



NAM CENTER FOR KOREAN STUDIES

2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Nam Center,

Thanks to our very dedicated network of Korean studies scholars and public community, 2018-19 was an incredibly active year for the Center. From cultural activities to academic conferences and programs, we were able to host a number of events that have continued to broaden the reach of Korean studies at the University and beyond. As we enter our second decade as a Center, we are humbled by the growth that has been achieved and are excited to lead the next generation of Korean studies students and faculty to new horizons.

Starting our public programming for the semester was the eighth annual Chuseok Dae Party, held for the first time at our new home of Weiser Hall. This new space allowed us to substantially increase the scale of the event with over 900 individuals in attendance, including over 70 student volunteers and performers. Seeing the Diag full of the sights and sounds of Korea was an incredible experience and by increasing outreach to elementary students, we hope to cultivate a wider interest in Korean culture for children throughout the Ann Arbor area.

The October 2018 Perspectives on Contemporary Korea Conference “Korean Religion and Happiness” brought together some of the greatest minds in the fields of Korean religion and society. These participants included roundtable discussion faculty members Robert Buswell (UCLA), Hwansoo Kim (Yale), Seong-Uk Kim (Columbia), and Jin Y Park (American University). Additionally, Buddhist Monks from the Taego and Jogye orders served as guests and offered their own perspectives: Chul Keun Lee, Jongmae Park, and Sun Ho Ryu. By exploring the delineation of religion and happiness in Korean society and the roles religious institutions should play to achieve this goal, the conference was extremely enlightening and encompassed a wide interdisciplinary breadth.














2018-19 was the first year for the Center that we have had the opportunity to host two postdoctoral fellows to serve as mentors and instructors for Korean studies students at U-M: Nam Center postdoc Hyewon Kim and Korea Foundation postdoc Rory Walsh. Both Dr. Kim and Dr. Walsh led the Undergraduate Fellows Program which included 24 students, culminating in a trip to Los Angeles in February 2019 for the UM-USC Exchange Conference. Our postdocs also served as lead mentors for the NEKST Conference in May 2019 which brought together over 20 graduate students from across the world to present on their own Korean studies research.

You will find out about all of these programs, and much more, in the following pages of this annual report. Thank you all for your continued support for the Nam Center.

Go Blue!

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OUR MISSION

The Nam Center for Korean Studies at the University of Michigan International Institute encourages social, political, cultural, and economic understanding of Korea in the U-M community and beyond. Through its student and faculty support and ambitious public programming, the center seeks to increase the depth and breadth of resources devoted to Korean studies.

The Nam Center provides a historical context for the campus community and public to better understand current social and political challenges in Korea. With a history spanning more than 5,000 years, Korea boasts one of the world's oldest cultures. The Nam Center works to raise interest and awareness about this fascinating and ancient civilization.

The center supports student and faculty research and recruitment, new curriculum development, and an active colloquium series at the university, bringing eminent Korean Studies scholars from around the world to speak on diverse and complex issues. Additionally, the center provides funding for public programs such as art exhibitions, film festivals, lectures, and conferences.

NAM CENTER FACULTY & STAFF

Director:

Nojin Kwak, Professor and Chair
Communication and Media

Nam Center Core Faculty:

David Chung, Professor, Art and Design
Hwa-Jin Kim, Professor, Law
Joan Kee, Associate Professor, History of Art
Jong-Jin Kim, Associate Professor, Architecture and Urban Planning
Dae-Hee Kwak, Associate Professor, Kinesiology
Youngju Ryu, Associate Professor, ALC
Jordan Siegel, Associate Professor, Business
Juhn Ahn, Assistant Professor, ALC
Jaeun Kim, Assistant Professor, Sociology
Se-Mi Oh, Assistant Professor, ALC
Hye Won Kim, Postdoctoral Fellow
Rory Walsh, Postdoctoral Fellow
Sangkyung Han, Lecturer, ALC
Hunjin Jung, Lecturer, ALC
Hyun-ju Kim, Lecturer, ALC

