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Corinne Kodama given National Award from NASPA *Runner-Up of the Melvene D. Hardee Dissertation of the Year Award*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Corinne Maekawa Kodama, a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Illinois at Chicago and adjunct faculty at Loyola University Chicago, is the 2015 runner-up of the Melvene D. Hardee Dissertation of the Year Award.

This award recognizes outstanding dissertation research conducted by doctoral degree recipients presently in or intending to enter the student affairs profession. Kodama was honored for her dissertation titled, “A Structural Model of Leadership Self-Efficacy for Asian American Students: Examining Influences of Collective Racial Esteem and Resilience.”

“The quantitative analysis was extremely strong, says Lisa Bardill Moscaritolo, dean of students at Pace University in Pleasantville. “The topic was excellent as well as we try to understand how leadership programs; our understanding of resilience can help us retain more students. It is applicable to what we are doing in student affairs.”

David DiRamio, associate professor at Auburn University says, “Her dissertation has reasonably broad appeal in two areas: (1) understanding the emerging population of Asian American students and (2) contributing to the large body of work in self-efficacy studies. The use of quantitative methods and the techniques demonstrated high levels of skill and was scholarly in terms of clarity of writing and organization.”

Corinne’s research has focused on the leadership development of racially diverse populations, commuter and transfer student issues, and Asian American student and identity development. Her research has been published in peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, an edited book, and national reports. She also frequently presents at professional conferences and has been a keynote speaker at student leadership conferences.

As a scholar-practitioner she has worked primarily at public institutions, including community colleges, in the areas of multicultural affairs, undergraduate admissions, career services, and assessment. Kodama has received numerous awards for her work, including the UIC Student Affairs Division Outstanding Academic Professional, NASPA Region IV-East Research Award, and ACPA Asian Pacific American Network Outstanding Contribution to Research. Corinne has a M.A. in College Student Personnel from the University of Maryland and bachelor’s degrees from the University of Washington.

Kodama and the other National Award winners will be honored in March at the 2015 NASPA Annual Conference in New Orleans, La.