Project Assistantship

Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies
Mathematics, Science and Learning Technology (MSLT) concentration

A 10 hour/week) project Assistantship position is available for Fall 2011. The PA will assist MSLT faculty in coordination of scheduling, meetings, website development, and recruitment and admission processes.

Responsibilities: Coordination of meetings, scheduling and student inquiries, development and maintenance of MSLT website, and coordination of recruitment and admission processes.

Qualifications: A qualified candidate will possess organizational and management skills, and be able to work independently. S/he has technology skills necessary to work on website development and maintenance and also is familiar with Excel. Motivation to take on various tasks and show initiative are expected.

To apply: Send a cover letter, resume and two references to Dr. John Francisco (jmfranci@educ.umass.edu ) or Dr. Martina Nieswandt (mnieswan@educ.umass.edu)
Faculty, students, staff & alumni share what they are doing

SOE doctoral students Kathy McDonough and Lee O'Donnell, and Drs. Maria José Botelho and Wilma Ortiz, all the Language, Literacy, and Culture concentration, will present “Re/Imagining Love in Teaching” at the 8th international conference on "Holistic Learning: Breaking New Ground", in Geneva Park, a conference center north of Toronto, Canada. Botelho says: “Their session will disturb the common understanding of love as a mere emotion. Through dialogue, performance, and multi-media, conference participants will re/consider how love is conceptualized and enacted in classrooms and re/imagine it as a complex force in teaching for social justice.”


The 3rd edition of "Learning in the Field: An Introduction to Qualitative Research" by Gretchen Rossman, professor, and Sharon Rallis, Dwight W. Allen Distinguished Professor, both of the Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration, has been published. The text is a true introduction to qualitative research, leading the new researcher into the field by explaining the core concepts through theory, research, and applied examples. The authors introduce each chapter with discussions among three characters—Ruth, Marla, and Anthony—students whose research projects demonstrate the challenges and excitement of qualitative research. Woven into the chapters and the characters' stories are three themes that are the heart of the book: First, research is about learning; second, research can and should be useful; and finally, a researcher should practice the highest ethical standards to ensure that a study is trustworthy.

In last week's item about Sam the Minuteman visiting the Renaissance Expeditionary School in Springfield, undergraduates in the Student Bridges program were incorrectly identified as students in Bridges to the Future. To further clarify, Rich Lapan, professor, Department of Student Development, told us this: To promote college and career readiness, Sam the Minuteman (aka School of Education Professor Richard Lapan and Student Bridges undergraduates) provided all 7th graders at Renaissance Expeditionary Learning School in Springfield college positive panel discussions. With funding support from The College Board, Dr. Lapan and his colleagues are piloting an innovative college and career readiness curriculum that is fully integrated into the language arts curriculum. By building an interdisciplinary team (teachers, school counselors, library/media specialists, and special education support) within schools and linking 7th graders to successful role models, middle school students will learn essential 21st Century literacy competencies as well as needed college readiness, access, and success skills.

Please send items to dms@educ.umass.edu

HERE’s a helpful link... Grants for grad students
http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/gsgs/

Grant Search for Grad Students (GSGS) helps graduate students at UMass Amherst seek and apply for external (that is, not UMass-sponsored) support for their research.
The following are scheduled for tenure and/or promotion review during the 2011-12 academic year:

**Tenure**
- **Bjorn Nordtveit**, associate professor, Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration
- **Martina Nieswandt**, associate professor, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

**Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor**
- **Sally Galman**, assistant professor, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

Those wishing to comment should forward letters to the appropriate department chair: Dr. Grace Craig and Dr. Ernest Washington, TECS; Dr. Gretchen Rossman, EPRA.

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**FACULTY REVIEWS**

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**Students: how to submit information for announcements**

Students must submit proper forms for announcements about Formation of Dissertation Committees (D-6), Announcements of Final Oral Examinations (D-8) and Comprehensive Examinations (D-4) to Linda Guthrie in 123 Furcolo Hall, Office of Academic Affairs.