Affiliated Faculty:

Barbara Anderson, Professor, Sociology
Micah Auerback, Associate Professor, ALC
Benjamin Brose, Associate Professor, ALC
Scott Campbell, Professor, Communication Studies
Kevin Carr, Associate Professor, History of Art
Pär Cassel, Associate Professor, History
Joseph Lam, Professor, School of Music, Theater, & Dance
Linda Lim, Professor Emerita, Business
Donald Lopez, Professor, ALC
Ramaswami Mahalingam, Professor, Psychology, Women's Studies
Abé Markus Nornes, Professor, ALC
Leslie Pincus, Associate Professor, History
Martin Powers, Professor, Chinese Arts and Cultures, History of Art
Jennifer Robertson, Professor, Anthropology, History of Art

Affiliated Staff:

Sarah Heh-Young Baek, Asia Library
Natsu Oyobe, UMMA
Yunah Sung, Asia Library
Jungwon Yang, Stephen S. Clark Library

Visiting Scholars:

Jeongran Cho, Department Head of National R&D Planning Team, National Research Foundation of Korea
Yonghak Kim, Director of Southeast Region Development Division, Seoul Metropolitan Government

Staff:

Do-Hee Morsman, Center Administrator
Peggy Rudberg, Administrative Assistant
Kelsey Langton, Program Coordinator
Evan Vowell, Program Coordinator



Do-Hee Morsman, Center Administrator, speaks with graduate student Gerald Sutton at the annual Center Welcome Reception held September 14, 2018 at the Gerald Ford Library.



Postdoctoral Fellows

Postdoctoral fellows enrich the Korean studies community at UM by engaging in research and leading the Nam Center Undergraduate Fellows program. Postdocs also serve as lead organizers for the annual UM-USC Korean Studies Undergraduate Exchange Conference and the International Conference of NextGen Korean Studies Scholars, along with various outreach activities throughout the year.

2018-19 Postdoctoral Fellows:

Hye Won Kim, Nam Center Postdoctoral Fellow

Rory Walsh, Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow

Rory Walsh, Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, Nam Center for Korean Studies

“As an archaeologist studying Korea’s earliest kingdoms, I have been able to expand and enrich my research during my time at Michigan. I have been able to share my research with new audiences, by giving a lecture in the Colloquium Series, and by joining in the Nam Center’s community outreach programs. I designed and built a new component of the Center’s “A Single Shard program”, creating several small-scale models of real archaeological shipwreck excavations that contained Goryeo celadon. The opportunity to share Korea’s ancient past with young people in the Ann Arbor community while also producing and improving my own research has made my time at Michigan truly extraordinary.”

FACULTY NEWS

Juhn Ahn, Associate Professor, Buddhist and Korean Studies, was appointed the director of undergraduate studies of the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures. He is currently working on the "Economy" chapter for the Cambridge History of Korea's Koryo volume. His most recent publication is a chapter titled "A Hometown in the Heart (1949)" in *Rediscovering Korean Cinema*, edited by Sangjoon Lee; and also a chapter titled "Hakuin" in the *Dao Companion to Japanese Buddhist Philosophy* edited by Gereon Kopf. Both volumes were published in 2019. His chapter titled "Zen Sickness" has been accepted for publication in the *Oxford Handbook of Meditation*. Prof. Ahn's article titled "Have a Korean Lineage and Transmit a Chinese One Too: Lineage Practices in Seon Buddhism" has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Chan Buddhism*. His chapter "The Origins of the Public Chan or Son Monastery in Korea: The Monk Tamjin and his Impact on Son Buddhism" has also been accepted for publication as part of a conference volume titled "Creating the World of Chan, Son, and Zen" edited by Albert Welter. Prof. Ahn was invited to give a talk titled "Lost Graves and Recycled Mourning Sheds: How the Late Koryo Elite Took the Drama Out of Afterlife" at Yale University (Feb. 14, 2019). He was also recently invited to give a talk about his book, *Buddhas and Ancestors* (University of Washington Press), at Columbia University (Nov. 7, 2019). He also presented a paper titled "Giving as Spending and Spending as Giving: Buddhism and the Politics of Spending during the Choson Dynasty" at a Center for Korean Research Workshop titled "Buddhism and Politics in Korea" at Columbia University (Nov. 8, 2019).

