PUBLIC HEALTH'S Dr. Tetine Sentell presented Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching |

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Congratulations to Tetine Sentell, PhD, Assistant Professor in the John A. Burns School of Medicine's Office of Public Health Studies, and winner of the 2013 Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Sentell teaches Health Policy and Management, specifically US Health Policy and the US Health Care System.

The excitement she brings to teaching shines through when she is asked to describe the passion she brings to her job. "By teaching in public health, I am helping to provide the next generation of passionate and committed public health professionals with the tools to make the health differences they would like in their communities and around the world," Dr. Sentell explained.



Award recipients at the ceremony on April 30.

Her research is about how language, literacy and education help us better understand racial/ethnic health disparities: higher rates of disease and worse treatment outcomes faced by certain segments of our community.

“My research helps to identify inequalities across a variety of health outcomes,” said Dr. Sentell. “We are also using this information to develop and test meaningful health interventions for those with different language and literacy backgrounds.”

The need educated public health workers at the individual, community, national, and international level is very tangible, according to Dr. Sentell. “Many students come to this area with a strong desire to make a difference. As a teacher, my primary goal is to ensure that my students have both the fundamental skills and the critical information they need to put their commitments to work and to effect positive change in the health of individuals and communities,” she said.

The Regents’ Medal for Excellence in Teaching is awarded annually by the University of Hawai`i Board of Regents as tribute to faculty members who exhibit an extraordinary level of subject mastery and scholarship, teaching effectiveness and creativity and personal values that benefit students. This year’s awards were presented on April 30, 2013. Read more about this year’s Awards Ceremony at UH Mānoa, a first for the campus, at **UH MĀNOA AWARDS**.