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The Women Chemists Committee (WCC) of the American Chemical Society (ACS) has named the 2017 recipients of its Rising Star Award, which recognizes exceptional early- to midcareer women chemists across all areas of chemistry on a national level.

- **Ah-Hyung (Alissa) Park, Ph.D.**
Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Engineering & Chemical Engineering
Columbia University
- **Erin E. Carlson, Ph.D.**
Associate Professor of Chemistry
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- **Yimon Aye, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor of Chemistry & Chemical Biology
Cornell University
- **Beata A. Kilos, Ph.D.**
Associate Research Scientist in Core R&D, Inorganic Materials and Heterogeneous Catalysis
The Dow Chemical Company (Midland, MI)
- **Erin S. Baker, Ph.D.**
Senior Research Scientist IV in the Biological Sciences Division, Earth & Biological Sciences
Directorate
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- **Rebecca Abergel, Ph.D.**
Staff Scientist in the Chemical Sciences Division
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Selection as a Rising Star is a distinct honor of professional accomplishment within this leading organization of chemists. The winners will highlight their work at an award symposium held at the 253rd National Meeting of the ACS in San Francisco, CA on Monday, April 3, 2017, and receive travel stipends.

The Rising Star Award was established in 2011 to help promote retention of women in science. More information about WCC and its awards is available at <http://womenchemists.sites.acs.org/>.

The Women Chemists Committee (WCC) serves the membership of the American Chemical Society with its mission to be leaders in attracting, retaining, developing, promoting, and advocating for women in the chemical sciences.

The American Chemical Society is a nonprofit organization chartered by the U.S. Congress. With more than 156,000 members, ACS is the world's largest scientific society and a global leader in providing access to chemistry-related research through its multiple databases, peer-reviewed journals and scientific conferences. Its main offices are in Washington, D.C., and Columbus, Ohio.