

**Faculty Forum
Commonwealth Honors Program**

**Diversity in the Honors Program:
Recruiting and Supporting Students with Disabilities**

Friday, November 18, 2005

University of Massachusetts Lowell

All faculty are invited and encouraged to attend and participate

Faculty Forum Q&A

- Q.** *Is there a place in the Honors Program for students with learning disabilities?*
- A.** *Yes, learning differently is not learning less.*
- Q.** *Do I really have to make accommodations to learning, sensory, or physical disabilities in my class?*
- A.** *Yes, federal law requires reasonable accommodations.*
- Q.** *I'm sure this can't apply to my field.*
- A.** *Yes, it applies to everyone.*
- Q.** *Isn't it impossible to incorporate so many needs into a single class?*
- A.** *Nope, strategies of universal design and diversified instruction enhance teaching for all students.*
- Q.** *How am I supposed to know about these approaches?*
- A.** *Come join us on November 18 at UMass Lowell.*
- Q.** *Do I have to be an "Honors Instructor" to come?*
- A.** *Well, every instructor is potentially an Honors Instructor, so we hope you all join us.*
- Q.** *Wait a minute. Isn't diversity about things like culture and ethnicity?*
- A.** *Yes, and disability too. Disability occurs across all social groups*



Save the date!

Why come to a Faculty Forum?

Come hear what your colleagues have to say

Come for morning coffee and midday lunch

Come because it is a great idea

Come share your thoughts and insights

Come meet colleagues from Massachusetts state university, college, and community college campuses

Presentations will include:

- History and background of disability law
- Overview of disability categories
- Differences between HS and college for students who have received disability related services
- What is a "reasonable" accommodation
- Integrating Universal Design and Diversified Instruction in teaching
- Resources for UD and DI
- Office for Disability Services
- Student Counseling Services
- Working with Assistive Technology
- Kurzweil 3000 demonstration
- Student perspectives
- Best practices

More details to follow!

Questions:

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