

The  
**K.T. Tang Faculty Excellence Award in Research**  
recognizes faculty scholars who have made significant contributions to their disciplines through dissemination of research findings related to the discovery, integration, or application of knowledge. This award is presented to

**Teru Toyokawa**  
**Associate Professor of Psychology**

Teru Toyokawa's career as a highly productive scholar began as a graduate student at Pennsylvania State University, and before he came to PLU in 2002 he had already published nine peer-reviewed articles in English and Japanese either as a graduate student or by virtue of his earlier clinical work in Japan. Since coming to PLU he has been a prolific scholar and generous collaborator.

Teru's scholarship explores an area of longstanding interest: the contextual and parental influences on adolescent development and the transition to adulthood. Within the past year, he has published two empirical papers in refereed journals, was the lead author on three conference presentations, and was co-author on three additional conference presentations. The 2010 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence – a professional society whose members come from 30 countries - was the venue for two of the three papers on which Dr. Toyokawa was the lead presenter.

Teru's generous collaboration with other scholars in his field brought letters of support for his nomination for this award, and not only from colleagues at PLU but from his collaborators around the country, including the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the University of Michigan. Further, Teru Toyokawa has brought his students into the fold of his scholarship. A colleague writes that Teru "serves as an admirable scholarly exemplar for our majors while providing them the opportunity to have their work reviewed by his peers in the field and to present their scholarly contributions within a critical, professional context."

For research accomplishments, Pacific Lutheran University bestows on Teru Toyokawa the 2011-2012 K.T. Tang Award for Faculty Excellence in Research.

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