Teaching Associate (TO)
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

10 hr/wk teaching associate position for Spring 2014, Tues/Thurs (9:30-10:45 am).

**Responsibilities** include teaching a section of EDUC 351: Foundations of Education, Tues/Thurs 9:30-10:45 a.m., serving as the instructor of record. The course involves study of selected problems and issues in modern education through the disciplines of educational sociology, educational history, educational philosophy, comparative education, or social psychology, and typically enrolls juniors and seniors pursuing an education minor or a BA in early childhood education, with most students planning to pursue licensure. Expectations include selecting class activities and assignments, grading and giving feedback, keeping appropriate records and submitting final course grades. Qualified candidates will be advanced doctoral students, have prior teaching experience, excellent organizational skills and use of technology, as well as strong competency in use of technology, especially Moodle.

Interested candidates should send their CV and a list of 3 references to Betsy McEneaney (emcenean@educ.umass.edu) by Nov. 1, 2013.

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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.

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**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
**Student Teacher Supervisors**
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies
EDUC 500S/500M-STEP-UTS-

Three to four 10 hr/week assistantships are available, contingent upon enrollment, for Spring 2014 for EDUC 500S/500M, to supervise middle and high school English, History, Science and Mathematics student teachers.

**Responsibilities include:** Supervision of student teachers, including site visits to schools for observations and conferences with student teachers and supervising practitioners; writing observation reports; weekly email contact; mandatory attendance at monthly supervisor meetings; support of students in completing student teaching portfolios; review of student teaching portfolios; maintaining contact between schools and the university; timely completion of ongoing documentation and evaluation of student performance and participation in an orientation session at the end of November, 2012.

**Qualifications:** Excellent interpersonal, organizational and communication skills. Technology skills are required, including the use of Tk20, Excel, email and maintaining student databases. Must have middle or high school classroom teaching experience and subject matter expertise. Previous supervision coursework and/or experience is recommended.

Applicants should EMAIL a letter of interest, resume, and the names and contact information for two references to Ann Stephany, Field Experience Specialist, at stephany@educ.umass.edu. Application deadline: November 4, 2013.

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**Student Advisory Committee**

in the Dept. of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies (TECS)

seeks student members

The TECS Student Advisory Committee is a joint student-faculty committee that seeks to strengthen TECS by honoring graduate and doctoral students’ voice in the ongoing life and work of the department. The committee seeks new student members (current master’s and/or doctoral students) to represent the four concentrations in the department (LLC, MSLT, CFS, and TESI).

If you are a student interested in volunteering for the TECS Student Advisory Committee, please send e-mail to one of the faculty members of the committee by Nov. 1:

Howard Peele (MSLT)  hapeele@educ.umass.edu
John Kudukey (MSLT)  jkudukey@educ.umass.edu
Marie-Christine Polizzi (LLC)  mpolizzi@educ.umass.edu
Seon Yeong Yu (CFS)  seonyeon@educ.umass.edu
Betsy McEneaney (TESI)  emcenean@educ.umass.edu
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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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.

UMassAmherst

Career Path and Preparation Seminars
Graduate Students and Postdocs are encouraged to attend - space is limited, so arrive early!

Wednesday, October 30th
Spend some time with a UMass alumna and HR Leader in the high tech industry to discuss steps you can take now to better prepare you for the career you want. Topics will include the key things to think about when mapping your path and how careers really work in the private sector.

*Designing Your Career: Key steps in Planning and Executing the Career You Want*

**Kellie Crantz**
Vice President of Human Resources, EMC
Time/Location: 4 PM in Campus Center Room 163C (Light refreshments will be served)

Wednesday, November 6th
Join us for a lunchtime career path discussion with a UMass alumna working to identify strategic external technologies and develop science and business relationships to advance Monsanto’s mission.

*My Unanticipated, Amazingly Challenging, and Deeply Gratifying Career in Biotechnology*

**Ginni Ursin**
Technology Prospecting Lead at Monsanto
Time/Location: 12 PM in LGRT 1634 (A pizza lunch will be served)

Wednesday, December 4th
In this lunchtime discussion, we will learn how one accomplished professional transformed his training in biochemistry and mechanical engineering into a successful sales and marketing career.

*Career Opportunities in Sales and Marketing for Scientists and Engineers*

**Jim Earley**
Sales Consultant at Beckman Coulter, Inc.
Time/Location: 12 PM in LGRT 1634 (A pizza lunch will be served)
Graduate School

2013-2014 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 Tyler

Center for Educational Assessment Seminar
Monday, November 2nd (12:00–1:00 PM in Hills South Room 267)


Kristen Huff, NY State Department of Education / Regents Fund

Light lunch will be served.

Emily Pichette UMass Amherst
Center for Educational Assessment, Office Room 487 - Hills House South
Office 413-545.1184