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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 Linda Guthrie. These types of announcements will run for one week.

UMass Amherst
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During UMass Amherst Homecoming 2012,
you are invited to attend
the unveiling of a portrait of
Dwight W. Allen commissioned
by Dr. Timothy Taylor (Ed.D. 2004)
as a gift to the School of Education
and to honor the legacy of his
mentor, the school’s former Dean.
Saturday, October 27, 2012
2 p.m.
School of Education
Furcolo Hall
A reception with former Dean Allen
will follow the unveiling.
RSVP by Oct. 17, 2012
413-545-0887 or
goodnews@educ.umass.edu

More about this event at www.umass.edu/education

School of Education ✧ 813 N. Pleasant Street, Amherst MA 01003
Assistantship
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies
A 10 hour/week assistantship for Fall 2012 for program supervisor for the ESL Licensure Program and the Advanced Practitioner field experience. Both programs have placements in K-12 public schools in western Massachusetts (e.g., Amherst, Northampton, Springfield, Holyoke, Easthampton, and Hadley). The Advanced Practitioner Program has field experience sites for teaching English and other world languages in a variety of traditional and non-traditional settings in western Massachusetts (e.g., Chinese immersion, adult education, after school programs, informal teaching contexts).

Responsibilities include:
• Attending an orientation and meetings with UMass Amherst faculty regularly to problem solve and trouble shoot issues.
• Establishing and maintaining professional relationships with administrators and teachers in the schools and at field experience sites as well as with the faculty.
• Conducting observations of candidates’ teaching practices according to specified timetables and using appropriate forms;
• Providing quality oral and written feedback to candidates to support them in designing and reflecting on curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices;
• Writing weekly written reports to the LLCAP/Licensure advisor regarding all feedback that you provide candidates/field experience practitioner.
• For 500L: Conducting three-way meetings among the Supervising Practitioner, the UMass Amherst teaching candidate, and the Program Supervisor according to specified timetables and using appropriate forms;
• For EDUC 698AP: meeting with each cohort of three students at least twice during the semester to help learners self-assess their own teaching and provide some feedback on the teaching activity that they have videotaped.
• Assisting UMass faculty in assessing candidate’s course projects using TK20.

Qualifications:
• Classroom teaching experience in K-12 schools
• Knowledge about language/culture of diverse students.
• Expertise in designing curriculum, instruction, and assessments for language learners
• Commitment to social justice in education
• Excellent communication and problem-solving abilities; ability to negotiate differences and meet professional standards
• A research interest in teacher education in ESL, EFL or World Language Instruction

Applicants should submit letters of interest, resume, and contact information for two references to Marie-Christine Polizzi <mpolizzi@educ.umass.edu>

Application deadline: September 21, 2012. Applications will be reviewed until the positions are filled. Hiring is contingent upon availability of funding. //
Save the Date! Nov. 14-15
The Military Child Education Coalition’s
Professional Development Institute at UMass Amherst

Living in the New Normal Institute:
Helping Children Thrive in Good and Challenging Times
Registration and Breakfast: 8:00 am—8:30 am
Institute Training: 8:30 am—4:00 pm including a Working Lunch
University of Massachusetts
Murray D. Lincoln Campus Center Room 165-69
One Campus Center Way, Amherst, MA 01003

95% attendance is required to receive Institute credit and course materials
Funded by Office of the Secretary of Defense/Department of the Army.
No cost to participants. FREE.

For counselors, school nurses, educators, daycare and social service providers
and anyone who works with or is interested in helping children

The Military Child Education Coalition is a nonprofit organization addressing the educational needs of military-connected families. The LINN is a two-day institute outlining specific community resources, deployment information, and practical strategies for encouraging resilience in all children.

REGISTRATION & QUESTIONS
For more information about this institute, please contact Joe Clever at 254-953-1923 or Joe.Clever@MilitaryChild.org.
Please visit www.MilitaryChild.org and click on Training to register.

Hosted by:
The UMass Amherst
School of Education &
4-H Operation Military Kids

Log on to MilitaryChild.org to register!

Participants will have the opportunity to earn educational credits in the form of 1.2 CEU’s for $25.00 and/or 1 hour of graduate credit from Texas A&M—Central Texas for $175.00, payable at the completion of the training. The Military Child Education Coalition is accredited through IACET and NBCC, along with many other state professional development agencies.
Welcome more new faculty
Please extend a welcome to the following new faculty.

Denise Green, lecturer, Department of Student Development, received a Ph.D. in counseling psychology in 1992 and a M.Ed. in mental health counseling in 1989 from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and a B.A. in psychology and philosophy in 1981 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is a licensed psychologist and certified school psychologist. Her areas of professional interest include facilitating student application of theory to practice, typical and atypical child development, and psychological assessment.

Barbara Hruska, lecturer, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, was awarded an Ed.D in 1999 from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; and M.A. in 1987 from the University of Houston, and a B.A. in 1981 from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Patricia Leins, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Student Development, earned a Ph. D. in 2012 special education and literacy, an M.Ed. in 2008 and a B.A. in 2004 from George Mason University. Her professional interests include special education and literacy, connecting research to practice, writing, secondary level education, international education and inclusive education.

Research Assistantship
Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration
10-hour/week assistantship supports new academic staff and is related to Bjorn H. Nordtveit’s scholarly portfolio. In particular, it supports research, write-up, and follow-up related to grant proposals; research related to courses and publication; and other duties that may arise.

Qualifications & Experience
1. Experience and ability in writing project and research proposals, and concept papers; 2. Knowledge of and experience in research and project implementation, monitoring, and evaluation; 3. Ability to conduct independent research on the internet and through other sources 4. Excellent organizational and communication abilities and collaborative work style.

POC: Sheila Seuffert Seuffert@educ.umass.edu Deadline 10/5/12 //

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

JENNA M. COPELLO October 11, 2012, 1:00 p.m., Room 163, Hills South. “Evaluating the validity of MCAS scores as indicators of teacher effectiveness.” Chairperson: Dr. Lisa Keller.
Dissertation Research Grant program

The Graduate School is pleased to announce a new Dissertation Research Grant program for doctoral students who have achieved candidacy. The program offers up to a maximum of $1,000 for dissertation research related expenses. Grants will be awarded once per semester through a competitive proposal process. Deadlines for this year are Monday, 15th October 2012 for the fall competition and Monday, 11th March 2013 for the spring competition. A subcommittee of the Graduate Council will review proposals and determine awards. Detailed information on the program including allowed and prohibited expenses, submission and eligibility requirements and process can be found here:

http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/funding-support/dissertation-research-grants

We have had inquiries from graduate students about funding for research expenses for some time so we are glad to be able to implement this new program. For further information or if you have questions, please contact David Lafond in the Graduate School at researchgrant@grad.umass.edu or by phone at 577-6286.

John J. McCarthy, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School

SOE’s Children, Families and Students concentration’s

Fortnightly Lunch Series 11:15-12:15

Pack your brown bag lunch and join us in 22A Furcolo Hall from 11:15- 12:15 on the dates below. Cookies will be provided by CFS. (And those who attended last year know that these are amazingly good cookies...)

27 September - Darrell Earnest http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/tecs/earnest.shtml

11 October - Barbara Krauthamer http://www.umass.edu/history/people/faculty/krauthamer.html

25 October - Cara Crandall (graduate student, Language, Literacy and Culture concentration)

8 November TBA

29 November - SeonYeong Yu http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/tecs/yu.shtml