

I am Ashley Maynard and I am the chair of the psychology department at UH Manoa. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. I'm here with my colleagues Chuck Mueller, Catherine Sophian, Enid Takazono, and Vicky Keough. You may have heard about the recent evacuation of Gartley Hall on the Manoa campus. This evacuation has had a devastating impact on our program. We need adequate, safe space now so that we can continue to provide our services to the campus and community.

On September 30, Gartley Hall was closed because it is in danger of falling down. We have known for years that there were problems with the foundation of Gartley, but these problems reached a critical mass about three weeks ago, as you may have seen from the poster on the way in.

We currently have about 23 faculty, 100 graduate students, and 400 majors. Psychology has been the biggest single major at Manoa over the past five years. We also serve thousands of students each year who take our general education courses. We are the only PhD program in this state that is accredited by the American Psychological Association. Each year, we provide thousands of hours of clinical consultation, free to our community, through our clinical training program.

On September 30 when Gartley was closed, all faculty, staff, graduate students, and student services were relocated to offices and spaces all over the campus. We were able to bring only a few of our most essential materials. We are happy to be safe from harm, but these are only temporary spaces, and being scattered does not provide the consistent and stable collegial interaction that is at the heart of any university program. We are mostly squatting in offices of people on leave who will return in 7-8 weeks. We are presently still able to meet our teaching obligations, but research and clinical services have been severely compromised.

I am here to ask that Manoa provide us with adequate temporary working space that is reasonably free of asbestos, chlordane, mold, and other hazardous materials so that we can continue to provide our high quality of service to the campus and community. We need contiguous space for offices, classrooms, and laboratories, and we need to know soon where we are going to go. Of course, we are also here to support the request for the funds for Gartley Hall to be renovated or for a completely new building to house our department. We understand that UH Manoa has a number of needs in the physical plant, but we have reached a point where we cannot wait any more. Thank you for your time.

I would be happy to answer any questions if there are any.

C: Chair