Joan Kee, Professor, History of Art, is the first full professor of color in the history of Michigan's art history department and among the very few full professors of Korean heritage at the University of Michigan. She published "Jung Tak-young and the Making of Abstract Ink Painting in Postwar Korea" in *Art Bulletin* 101:4, pp. 117-141 (December 2019). *Art Bulletin* is the leading peer reviewed journal for the discipline of art history. Her work on the article was supported by the Nam Center.

Jaeeun Kim, Associate Professor, Sociology; Korea Foundation Assistant Professor of Korean Studies, was promoted to the Korea Foundation Endowed Associate Professor with tenure effective September 2019. Her article, "Migration-Facilitating Capital: A Bourdieusian Theory of International Migration" published in *Sociological Theory*, won the 2019 Theory Prize from the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association.

This is the prize given to the best article in the field of sociological theory published in the last four years. Her other article publications included: "Ethnic Capital, Migration, and Citizenship: A Bourdieusian Perspective", *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42 (3): 357–85, "'Ethnic Capital' and 'Flexible Citizenship' in Unfavorable Legal Contexts: Stepwise Migration of the Korean Chinese Within and Beyond Northeast Asia." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 45 (6): 939–57. (Special Issue: Strategic Citizenship: Negotiating Membership in the Age of Dual Nationality). "Navigating the Transnational Turn in a Deeply Unequal World: A Research Note." *Perspectives* (Newsletter of the ASA Theory Section) 40 (2): 16–21.

Dae Hee Kwak, Associate Professor, Sports Management, School of Kinesiology, published four peer-reviewed journal articles and gave three academic conference presentations in his research field in sport management. He was invited to give a one-week lecture at Seoul National University in April 2019 to the Dream Together Master's program, which is a government-funded international graduate program to educate future global leaders in sport management. Prof. Kwak also shared his expertise with two Korean sport organizations. He participated as an expert panel on a research project sponsored by Korean Institute of Sports Science (KISS) and consulted Korean Professional Sports Association (KPSA) to help develop a corporate social responsibility program for Korean professional sport organizations.

Youngju Ryu, Associate Professor of Asian Languages and Cultures, spent the 2018-19 academic year as the Huntington Family Faculty Fellow at the Institute for the Humanities at the University of Michigan. At the Institute, she worked on her second monograph, titled [How a Podcast Started a Revolution in South Korea], which she hopes to complete this academic year. She presented parts of this new research at the University of Santa Barbara, Harvard University, the University of Virginia, and the Association of Korean Studies in Europe conference in Rome. She gave additional talks in Korea at Seoul National University, Yonsei University, and Chonnam University. At the University of Michigan, she performed active service on issues of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, as a steering committee member of Women of Color in the Academy Project and as faculty liaison for Michigan Humanities Emerging Scholars program.

2018 Perspectives on Contemporary Korea Conference

October 26-27, 2018 | Ann Arbor, Michigan

“Religion, Politics and Happiness in Korea Conference” was the eighth annual conference on contemporary Korea sponsored by the Nam Center, and the first in the series hosted at Weiser Hall. Professor Juhn Ahn, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, served as the faculty organizer for the conference.

The event brought together 15 leading scholars from various fields and disciplines, including members of the Buddhist Jogye and Taego Orders, to explore the roles religious institutions and other actors play in ensuring happiness in Korean peoples' lives. The conference also examined how religion may have shaped the discourse on happiness in Korea and how efforts to thwart the crisis of happiness may have shaped and redefined religion in Korea to this day.



