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The 2021 RGK-ARNOVA President's Award

to

Viviana Wu, Ji Ma, and Chao Guo

for

The Matthew Effect in American Generosity? Examining Inequality in Philanthropic Capacity Across Place and Time

The 2021 RGK-ARNOVA President's Award is presented to Viviana Chiu Sik Wu, Assistant Professor of Public Policy School of Public Policy, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Ji Ma, Assistant Professor in Philanthropic and Nonprofit Studies LBJ School of Public Affairs, the University of Texas at Austin; and Chao Guo, Professor of Nonprofit Management, School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania.

The five committee members have read through good proposals and evaluated all focusing on methodological rigor, creativity, comparative and international contribution, theory, and capacity. The selected proposal got the highest score, and we consensus to conclude that it should be the award winner.

The research topic is significant in philanthropy studies, such as inequality in philanthropic capacity in minority regions and communities. Researchers use multiple merged datasets and computational analysis to see processes of inequality across place and time, with an eye towards the Matthew Effect of self-reinforcement. Even though this research method can still be improved using other datasets to probe the research hypothesis for this study, the ability to inform and impact other philanthropic research and produce generalizable results is relatively high.

The award selection sub-committee composed of Gary Adler, Yuan Cheng, Reza Hasmath, Sung-Ju Kim, and Yu Ishida takes great pleasure in awarding the 2021 RGK-ARNOVA President's Award to Drs. Viviana Wu, Ji Ma, and Chao Guo.