



Empowering Women in Academia—Today and Tomorrow

Women Faculty Moving Forward: Successfully Navigating the Academy

Pre-Conference Workshop

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Conference

New Orleans, August 4, 2026

Looking for advice, mentoring, and open discussion about academia? Join the Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen Preconference Workshop for Early Career Women on Tuesday, August 4, at the AEJMC conference in New Orleans. Hear from women who have been through the promotion and tenure process, worked in administration, managed classrooms, developed research agendas, juggled work and personal lives, and worked through problems and solutions. This workshop is designed for those on the tenure track, teaching professors, and/or anyone seeking strategies for teaching, research and service in colleges and universities. Those admitted to the program will become Kopenhagen Center fellows and will be invited to future programming from the Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication at Florida International University.

Sponsored by the AEJMC Commission on the Status of Women, the Kopenhagen Center and the AEJMC Council of Affiliates, this 14th annual workshop, Women Faculty Moving Forward: Successfully Navigating the Academy, is designed to help junior women faculty members move

forward in their careers through mentoring, networking, and preparing for tenure and promotion and administration or other leadership positions.

Speakers, panelists, and roundtable leaders include senior scholars and administrators and amazing women colleagues who have achieved significant leadership positions in their careers.

Keynote speaker for the workshop is Tracy Lucht, interim dean, Greenlee College of Journalism and Communication, Iowa State. **Panelists:** Lisa Margaretha Geertsema-Sligh, Professor of Journalism and Director of Graduate Studies in the College of Communication, Butler-Indianapolis; Jaime Loke, Associate Professor of Journalism, Texas Christian; Jeannine Relly, Professor and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Advancement, Arizona; Celeste Gonzales de Bustamante, founding Director of the Center for Global Change and Media and Mary Gibbs Jones Centennial Chair in Communication, Moody College of Communication; Texas at Austin; Ingrid Bachmann, Associate Professor in the School of Communications at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile and director of the Millennium Nucleus on Digital Inequalities and Opportunities, a research project funded by Chile's National Agency for Research and Development.

In addition to the training and networking at this workshop, participants, who will be designated Kopenhagen Center Fellows, will be invited to take part in activities of both the CSW and the Kopenhagen Center during the year and receive communications and invitations from both groups. They will also be invited to reunite with new and previous fellows in a networking session following the workshop at each conference each year.

The deadline for applications is June 15, 2026. If you have any questions, contact Carla Zensen at czensen@fiu.edu

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