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## Dr. Garyn Tsuru awarded Excellence in Teaching Regents Medal

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UH West O'ahu Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Garyn Tsuru was recognized with the 2010-2011 University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Medal for Excellence in Teaching for his outstanding dedication to student learning. This prestigious award is given to faculty members who exhibit an extraordinary level of subject mastery and scholarship, teaching effectiveness and creativity, and personal values that benefit students.

"Dr. Tsuru plays a huge role in students' lives at UHWO. His commitment to helping students learn and understand the material is truly admirable. He doesn't just want you to understand the material but he wants you to understand how it relates to your life," noted a UH West O'ahu student.



Dr. Tsuru demonstrates his commitment to student success by going out of his way to be accessible for questions outside of the classroom, offering interactive and engaging class lectures and teaching with an infectious enthusiasm, passion and genuine love for the subject.

"He displays a natural sense of patience and care for his students and their education," noted another UH West O'ahu student. "I feel he has made a tremendous impact on my life not only as a student but as a person."

Dr. Tsuru is an assistant professor of Psychology in the Social Sciences Division at UH West O'ahu. Trained as a Clinical Psychologist, his research interests include the examination of culture and psychopathology, as well as the evaluation of the U.S. mental health service delivery system. In order to support this effort, Dr. Tsuru launched the Psychotherapy Process and Treatment Outcome Lab at the UHWO. The purpose of this lab is to examine the impact of Hawai'i's diverse multicultural heritage on clinical phenomena, while providing opportunities for students to expand their education beyond traditional classroom settings. He is also a psychological consultant to the multi-disciplinary research team made up of UHWO faculty studying the Honouliuli Internment Camp on the island of O'ahu.

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