HIMB students win best presentation and best poster awards at the 2013 Albert L. Tester Memorial Symposium

Matthew Iacchei, Jonathan Whitney, and Nyssa Silbiger won the Best Presentation awards at the 38th Annual Albert L. Tester Memorial Symposium on April 19, 2013. Matthew Iacchei (advisor Associate Research Professor Rob Toonen) presented the paper “Combined analyses of kinship and Fst suggest potential drivers of chaotic genetic patchiness in high gene-flow populations.” Jonathan Whitney (advisor Associate Research Professor Steve Karl) presented the paper “Experimental removal of the introduced grouper, roi (Cephalopholis argus); a community-based approach to coral reef system restoration.” Nyssa Silbiger (advisor Assistant Research Professor Megan Donahue) presented the paper “Net erosion increases with rising ocean acidity.” Keisha Rodriguez (advisor Research Professor Paul Jokiel) won Best Poster award.

Also from HIMB: Jamie Sziklay (advisor Megan Donahue) won Best Rapid Fire Presentation.

The Albert L. Tester Memorial Symposium is held in honor of Professor Albert Tester who, at the time of his death in 1974, was Senior Professor Zoology at the University of Hawai‘i. The Tester Memorial Symposium welcomes papers reporting original research on any aspect of science and are solicited from students at the University of Hawai‘i. The Symposium has awarded prizes to the three best papers, judged on quality, originality, research significance, and quality of public presentation each year since 1976.