School of Education’s

2011 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;
notices of examinations and formation of dissertation committees will run for one.
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.

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.
Maria Jose Botelho, assistant professor, and Nelida Matos, lecturer, both of the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, will present "Text-Making as School/Community Collaboration and Cultural Production" during the Massachusetts Association for Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages (MATSOL) conference in Leominster, Mass., May 5-7. This multi-media session will consider the findings of two research projects based in two urban centers in Massachusetts, that speak to the possibilities of cultural affirmation, production, and reconstruction through text-making across classrooms and communities. This presentation will contribute to the dialogue on "identity texts."

Fred Bemak, (Ed.D. 1975), professor in the College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University, has been honored by the American Counseling Association as winner of the Gilbert and Kathleen Wrenn Award for a Humanitarian and Caring Person. The Wrenn Award honors an ACA member who gives to others without fanfare or expectation of reward other than the personal satisfaction of seeing other people made happier.

Liane Brandon, School of Education professor emerita, discussed her work as an independent filmmaker on April 30 during the 10th annual Tribeca Film Festival in New York City. To mark the 15th anniversary of the New York Women in Film & Television's Women's Film Preservation Fund, the festival screened 11 shorts directed by women, including Brandon’s 1971 work "Anything You Want To Be."

Richard Lapan, professor, Department of Student Development, gave the keynote presentation at Massachusetts School Counselor Association’s (MASCA) spring conference. Watch and listen to Dr. Lapan on YouTube. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBseRfWj9s0. Or go to our home page and click on the news item there. www.umass.edu/education.

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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.
GLOBAL STUDIES CONFERENCE  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil       18–20 July, 2011 
http://www.GlobalStudiesConference.com

The Global Studies Conference and the Global Studies Journal are devoted to mapping 
and interpreting new trends and patterns in globalization. The conference serves as 
an open forum for exploring globalization from many perspectives in a wide variety 
of locations. The Global Studies Conference was inaugurated at the University of 
Illinois, Chicago in 2008, the second conference was held at Zayed University, Du-
bai, United Arab Emirates, in 2009, and the third was held at Pusan National Uni-
versity, Busan, South Korea.

Along with the general themes, each year the conference focuses on a different spe-
cial topic. This year the special theme is Latin America and Globalization: Emerg-
ing Societies and Emancipation. This topic will be explored in depth as partici-
pants immerse themselves into the setting of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Plenary speakers will include some of the world's leading thinkers. This year's 
conference will feature the following plenary speakers:
- Jan Nederveen Pieterse, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA
- Ilse Scherer-Warren, Universidade Federal Santa Catharina, Florianopolis, Brazil
- Sonia Fleury, Fundacion Getulio Vargas; Member of the Social and Economic Devel-
opment Council, Brazil
- Elisa Reis, UF Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Richard Falk, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA
- Jorge Castaneda, Global Distinguished Professor of Politics and Latin American 
  Studies, New York University, Mexico's Foreign Minister until 2003
- Myrian Santos, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Gustavo Lins Ribeiro, University of Brasilia, Brazil

In addition the conference will also include numerous paper, workshop and colloqui-
um presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. We would particularly 
like to invite you to respond to the conference call-for-papers. Presenters may 
choose to submit written papers for publication in the Global Studies Journal. If 
you are unable to attend the conference in person, virtual registrations are also 
available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication 
in this refereed academic journal.

In addition to organizing the Global Studies Conference, Common Ground publishes 
papers from the conference, we encourage all conference participants to submit a 
paper based on their conference presentation for peer review and possible publica-
tion in the journal. Whether you are a virtual or in-person presenter at this con-
ference, we also encourage you to present on the conference YouTube Channel. We al-
so publish books in both print and electronic formats. We would like to invite con-
ference participants to develop publishing proposals for original works, or for ed-
ited collections of papers drawn from the journal which address an identified 
theme.

The deadline for the next round in the call-for-papers (a title and short abstract) 
is 17 May 2011. Future deadlines will be announced on the conference website after 
this date. Proposals are reviewed within two weeks of submission. Full details of 
the conference, including an online proposal submission form, are to be found at 

Jan Nederveen Pieterse       University of California, Santa Barbara, USA
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