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For Immediate Release

Governors State University professor receives award for research in minority health issues

University Park, August 23, 2005—Dr. Kyusuk Chung of the College of Health Professions at Governors State University has won the 2005 Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award.

The award is presented by the American Public Health Association's (APHA) Gerontological Health Section.



Dr. Kyusuk Chung

The Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award recognizes researchers whose work can have a positive impact on the lives of elder members of minority groups. It also considers the work's ability to help eliminate disparities in the way patients are treated by the health care system.

Chung's research was presented in his article "Does the Type of Care-Giving Matter for Timely Hospice Care?" It was one of 100 articles considered for the Cleckley Award by APHA.

The award is presented annually. Last year, Chung received "Honorable Mention" for similar research.

Dr. Linda Samson, dean of the College of Health Professions, said, "We are proud of Dr. Chung's recognition by his peers, and we're pleased that we have been able to offer him an environment that will allow him to continue to study this issue."

Samson added that Chung's findings have important implications for those who could benefit from hospice care.

"Dr. Chung's research will help improve access to hospice care as well as the quality of experiences people have when they enter a hospice," she said.

Chung will receive the award in person at the American Public Health Association's 133rd Annual Meeting in New Orleans this November.