GRADUATE NEWS

NEKST Conference

7th International Conference of NextGen
Korean Studies Scholars
May 17-18, 2019 | Ann Arbor, Michigan

NEKST is an interdisciplinary conference open to graduate students focusing on Korean studies. The two-day workshop features traditional panel presentations, workshop sessions for dissertation chapters and advanced papers, and a professional development workshop. The conference included 20 student participants from the following institutions:

Chonnam National University
Duke University
Harvard University
John Hopkins University
Korea University
Rutgers University
Stockholm University
University of Auckland
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Illinois, Urbana Campaign
University of Missouri
University of Washington
Yonsei University

UM Organizing Committee

Committee Chair:

Wooseok Kim, Political Science, Statistics

Graduate Students:

Yeon-ju Bae, Anthropology

Haely Chang, History of Art

Youngkyun Choi, Romance Languages and Literature

Charlene Hsiao, Business Administration, Health Informatics

Minh Quang Huynh, Educational Studies

Hayeon Lee, Anthropology, Social Work

Hiroaki Matsusaka, History

Adelina Pinzaru, Asian Languages and Cultures

Moira Saltzman, Linguistics

Seulgi Son, Urban Planning

Jihun Suk, Asian Languages and Cultures

Gerald Sutton, Asian Languages and Cultures

Narith Ta, Asian Languages and Cultures

Jung Yoon Wie, Music Composition

Sunhay You, English and Women's Studies

Post-Doc Advisors:

Joo Young Lee, National Center for Institutional Diversity

Hye Won Kim, Nam Center Post Doctoral Fellow

Rory Walsh, Nam Center Post Doctoral Fellow

Coordinator:

Evan Vowell, Nam Center





Wooseok Kim, 2018-19 AKS Dissertation Fellowship Recipient

“ During my time at Michigan, the Nam Center for Korean Studies has provided me with unique opportunities to interact with scholars of Korean studies from diverse disciplines, which gave me new perspectives about how my own research could be improved. Moreover, I was the recipient of the Center's generous AKS Dissertation Fellowship in 2019. The fellowship enabled me to complete my dissertation chapter titled "Presidents, Majority Control, and the Strategic Targeting of Pork in South Korea, 1989-2018," and also devote more time to help with the organizing of the NEKST 2019 conference, which was an invaluable experience in my graduate career. I am extremely grateful to the Center for their unwavering support, and look forward to working with the Center to promote Korean studies both at Michigan and beyond. ”

SeAH Haiam Arts & Sciences Scholarship

The SeAH Haiam Arts and Sciences Scholarship provides awards each year to support graduate student research projects for academic purposes. This scholarship can be used to fund research travel, data collection, or fieldwork related to Korean studies.

2019 Recipients:

Kunisuke Hirano, Ph.D. Candidate, Asian Languages & Cultures

Moira Saltzman, Ph.D. Candidate, Linguistics

Jung Yoon Wie, Ph.D. Candidate, School of Music, Theatre & Dance; Composition

Jihun Suk, Ph.D. Student, Asian Languages & Cultures

Heeyun Kim, Ph.D. Candidate, Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education

Conference Travel Grants

The following students received funding to present at conferences during the 2018-19 academic year:

Albert Hawks, Ph.D. Student, Sociology
6th International Forum on Asia and the Middle East

Seulgi Son, Ph.D. Student, Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture
4th Conference on Sustainable Business, Energy and Development in Asia

Yeon-ju Bae, Ph.D. Student, Anthropology
2019 Michicagoan Conference

Moira Saltzman, Ph.D. Candidate, Linguistics
5th International Workshop on Sound Change

Chelle Jones, Ph.D. Student, Sociology
2017 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

Nam Center Undergraduate Fellows Program

The Undergraduate Fellows program seeks to stimulate and support interest in exploring topics about Korea. The program welcomes students invested in studies on Korea, looking to become an active member of the Nam Center for Korean Studies.

