ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

SARAH PELLER  November 22, 2013, 12:00pm, Room 163 Hills South. “The Ability of Early Reading Measures Administered in First Grade to Predict Fourth Grade Reading Comprehension for Puerto Rican Students in English Immersion.”
Chairperson: Dr. William Matthews

PAUL FRISOLI December 4, 2013, 9:00am, Room 275 Hills South. “Teachers’ Experiences of Professional Development in (Post) Crisis Katanga Province, Southeastern Democratic Republic of Congo: A Case Study of Teacher Learning Circles.”
Chairperson: Dr. Jacqueline Mosselson

Co-chairs: Dr. Jacqueline Mosselson and Dr. Florence Sullivan

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.

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
FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

BRENDAN KEENAN  Proposed Dissertation Title: Parent Engagement in Collaborative Problem Solving – A Case Study of an Urban District’s Tier 2 Attendance Intervention Program

Statement of the Problem: Students who regularly attend school are more likely to achieve both short and long-term success in school. There is a lack of systemic Tier 2 interventions at the school level to improve student attendance. At the elementary level, the root causes of attendance problems are primarily the responsibility of the parent/guardian, and it is crucial to successfully engage families of students to collaboratively solve attendance concerns.

When attempts to communicate with parents of students (e.g. letters, phone calls, meeting invitations, etc.) have failed, schools often take the families to court (a Tier 3 intervention) in an attempt to remedy the presenting attendance problem. The court filing often further strains the relationship between the school and family, causing parents to become increasingly disengaged with their child’s school.

CHAIRPERSON: Dr. Rebecca Woodland

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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 its good news and important information.
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

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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.