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English Student Receives Future Leaders Scholarship



Congratulations to PhD candidate in English Avree Ito-Fujita, who has been awarded the 2017 International Writing Centers Association President's Future Leaders Scholarship. She is one of only four student leaders nationwide who received the award *and* this is her second IWCA award.

Ito-Fujita and three other UH Mānoa representatives will give a panel presentation at the IWCA Annual Conference in Chicago later this month. Playing up the conference's "spy" theme, their presentation is titled "The Inside Job: Supporting Institutional Access in the Writing Center," and they will highlight ways that writing center practitioners can infiltrate their campuses, build programs, and cultivate learning communities to promote access and participation.

Ito-Fujita's individual presentation, "Tutors Between Writing Centers: Forming Online and F2F Identities," explores how UH Mānoa's Writing Center became the training ground for another campus-based writing center program, the Online Learning Academy's community-based writing center, and how writing center tutors mitigate online and face-to-face identities in order to adapt to community needs.

During her undergraduate and graduate careers at UH Mānoa, Ito-Fujita has worked for multiple writing programs. An ambitious and self-driven student who enjoys collaborating with writers, she not only is a PhD candidate in the English department but also a writing center tutor and coordinator. Ito-Fujita's academic research focuses on writing center pedagogy where she aims to identify best practices for community writing center administrators, tutors, and writers. Her interests and experience originate in writing, but expand to other areas. Eventually she would like to be a part of the animation film and video game industry.

The 2017 IWCA President's Future Leaders Scholarship is one of several academic accolades Ito-Fujita has received throughout her distinguished academic career. Grateful for the opportunities afforded her by UH Mānoa, this Kapolei native, now Mānoa resident, wants to stir the passion for writing in others. She comments, "I would like to emphasize that the UH System is home to many wonderful writing center programs and UH Mānoa is home to two of them. UH Mānoa's Writing Center (www.english.hawaii.edu/writingcenter/) serves students, faculty, and staff of UH Mānoa. The Online Learning Academy's writing center (<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ola/>) provides tutoring services to all students in the State of Hawai'i. Both services are free and I encourage people to check out programs at their home campuses."

About the IWCA:

The International Writing Centers Association, a National Council of Teachers of English affiliate founded in 1983, fosters the development of writing center directors, tutors, and staff by sponsoring meetings, publications, and other professional activities; by encouraging scholarship connected to writing center-related fields; and by providing an international forum for writing center concerns.

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