



Dr. Gustavo Teixeira

Brazilian Lecturer Leads Course on Learning Disorders

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Dr. Gustavo Teixeira, a visiting lecturer from Brazil, just wrapped up a week-long course in the special education department for area elementary school teachers that centered on assisting students with learning disorders.

The course, "PsychoEducation in the Classroom," covered a variety of learning disorders including mental retardation, speech impediments and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

Dr. Teixeira, a lecturer at Candido Mendes University and Volta Redonda University, both in Rio de Janeiro, said the course's aim is to provide information on the early diagnosis of learning disorders and on special education teaching methods. That information, he said, is crucial for teachers to have in order to assist students with learning disabilities.

"When you have full knowledge of a disorder it's much easier to help," he said.

The teachers also developed anti-bullying, anti-drug and specialized ADHD programs to introduce to their schools.

Dr. Teixeira is also a child psychiatrist and has three books published in Brazil on child and teen issues: *Drugs -- Guide for Parents and Teachers*, *Behavioral Disorders in Children and Adolescents*, and *Little King*. (Story and photo by Robert Matheson, Office of Institutional Communications)