TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP
Department of Student Development
One Teaching Assistantship for EDUC 691E weekend workshop for Fall 2010. The contract is for two weeks at 14 hrs a week.

This 691E weekend session is an introduction to Classism.


Qualifications: Experience teaching classism awareness seminars; Experience with SJE pedagogy; Minimum of a Masters in Social Justice Education.

Send resume to Robbie Calliham at calliham@educ.umass.edu. Please note “691E application” in subject line of the email.
REGISTER NOW! PDPs offered.
Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20, 2010
UMass Amherst Campus Center
The School of Education presents
Leading at a Higher Level®
with leadership expert Ken Blanchard, Marjorie Blanchard and the founding associates of The Ken Blanchard Companies

Two Leadership Events: Dinner and Workshop

The School of Education proudly hosts these two very special events to honor the journey of Ken Blanchard, Ph.D., School of Education faculty (1970-76), Marjorie Blanchard (Ph.D. 1976), and the founding associates of The Ken Blanchard Companies from their roots in the School of Education and UMass Amherst to their roles as globally-renowned consultants in people-centered management and purposeful leadership.

Reception and Dinner
with Ken and Marjorie Blanchard
Friday, November 19, 6 p.m.
Marriot Room, Campus Center

Keynote by Ken Blanchard
“Lead with Luv” - A Different Way to Create Real Success

Leading at a Higher Level Workshop
Saturday, November 20, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Campus Center Auditorium

Sessions presented by Ken and Marjorie Blanchard, and founding associates of and presenters from The Ken Blanchard Companies including Laurie Hawkins, Don Carew, Eunice-Parisi Carew, Alan Randolph, Ruth Anne Randolph, Drea Zigarmi, Susan Fowler, Mary Ellen Stoner, Pat Zigarmi and Jesse Stoner.

For details go to www.umass.edu/education.
Register for both events at UMass Amherst Conference Services
Proceeds from these events benefit School of Education students and faculty

UMass Amherst School of Education
FORMAT OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

NI NA DENG Proposed Dissertation Title: “Evaluating IRT- and CTT-based methods of estimating classification consistency and accuracy indices from single administrations.”

Statement of the Problem: There is an increasing demand of tests classifying examinees into order proficiency levels along with NCLB. The categorical decisions are often associated with high-stakes consequences. The consistency and accuracy of these categorical decisions, referred as DC and DA, are of concern and deserve studies. There is a lack of research in literature for the popular CTT-based DC/DA methods, and for the newly developed IRT-based methods. With more applications of IRT in testing practices, it is of importance to check how accurately the DC/DA methods perform in the framework of IRT, and how robust they are when their assumptions are challenged.

Chairperson: Dr. Ronald K. Hambleton.

School Academic Matters Committee (SAMC)
This fall, the School Academic Matters Committee will be meeting on Monday, November 8th and December 6th. Any instructors submitting course proposals for review should make sure that they have been submitted, signed by their Department Academic Matters Committee Chair and Department Chair, to Sally Dumont one week prior to a scheduled meeting. sdumont@educ.umass.edu

Teaching Associate
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies (Spring 2011)

One 15 hour/week teaching associate position is available for Spring 2011 to teach HumDev 270 Child Development. This 4 credit course is a part of the Education Minor and meets the General Education Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement.

Responsibilities:
The TO will teach this course independently as instructor of record (full responsibility for instruction and evaluation of students). Instruction includes the development of the course syllabus, preparation and delivery of class lectures, grading of student papers, quizzes, papers, and discussions, maintenance of attendance records, and assistance to individual students as needed. The instructor will be expected to hold regular office hours and to coordinate with the Office of Disabilities Services as needed.

Qualifications:
Previous undergraduate teaching experience in the area of child development. Excellent communication skills, extensive experience with SPARK, and extensive academic background in child development/human development. Experience with technology preferred.

Interested applicants should email a letter of interest and resume to Prof. Claire Hamilton, Coordinator: Children, Families and Schools at cehamilt@educ.umass.edu. Please use “HumDev 270 Applicant” as your email subject.
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE (IPO)
CURRENT STUDENT TUITION WAIVERS FOR SPRING, 2011

ELIGIBILITY:
- Current students must be in a full-time graduate degree program
- Have a Minimum 3.25 GPA
- Demonstrated financial need but have sufficient funds to cover all other expenses (fees, insurance, living expenses), estimated at $28,700 for the AY 2010/11.
- Must not be a citizen or permanent U.S. resident

These waivers are for TUITION ONLY for the SPRING, 2011 term. Recipients are not automatically entitled to renewals, but may reapply for one additional year.

