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### **Professor Zhang Receives ASEE New Faculty Award**

**Tampa, Fla. (March 29, 2011)** – Assistant Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering Qiong Zhang has been selected as the recipient of the 2011 ASEE-SE (American Society of Engineering Education-South Eastern section) New Faculty Research Award. Professor Zhang will receive the award April 11 at the Annual Meeting held this year at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. This award is given to young faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and research.

Prof. Zhang's teaching and research interests are in green engineering, sustainability, life cycle assessment, water-energy systems, and water supply and treatment. Her research is supported by the National Science Foundation through grants from their MUSES, CCLI, and S-STEM programs and the Florida Energy Systems Consortium. She was a co-recipient of the 2008 Best Paper Award by the Environmental Engineering Division of the American Society for Engineering Education and has also contributed to development of two engineering textbooks, *Water Treatment: Principles and Design*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (John Wiley, 2005) and *Environmental Engineering: Fundamentals, Sustainability, and Design* (John Wiley, 2010).

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