. Currently, he holds a joint appointment between the Harvard Kennedy School and the Graduate School of Education.

For the past decade, Dr. Ferguson’s research has focused on racial achievement gaps, appearing in publications of the National Research Council, the Brookings Institution, the U.S. Department of Education, the Educational Research Service and various other books and journals. He is the creator and director of the Tripod Project for school improvement and the faculty co-chair and director of the Achievement Gap Initiative (AGI) at Harvard [www.agi.harvard.edu]. The AGI is a university-wide endeavor that also reaches beyond Harvard and brings together researchers, policy makers and practitioners to work on school improvement, parenting, and youth culture to help raise achievement and narrow gaps. His most recent book is Toward Excellence with Equity: an emerging vision for closing the achievement gap, from Harvard Education Press.
MAY, 2012 DEGREE DEADLINES

Listed below are the revised deadline dates to apply for a May, 2012 degree for Master’s, CAGS and Doctoral students who will complete their degree requirements during the Spring, 2012 semester.

M.Ed. and C.A.G.S. Candidates

The Degree Eligibility form and School of Education Master’s Forms M-2 or CAGS form C-2 must be completed and returned to Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, no later than APRIL 6th, 2012. This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director and Dean Christine McCormick (Department Head).

The Eligibility form must be submitted to Linda Guthrie with the Master’s Form M-2 or CAGS Form C-2). Your advisor must sign the School of Ed form, but NOT the Eligibility form.

Forms can be downloaded from the following URL:

http://www.umass.edu/education/academies/advising_guidelines.shtml

Ed.D. and Ph.D. Candidates:

Doctoral students planning on a May, 2012 degree must schedule their Final Oral Examination (D-8 form) with Linda Guthrie 4 weeks before the defense date.

The Doctoral Degree Eligibility form, the D-9 form (Result of Final Oral Examination) and 2 original Signature pages (on acid free paper) must be submitted to Linda Guthrie in Room 123 Furcolo no later than APRIL 6th, 2012. The Eligibility form (2 pages) can be downloaded from:

http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/files/Doctoral%20Degree%20Eligibility%20Form.pdf

Linda will submit these forms to the Degree Requirements Office after they are signed by Linda Griffin and Christine McCormick.

The dissertation must be submitted electronically, and fees and other required materials must be submitted to the Office of Degree Requirements (Room 534 Goodell) by 5:00 p.m., APRIL 13th, 2012. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!
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.