

**David Lassner
President of the University of Hawai'i**

David Lassner serves as the 15th President of the University of Hawai'i, Hawai'i's statewide system of public higher education comprised of 10 campuses and 7 education centers on six islands. The University of Hawai'i System is the sole provider of public higher education in Hawai'i with campuses ranging from open-door community colleges through a world-class research university. He has worked at the University since 1977, and was most recently its Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer. He has taught online and in person in computer science, communications, business and education.

Lassner has played an active leadership role in a variety of local, national and international ICT organizations. Locally, he served on the boards of Hawai'i's High Technology Development Corporation and Hawai'i's PBS affiliate and he chaired Hawai'i's Broadband Task Force. Nationally and internationally he has chaired the boards of EDUCAUSE and the Pacific Telecommunications Council, and has served on the boards of Internet2 and the Pacific Northwest Gigapop, and led education activities for the Internet Society.

Lassner led a major statewide federally funded project that interconnected Hawai'i's public schools, libraries and campuses on six islands with fiber optics and has received multiple awards from the National Science Foundation focused on research & education networking and cyberinfrastructure, to include exploring connecting colleges and universities in the Pacific Islands. He is Principal Investigator for the Maui High Performance Computing Center and for the Pacific Disaster Center, major U.S. Department of Defense programs on Maui.

Within WICHE, Lassner was one of the founding Steering Committee members for the Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications (WCET) and twice chaired the Committee and also served on the Executive Board. He has been recognized with WCET's Richard Jonsen Award for distinguished service to educational telecommunications.

Lassner earned an A.B. in Economics summa cum laude and M.S. in Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a Ph.D. in Communication and Information Sciences from the University of Hawai'i.