TEACHING ASSOCIATE
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

10 hr/week teaching associate position available for Spring 2014 for Instruction in ED533

Responsibilities include: Preparing course to include goals of the School of Education promoting access, equity and fairness for diverse learners; State policies affecting the academic achievement of culturally diverse students, methodology in service learning and different program types, assessment, parent involvement, technology, advocacy and school practices; instructing graduate students; providing feedback and assess student assignments; holding regular office hours; communicating with students, as needed, either via email or other media.

Qualifications: Strong knowledge and practical skills in teaching methods, materials, and instructional practices (e.g., SIOP) on the teaching of the English language to culturally diverse learners in different sociocultural contexts (which include both ESL and EFL learning contexts). Strong background knowledge on research on SLA, ESL and EFL for teaching from sociocultural theoretical perspectives on second and foreign language methods and materials development and research. Advanced-to-candidacy graduate status, strong background in teaching and research of methods and practices of teaching ESL and EFL. Excellent oral and written communications skills, expert use of Moodle, APA bibliographic citation and annotation. Excellent ability to provide feedback drawing on research literature.

To apply, send letter of interest, vita, and names of three references with contact information to Theresa Austin at taustin@educ.umass.edu. DEADLINE Nov 29, 2013.

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 Kristin Tyler at ktyler@educ.umass.edu. These types of announcements will run for one week.

http://www.umass.edu/education/news/beacon
ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

JENNIFER KRAINSKI PLANT  December 9, 2013, 11:30 a.m., Room 21C Furcolo.
Chairperson:  Dr. Denise Ives

M.Ed. and C.A.G.S. Candidates February 2014 Degree Deadlines

The Degree Eligibility Form and College of Education Master's Form M-2 or CAGS Form C-2 must be completed and returned to Kristin Tyler in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, no later than DECEMBER 6, 2013.  This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of Linda Griffin, Associate Dean and Graduate Program Director, and Dean Christine McCormick (Department Head).

The Eligibility form must be submitted to Kristin Tyler with the Master's Form M-2 or CAGS Form C-2. Your advisor must sign the College of Education form, but NOT the Eligibility form.

Forms can be downloaded from the following URL:

http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/forms

Teaching Assistantships - EDUC 378: Survey of Children's Literature
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

Two 10 hr/week teaching assistantships are available for Spring Semester 2014 with Dr. Denise Ives. Class meets on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Responsibilities include: Collaborating with Faculty Supervisor and other Teaching Assistants to plan course activities, readings, and requirements; teaching one section of 378; maintaining attendance records and grading student assignments for one section; and holding weekly office hours for students enrolled in the course.

Desired qualifications include: Interest in and knowledge of children's and adolescent literature and reading/writing pedagogy.  Previous teaching experience, especially at the college level preferred but not required.

To apply please send a letter of interest, a current resume, and two names of references to Dr. Denise Ives, dives@educ.umass.edu
TWO STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

2013-2014 GRADUATE SCHOOL GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT

Travel Grant Guidelines: Grants are awarded exclusively for travel to recognized conferences that occur between September 1, 2013 and August 31, 2014 for the purpose of presenting the results of research or original artistic works conducted during graduate coursework at UMass Amherst. Graduate students are eligible for one grant per year.

Awards are for presentations rather than to attend a conference, facilitate a session, or conduct research. Awards will be made to the individual student rather than for a project (divided among several students). Grant funds apply to registration, transportation, and lodging expenses documented by receipts. Meals, copying, and other incidentals are not reimbursable. Students are strongly encouraged to share travel expenses with others attending the conference.

Directions to the Student:
- As soon as you receive verification from the conference organizers of acceptance to present (and no later than the date of travel), email the completed application (including expense summary page and the confirmation from the conference organizers) to Kristin Tyler, ktyler@educ.umass.edu
- Have your advisor or project faculty member send an email of support to Kristin Tyler.
- If a grant is awarded, submit the email notification and receipts for approved travel expenses to Kristin Tyler, 123 Furcolo, (ktyler@educ.umass.edu) within 30 days of travel to receive reimbursement.

Required Application Packet Contents (submit to Kristin Tyler)
- Application Form
- Expense Summary
- Evidence or confirmation of invitation to present
- Short email of support from advisor to Kristin

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DOCTORAL STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT 2013-2014

Guidelines: Grants are awarded exclusively to doctoral students for travel to recognized conferences that occur between September 1, 2013 and August 31, 2014 for the purpose of presenting the results of research or original artistic works conducted during graduate coursework at UMass Amherst. Each doctoral student is eligible for one travel grant per year although the College of Education may not be able to award travel grants to every student whose application is endorsed by their Advisor. Travel Grant funds awarded can be applied to registration, transportation, and lodging expenses supported by receipts for $400.00. Meals, copying, and other incidentals are not reimbursable. Students are strongly encouraged to share travel expenses with others attending the conference.

Directions to the Student:
- As soon as you receive verification from the conference organizers of acceptance to present (and no later than the date of travel), email the completed application (including expense summary page and the confirmation from the conference organizers) to Linda Griffin, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (lgriffin@educ.umass.edu).
- Ask your advisor or project faculty member to send an email of support to Linda Griffin. She will notify the student of his/her approval.
- If a grant is awarded, submit your email notification and receipts for approved travel expenses to Kristin Tyler (ktyler@educ.umass.edu), 123 Furcolo, within 30 days of travel to receive reimbursement.

Required Application Packet Contents (submit to GPO):
- Application Form
- Expense Summary
- Evidence or confirmation of invitation to present
- Email recommendation (brief) from Advisor/Chair
The College of Education’s

Statistical Consulting Service

Introduction to SPSS

FREE Workshop

1:00 p.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 20th
Furcolo, Computer lab (Room 21A)

Topics covered include:

- **Data management**: Enter data, change variables names, add value labels, add missing data code
- **Basic analyses**: Correlation, simple linear regression, one-sample and matched-pair t-test
- **Graphs**: Histogram, bar chart, scatter plot

Please email minjeong@educ.umass.edu to register prior to the workshop.

Psychometric Methods, Educational Statistics, and Research Methods
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FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Attention: Doctoral students who plan on graduating in February 2014 need to submit their Doctoral form D-8 to Kristin Tyler to schedule their final oral defense at least 4 weeks in advance of the defense date. The doctoral forms are available at:

http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/advising-guidelines/doctoral-guidelines

Students should schedule their defense no later than November 27, 2013 to have time to make any necessary edits. The deadline for doctoral students to complete the final oral defense and file all paperwork with Kristin Tyler for a February 2014 graduation is December 6, 2013.

Students: About your email address

Be sure to link your UMASS email address to your personal email address, as correspondence and notifications from the Graduate School and the Graduate Program Office in the College of Education will be sent to your UMASS email address.

Please Share The Beacon

If you receive the Beacon weekly through ft-fac, please send it to your list servs so that all students, staff, faculty and friends of the College have an opportunity to read it.