Research Assistantship

Department of Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services
One 10 hr/week Graduate Research Assistant Position with Faculty Member of Special Education Program for Fall 2009,
Doctoral level research assistant to work on a large-scale database and policy analysis research study funded by the JEHT foundation. The study is an investigation of school referrals to the juvenile justice system.

Responsibilities: development of a database in SPSS from multiple data sources, running descriptive analyses and data cleaning procedures, contacting state and local governmental offices to obtain policy and procedural standards, scholarly writing.

Qualifications: Applicants should have an interest in juvenile justice research, a background in data analysis, experience with SPSS, and strong writing skills.

Please email a letter of interest and CV to:
SDPPS Administrative Assistant Robbie Calliham at calliham@educ.umass.edu
Specify in the subject line “RA Spec Ed”
**PROGRAM ASSISTANTSHIP**

**Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies**  
**Language, Literacy and Culture Concentration**

One (10 hour/week) LLC Program Assistantship available for the academic year of 2009-2010 to assist LLC Coordinators

**Responsibilities include:** 1) Advising student candidates for licensure in ESL and Reading and candidates for Advanced studies in LLC; 2) Maintaining records for the advising system; 3) Assisting with data management, analysis and reporting for accreditation documents; 4) Updating program literature, licensure resource materials, and program website; 5) Maintaining contact with cooperating teachers and supervisors and communicating with the Teacher Education Licensure Office; 6) Assisting students and faculty with TK20 data management and with TPA (Teacher Performance Assessment) management; 7) Assisting with program events and recruitment of students.

**Qualifications include:** 1) Experience advising diverse students; 2) Strong oral and written communication skills; 3) Strong technology skills, including website maintenance and facility with common software packages (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc) and video editing; 5) Well-organized, and able to attend to details.

To apply, please send a cover letter & resume to Meg Gebhard, gebhard@educ.umass.edu (413)-577-0863. Preference will be given to doctoral students in LLC.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009**

The MACTE/COMTEC/MAECTE  
Fall 2009 Conference for Massachusetts Educators  
**Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center**

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Mica Pollock, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Dr. Pollock, associate professor and anthropologist of education, previously taught at the secondary level and worked in the civil rights field. She recently authored: *Colormute: Race Talk Dilemmas in an American School* and *Because of Race: How Americans Debate Harm Opportunity in Our Schools*. In 2008 Dr. Pollock also published an edited series of essays entitled: *Everyday Antiracism: Getting Real About Race in School*. Contributors include two individuals we know well in Massachusetts, Sonia Nieto and Beverly Tatum, as well as many other leaders in this field.

*Winner of the 2005 Outstanding Book Award from the American Educational Research Association*
FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

MARIA EUGENIA LOZANO  Proposed Dissertation Title: "Giving voice to the silenced: The Case of English Language Learners in a Mainstream Class." Statement of the Problem: There exists a lack of linguistic support for monolingual Spanish speaking students as well as a lack of professional development support for teachers in the state of Massachusetts after the passage of Question 2. Chairperson: Dr. Theresa Austin.

2009-10 Scholarship Recipients Named

The School of Education awarded scholarships to 14 graduate students this year. They are: Nathan Dana and Lesley Gray, both of Sunderland, and Kathryn Richardson of Belchertown, Meline Kasparian Scholarships; Vanessa Cramer of Shutesbury, The Janice Camby Endowed Scholarship and The Helen Eaton Timson Scholarship; Joshua Nugent and Xiaoshu Jing, both of Amherst, Camby Scholarships; Daryl Essensa of Greenfield, C. Lynn Vendien Professional Prize Award; Congling April Zhang of New Bedford, C. Lynn Vendien Endowed Scholarship; James Anthony Randall of Takomar Park, MD, Early Childhood Education Graduate Student Fund; Elizabeth Scheffey of Leverett, The Grace Norton Carney Scholarship; Bethany Politylo of Sunderland, and Melinda Eichorn of Pickering, OH, Joseph W. Keilty Memorial Scholarships; Shannon Doyle of Northampton, and Jeremey Wright of Millers Falls, Patricia Silver Awards.

To find out more about some of the School of Education’s scholarships, visit http://www.umass.edu/education/development/opportunities.shtml.

2009-2010 Faculty Research Grant/Healey Endowment Grant (FRG/HEG)

Submission dates are: October 9, 2009 and March 6, 2010

More information on the FRG/HEG and the Conti Faculty Fellowship (deadline January 10, 2010) can be found at http://www.umass.edu/research/internal_grants/index.html.

The School of Education website www.umass.edu/education
Hand Sanitizer is available—please use it, says University Health Services
The campus has been working on updating its pandemic response plan for the H1N1 (Swine Flu) threat on campus this academic year. A portion of our planning includes an awareness and prevention component. In an effort to provide awareness and minimize transmission within work areas we are providing H1N1 posters and hand sanitizer to be distributed within your area. The hand sanitizer is not intended to replace hand washing or to be placed in bathroom areas, but in office areas where higher concentrations of employees and traffic occur. Please use the sanitizer to help us minimize transmission of viruses.

Based on existing outbreaks occurring on other university campuses across the country, we anticipate seeing H1N1 illness very early in the academic year. For additional H1N1 information or guidance go to University Health Services website located at http://www.umass.edu/uhs/services/publichealth/.

Thank you for your assistance with this.
Brian Olsen, Emergency and Business Continuity Manager          (413) 545-7431  bolsen@ehs.umass.edu

FROM THE LIBRARY
Dear Education Faculty and Grad Students,
Welcome back to campus. Here is the news from the library. I have updated the online subject guide to Education. You can find it here:  http://guides.library.umass.edu/education
It contains a brief video tutorial about what we mean by "peer-reviewed" journal, as well as an explanation of plagiarism and web site evaluation. You might want to link to it from your course web pages or SPARK page.
In Other News:
We recently purchased a package of over 42,000 online books. The records for these titles are integrated into our catalog. We also subscribe to over 1000 electronic education journals. I conduct library research instruction classes and individual sessions for undergraduates and for graduate students. Please get in touch with me if you have any questions or comments.
Regards, Steve McGinty      Education Librarian 545-1871       smcginty@library.umass.edu

The workshops
Word 2007 Word (other versions)
Monday, October 26 Monday, November 2
1:30 – 4:30 pm 1:30 – 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 (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
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CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Proposals are currently being sought for the MACTE/COMTEC/MAECTE conference on November 20, 2009 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center in Sturbridge.

The theme of the conference is Promoting Equity and Social Justice. Presentations focusing specifically on this topic should include those that address what we can do to improve the equity and access to quality education for all children and adolescents in Massachusetts through our preparation programs. This includes the recruitment of diverse candidates to teacher preparation programs and issues of language differences, ethnicity, poverty and cultural diversity.

Please submit your proposal electronically to Marge Magouirk Colbert at magouirk@educ.umass.edu

Include session organizer, institutional affiliation, contact information, additional presenter(s), title of proposed session, a brief abstract of your presentation (approx. 300 words), and a 50 word summary of your presentation for the conference program.

ATTENTION: NEW STUDENTS

Check out the following on the Graduate School's website for a helpful checklist for new graduate students


SEND your news and announcements to dms@educ.umass.edu