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Wisconsin professor receives outstanding early-career scholar award

Dr. Kaping Chen, assistant professor in computational communication in the Department of Life Sciences Communication at the University of Wisconsin, has been selected as the 2023 recipient of the Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Early Career Woman-Scholar Award. This prestigious award, which is presented annually by the Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for the Advancement of Women at Florida International University and the AEJMC Commission on the Status of Women, is designed to recognize “outstanding scholarship” and the “unique strengths” of a woman-scholar in communication and media scholarship.

The selection committee noted that “your nomination packet embodies this goal.” In the opinion of one reviewer, her application reflected “important research that can (and seemingly does) have a significant impact for scholars and society.” A second reviewer summarized her important work simply: “Wow, just wow. Very impressive at all levels.”

The award will be presented at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference in August in Washington.

The [Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication](#) in the College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts at Florida International University is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year with a yearlong program, **A Decade of Celebrating Women’s Voices**—the voices of students, alumni, scholars, and professionals in our community and beyond who participated and continue to participate in webinars and workshops, leadership training activities, national networking opportunities, and mentorship programs. The center began its programming in 2013. Its mission is to become the nation's premier hub for the training and promotion of a diverse and inclusive cadre of the next generation of exceptional women leaders and visionaries who will join the workforce of the future and make a difference in their communities and in their professions.



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