ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

FRANK RUCKER    October 13, 2009, 10:00 a.m., Room 151, Hills South.
"What is the cost of an adequate Vermont high school education?"
Chairperson:  Dr. Jeffrey W. Eiseman.

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IRENE RODRIGUEZ MARTIN  November 4, 2009, 11:15 a.m., Room 151, Hills South.  "Insights into the Complexities of Identity in Persisting Hispanic College Students."
Chairperson:  Dr. Sharon Rallis.

The Beacon Deadline is FRI DAY

Please submit Beacon announcements to: Room 126 Furcolo Hall or to dms@educ.umass.edu by 5:00 P.M. on Friday for inclusion in the following issue of The Beacon.
All assistantships will run for two issues and examinations and dissertation proposals will run for one.
**Project Assistantship**

**Educator Licensure Office**

One half-time (10 hours/week) project assistantship is available for Fall 2009 in the Educator Licensure Office.

**Duties include** providing leadership in program development and instruction for workshops preparing students for the Communication and Literacy Skills Test of the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL).

To apply, please submit a letter of application addressing the above responsibilities (which will be used as a writing sample) and a current resume to: Dr. Marge Magouirk Colbert via email at magouirk@educ.umass.edu

All Project Assistantships are contingent on available funding.

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

- **Florence Sullivan**, Assistant Professor, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, was recently named Secretary/Treasurer of AERA’s Qualitative Research Special Interest Group.

- As noted in the latest issue of the Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies newsletter, Dr. **Robert Maloy** has created “Resources for history teachers,” a multimedia wikispace for teachers and students based on the state's History & Social Science Curriculum Framework. “Students in my classes and I have been creating pages of teaching resources for each of the learning standards in the state’s framework for grades 5-12, including ancient history, world geography, US I & II, World History I & II, Government and Economics,” said Dr. Maloy. The statewide newsletter states that “the site includes ideas and resources for teaching and learning the Massachusetts History & Social Science Curriculum Framework that have been contributed by public school teachers and students as well as new teacher candidates from the UMass Amherst School of Education since 2006.” Online 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

**Correcting** last week’s Beacon item about scholarship recipients: Melinda Eichhorn, from Pickerington, Ohio, is a recipient of the Joseph W. Keilty Memorial Scholarship.
National Technology and Social Science Conference

The National Social Science Association is becoming one of the fastest growing associations in the United States with its publications and with its conferences and seminars. The association offers an interdisciplinary flavor to its publications and meetings and also offers faculty an opportunity to also participate in discipline and technology orientated presentations at conferences and seminars.

The association is now soliciting proposals for its National Technology and Social Science Conference, March 28-30, 2010 at the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas. Highlights of the meeting include:

- Special $89 conference rates at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel and those rates also apply to the Friday and Saturday before the conference
- Two days of papers, symposiums, workshops, and technology sessions involving research, teaching, and technology
- Registration includes Sunday night cocktail party, Monday and Tuesday morning continental breakfast, Monday awards luncheon and all breaks
- Student Paper Competition: $200 award for best graduate student paper and $200 award for best undergraduate student paper. These papers will be published in our national journal.
- All presentations can be published in the National Social Science Proceedings and submitted to the refereed National Social Science Journal.

Proposal form for the conference is at the NSSA website at http://www.nssa.us. Membership form is also located at the website.

Future highlights of association activities and publications:

- Summer Seminar August 2010 - a 5 day Mexican cruise out of San Diego
- Fall, 2010 Reno, Nevada, Professional Development Conference
- New National Social Science Technology Journal seeks articles for review and publication
- Book and Media Reviews are being accepted for publication in the national journals

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SAVE THE DATE!    FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009

The MACTE/COMTE/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*
New England Conference on Multicultural Education (NECME)

“Using Culturally Responsive Teaching to Close the Achievement Gap: Theoretical Perspectives and Practical Applications”

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 8:30 a.m. to Noon
Millard Auditorium - University of Hartford
West Hartford, Connecticut 06117

Limited free parking in Lot “F” - adjacent to Lincoln Theater
Registration: You may register online at www.aces.org. There is no fee, but space is limited. Registration deadline is October 9, 2009.

MORNING with Dr. Jackie Jordan-Irvine: please register at www.aces.org
Morning session is followed by a panel discussion.

AFTERNOON with Dr. Sonia Nieto: please RSVP to ahalloran@crec.org
To RSVP for the free afternoon session sponsored by the Connecticut Chapter of NAME (National Association for Multicultural Education) featuring Dr. Sonia Nieto, please email ahalloran@crec.org
Note that if you stay for afternoon session you are invited to bring your own lunch or to purchase one in the cafeteria. In addition to the discussion with Dr. Nieto, the afternoon event includes touring the University High School of Science & Engineering Magnet School on the University of Hartford campus. Also, Connecticut NAME will be holding a raffle for free books on the topic of multicultural education in the afternoon session, including some titles by Dr. Nieto.