CURRENT STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT:
Formal application form (student can pick up form at the International Programs Office, 467 Hills South) or downloaded from:
http://www.ipo.umass.edu/_customtags/ct_FileRetrieve.cfm?
File_ID=06057B724F0101770707077D761F00730F011B7C0608006B0772040F747475030001027D017A7300

Financial documentation proving student has sufficient funds to cover all academic fees and living expenses other than tuition, (based on an estimated amount of $28,700 for the 2010/11 academic year).

Recommendation letter from student’s advisor or chairperson.
Completed applications are to be submitted to Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator, in Room 123, Furcolo. Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, will review and nominate applications based on the strength of the application.

CURRENT STUDENT DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING, 2011 is:

NOVEMBER 8, 2010

IMPT: While the IPO deadline for current students is November 15th, current students must submit their complete nominations to Linda Guthrie by November 8th for review and processing by Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director.

Spencer Foundation Award Amount: $25,000 Deadline: October 27, 2010

The Spencer Foundation’s Dissertation Fellowship Program seeks to encourage a new generation of scholars from a wide range of disciplines and professional fields to undertake research relevant to the improvement of education. The $25,000 fellowships support individuals whose dissertations show potential for bringing fresh and constructive perspectives to the history, theory, or practice of formal or informal education anywhere in the world. This highly competitive program aims to identify the most talented researchers conducting dissertation research related to education.

Although the dissertation topic must concern education, graduate study may be in any academic discipline or professional field. Applicants need not be citizens of the United States; however, they must be candidates for the doctoral degree at a graduate school within the U.S. These fellowships are not intended to finance data collection or the completion of doctoral coursework, but rather to support the final analysis of the research topic and the writing of the dissertation. For this reason, all applicants must document that they will have completed all pre-dissertation requirements by June 1, 2011, and must provide a clear and specific plan for completing the dissertation within a one- or two-year time frame.

For more information, please see http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=308900032
Heather Savage, Corporate and Foundation Relations 413-545-5483
Thesis and Dissertation Formatting
with Microsoft Word at UMass Amherst

The Office of Information Technologies offers workshops with detailed instructions on how to format a thesis or dissertation to meet the requirements of the University of Massachusetts Graduate School with Microsoft Word for Windows or Macintosh. The workshops include margins, footnotes, bibliographies, page numbering, headings, table of contents, etc. as well as advice about electronic submission. Because Word 2007/2010 is quite different from previous versions of Word, there are two workshops: one for users of Word 2007 or 2010 (including people who will be working in the OIT classrooms), and one for all other versions of Word (Mac or Windows).

Word 2007/ 2010
Wednesday, November 3, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm or Tuesday, November 30, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Word (other versions) Wednesday, November 10, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm or Thursday, Dec. 2, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Registration is required and is not complete until you have paid the $10 fee and told us which version of Word you are using. To register, go to the Administrative Desk in A119 Lederle GRC (545-9730). For information, send email to workshops@oit.umass.edu

Prerequisite: Some knowledge of the version of Microsoft Word that you are using.

Course materials on Web or CD: Course materials are also available on the OIT Web site: www.oit.umass.edu/workshops/tutorials.html Or purchase a course packet and CD from OIT for $5 plus tax.

Consulting on formatting issues: For more information about these workshops, to discuss which one is best for you, or for other consultation on dissertation and thesis formatting issues, please contact Elisa Campbell: campbell@oit.umass.edu

School of Education faculty, students, staff & alumni share what they are doing.

Robert Maloy, senior lecturer, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, has received the 2010 Webbie Award from Massachusetts Computer Using Educators (MassCUE) for the website “Resources for History Teachers.” MassCUE launched the Webbie Awards in 2007 to recognize excellence in school web site design at the classroom, building and district level. View the award-winning site at http://resourcesforhistoryteachers.wikispaces.com/


You can read more about our faculty, students, staff and alumni on the School of Education’s website. www.umass.edu/education

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