



Faculty Member of the Year Award

Cher Weixia Chen

Cher Weixia Chen is a professor in the School of Integrative Studies, the founder of the Human Rights and Global Justice Initiative, a senior scholar of the Center for the Advancement of Well-Being, and a faculty fellow of the Institute for a Sustainable Earth at George Mason University. Chen co-developed the undergraduate social justice and human rights concentration, social justice and human rights minor, and MAIS social justice and human rights concentration. She coordinates and teaches courses in the international studies, legal studies, and social justice and human rights concentrations. Chen is the recipient of the George Mason University OSCAR Mentoring Excellence Award (2021), Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice (2023-24), Human Rights in Higher Education Award by University and College Consortium for Human Rights Education (2024), and College of Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Civic Excellence Award (2025). Chen has written, co-written, and co-edited six books and numerous articles and chapters, focusing on the issues of human rights (particularly the rights of marginalized groups such as women's rights and Indigenous rights) and law and policy.