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Dr. Yu received her Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy from Auburn University and is currently an Associate Professor and the Graduate Chair of the Public Administration Program at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Her research interests include the recruitment, retention, and promotion of women in federal law enforcement and policy decision-making in policing. She has over 30 peer-reviewed publications ([Google Scholar](#)) and has conducted important research with various federal law enforcement agencies in the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Justice. In addition, Dr. Yu is an Associate Editor for two academic journals and serves on several academic boards.

In 2014, Dr. Yu retired from the United States Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel after 20 years of service and is a retired Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI). She began her law enforcement career in 1996 and held numerous positions to include Supervisory Special Agent, Special Agent in Charge, AFOSI Liaison Officer to HQ Air Force and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and Deputy Counterintelligence Coordinating Authority at United States Indo-Pacific Command. She also served on three deployments in support of Operations JOINT FORGE, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM.

Dr. Yu was previously appointed as a WIFLE® Board Member from 2015-2021 and currently serves as a Senior Advisor. In this capacity, she provides consultation to the Foundation on the recruitment, retention and promotion of women in federal law enforcement and education to the criminal justice system and the media of the value that women bring to law enforcement.