About the Keynote Speaker:
Jacqueline Jordan Irvine is the Charles Howard Candler Professor Emeritus at Emory University and Visiting Professor at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Irvine’s specialization is in multicultural education and urban teacher education, particularly the education of African Americans. Her books include, Black Students and School Failure, Growing Up African American in Catholic Schools, Critical Knowledge for Diverse Students, Culturally Responsive Lesson Planning for Elementary and Middle Grades, In Search of Wholeness: African American Teachers and Their Culturally Specific Pedagogy, and Seeing with the Cultural Eye. In addition to these books, she has published numerous articles and book chapters and presented hundreds of papers to professional education and community organizations.

Some of awards and recognitions include: American Educational Research Association (AERA)’s Outstanding Achievement Award - Research Focus on Black Education (RFBE) SIG; Distinguished Career Award from Committee on the Role and Status of Minorities; Dewitt-Wallace/AERA Lecture Award; President’s Distinguished Service Award from the SIG: RFBE; AERA Social Justice Award; Division G’s award for Outstanding Service in the Preparation of the Next Generation.

The American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education has recognized her work with the Outstanding Writing Award; Hunt Lecture; and the Lindsay Award for Distinguished Research in Teacher Education. Emory University noted Dr. Irvine’s accomplishments with The Distinguished Emory University Faculty Lecture and Award; Thomas Jefferson Award, an award given at Commencement to a faculty for their contributions in research and service; and Emory University’s Crystal Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching Graduate Education. Dr. Irvine was elected to the National Academy of Education in 2007.

Panel Discussion Moderator: Dr. Maria Pacheco, Co-Director, New England Equity Assistance Center, The Education Alliance at Brown University
Panelists:
Dr. Sonia Nieto, Professor Emeritus, UMASS Amherst
Dr. Jacqueline Jordan Irvine, Professor Emeritus, Emory University, and Visiting Professor at the University of Maryland
Dr. Marion H. Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Connecticut State Department of Education, Division of Teaching, Learning and Instructional Leadership
Dr. Elizabeth “Ann” Carabillo, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, New Britain Public Schools
Mr. John Nguyen, History Teacher, James Hillhouse High School, New Haven Public Schools
NECME, cont’d
Afternoon session
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
“Becoming a Multicultural Educator: A Teacher’s Journey”
Discussion led by Sonia Nieto
Professor Emerita, Language, Literacy & Culture
University of Massachusetts, Amherst School of Education
Please RSVP to Aileen Halloran, president of CTNAME at ahalloran@crec.org  www.ctname.org

Grant Writing for Grad Students
The UMass Graduate Student Grant Service presents the following workshop for those in the sciences
and social sciences.

Intro to the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
If you are pursuing a research-based masters or PhD in one of the supported
fields* and have not yet completed three semesters of your program, and if you
are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you are eligible to apply for this
prestigious fellowship, which provides three years of support.

Presented by Prof. Stu Shulman, Dept. of Political Science.
Fri., Sept. 25, 10-11:30 a.m, Campus Center 911-15.
All are welcome. No registration is necessary.Arrive early, as we will begin promptly at 10.A flyer for this workshop is
available for downloading at http://blogs.umass.edu/gsgs/downloads/
*Supported fields: Chemistry, Computer Science and Information Science and
Engineering, Engineering, Geosciences, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences,
Physics and Astronomy, Science Education, Psychology (non-clinical), Social
Sciences (non-clinical)

Award? Article? Book? Presentation?
Email ideas, accomplishments to:
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THANKS!

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for your faculty listing on the school’s
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MACTE
MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION
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.

The NEERO Board is pleased to announce that we are now accepting proposals for the 2010 NEERO Conference. Proposals may be submitted through Monday, October 26 at 11:59pm.

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the link provided on the NEERO website at www.neero.org. The Call for Proposals (CFP), also posted on the website, provides details about types of presentations and proposal requirements. Please review the CFP before submitting a proposal.

Two-step proposal submission process.
First, complete an electronic cover sheet and provide an abstract.
Second, you will then be directed to a website where you can e-mail your proposal summary to NEERO as a pdf or Word attachment.

Please plan to join us at the 2010 conference as we return to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The conference will be held April 7-9, 2010 at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel.

Drey Martone, NEERO Membership Director Phone: 518-454-5262
Email: martoned@strose.edu
Conference Fees Full-time Student: Early Registration $70, Regular Registration $90
Professional: Early Registration $120, Regular Registration $145
Hotel Single or Double Rate: $151

More information will be available at www.neero.org later this fall.