Linda will submit the items to the Beacon for publication.
GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS 2011-12

The Graduate School will be awarding a limited number of student travel grants for graduate students who will be presenting at recognized conferences during the 2011-12 academic year. The application and expense summary can be downloaded from: http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/travel/travel_grant_student_app.pdf

Submit your application materials (Application form, Expense Summary, Evidence or confirmation of Invitation to present) by email to Dr. Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director for the School of Education (lgriffin@educ.umass.edu). Submit an email recommendation from your advisor or chairperson to Dr. Griffin to accompany your Travel Grant application. Applications will be considered exclusively for travel to recognized conferences for the purpose of presenting the results of research conducted while doing graduate coursework at UMass Amherst.

Criteria for nomination include merit of the project, prestige of the conference or event and financial need of the student. Awards are for presentations rather than just attendance at a conference or event. Awards will be made to the individual student rather than for a project (divided among several students.) Students are eligible for one grant per year, although the Travel Grant Committee may not be able to fund all nominations that are forwarded for consideration. Grant amounts are up to $200.00 for regional, $ 300.00 for domestic and $400.00 for international travel. Students receiving awards must present their receipts to the School of Education’s Business Office (125 Furcolo) within 30 days of travel. Applications are considered on a rolling basis for the 2011-12 academic year.

THESIS AND DISSERTATION FORMATTING with Microsoft Word

Schedule for Fall Semester 2011

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.

THE WORKSHOPS (Sign up for one workshop)

Word 2007 & 2010 Windows
Monday, October 31 - 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Word 2008 & 2011 Macintosh
Monday, October 24 - 1:30 to 4:30 pm

REGISTRATION
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 or email workshops@oit.umass.edu. For information, send email to workshops@oit.umass.edu

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

CONSULTING on formatting issues and earlier versions of Word For more information about these workshops, or for consultation on earlier versions of Word, please contact Elisa Campbell: campbell@oit.umass.edu

INFORMATION ON THE WEB
http://www.oit.umass.edu/support/workshops-training/format-a-thesis-or-dissertation-microsoft-word
**Book Launch & Award Recognition Party**

We are celebrating School of Education associate professor Kathryn McDermott's new book, “High Stakes Reform: The Politics of Educational Accountability”, which was released by Georgetown University Press in September, and Brenda Bushouse's 2011 ARNOVA book award, which she received for “Universal Preschool: Policy Change, Stability, and the Pew Charitable Trusts.”

**Thursday, October 27, 2011 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Gordon Hall Atrium 418 North Pleasant Street, Amherst

Parking is available in the Visitor Center Parking Lot.

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**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE (IPO)**

**CURRENT STUDENT TUITION WAIVERS FOR SPRING, 2012**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Current students must be in a full-time graduate degree, have a Minimum 3.25 GPA, demonstrate financial need but have sufficient funds to cover all other expenses (fees, insurance, living expenses), estimated at $29,100 for the AY 2011/12 and must not be a citizen or permanent U.S. resident. These waivers are for TUITION ONLY for the SPRING, 2012 term. Recipients are not automatically entitled to renewals, but may reapply for one additional year.

**CURRENT STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT:**

1. Formal application form (student can pick up form at the International Programs Office, 467 Hills South) or downloaded from:

   [http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss/_files/TWcontinuing%20student%20application%20for%20Spring%202012.pdf](http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss/_files/TWcontinuing%20student%20application%20for%20Spring%202012.pdf)

2. Financial documentation proving student has sufficient funds to cover all academic fees and living expenses other than tuition, (based on an estimated amount of $29,100 for the 2010/11 academic year).

3. Recommendation letter from student’s advisor or chairperson.

Completed applications are to be submitted to Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator, in Room 123, Furcolo Hall. Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, will review and nominate applicants based on the strength of the application.

**CURRENT STUDENT DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING, 2012 is NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

Important: While the IPO deadline for current students is November 15, current students must submit their complete nominations to Linda Guthrie by November 9 for review and processing by Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director.

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