2018-19 Research Fellows:

Taepyo Kim
Hyunju Lee
Evelyn Kim
Cayla King
Gabriel Mann
Rachel O
Matthew Pantelic
Shauna Paulson
Kathleen Moriarty
Kevin Liu
Jangul (Jackie) Erlon
Priya Judge

2018-19 Outreach Fellows:

Anna Alvarado
Marissa Moore
Shania Allen
Keira Damaska
Rachael McLellan
Alexandra Westman
Kelly Yu
Theodora Reynolds
Kariana Alvarado
Danielle Kim
Hayla Alawi
Malavika Sabu



Korean Studies Undergraduate Exchange Conference

The Korean Studies Institute at the University of Southern California hosted the Nam Center Undergraduate Research fellows at the 7th annual exchange conference on February 16, 2019.

Panels:

Politics within and Surrounding Korea
Voicing Gender & Sexuality
Delineating Boundaries in Pop Culture
Construction of Precarious Belongings

Best Paper Award:

Evelyn Kim, University of Michigan, Political Science
Engaging Youths: Perception of Corruption and Youth Participation in Korean Politics

Best Presentation Award:

Priya Judge, University of Michigan, Public Policy
Reproducing Oppression: Historical Memory & Anti-Asylum Movements in South Korea

2019 Sang-Yong Nam Award

Taepyo (Tommy) Kim was the recipient of the 2019 Sang-Yong Nam Award. The Sang-Yong Nam Award is a \$3,000 scholarship given to a University of Michigan graduating senior each year. The award honors a student whose academic achievement, citizenship, service to the community, and commitment to Korean Studies exemplify the values to which Sang-Yong Nam dedicated his life.



STUDY ABROAD FUNDING

Summer in Korea Scholarships

A gift from alumnus Chairman Dae-Won Moon (MBA, '78) provides annual awards on behalf of the Nam Center to support travel to Korea to attend Yonsei International Summer School in Seoul, Korea. Students spend six weeks in the heart of Seoul to improve their fluency in Korean and deepen their knowledge of Korea. The scholarship also funds tuition, fees, field trips, and travel expenses, making a summer in Korea possible for any UM undergraduate.

2019 Awardees:

Malavika Sabu, Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology

Christopher Underwood, English Secondary Education

Alexandra Westman, Architecture

Pictured left to right: Malavika Sabu, Alexandra Westman



GCC Korea Scholarship

UM students have the opportunity to take their Korean language learning to a practical setting through study abroad with the Korea Global Connections Course. Students travel with UM faculty and peers to the campus of Seoul National University to continue Korean language speaking, writing, and listening, by visiting culturally important sites, meeting local university peers, and exploring an exciting metropolis famous for design, technology, music, and commerce.

2019 Awardees:

Anna Alvarado, Psychology, English

Shion Kim, International Studies

Kathleen Moriarty, Asian Studies

Grace Park, Chemistry

Y. Linh Tran, Chemistry

Malavika Sabu, 2019 Summer in Korea Scholarship Awardee

“ One of my favourite memories from this summer was a visit to Seoul’s oldest bookstore, Daeo Bookstore, where we sat reading Korean texts and sipping on lemon tea, looking out at the beautiful hanok roof. I feel like these moments were invaluable to my education – adding a cultural and social framework to my college experience. ”



Students and instructors of the Korea Global Connections Course gather for a group photo in front of the 'Sha (샤)' at the SNU Main Gate. The structure is shaped after the first consonants '기, 스, 드' of '국립대학법인 서울대학교' (Seoul National University) and represents the key of truth in reference to the university's motto, 'truth is my light'

OUTREACH

Korean Cinema *NOW*

Showcasing the best and brightest of contemporary popular Korean cinema, the 2018-2019 Nam Center film series offers free films at Michigan Theater throughout the winter term. Films are screened in Korean with English subtitles. In total, the film series brought in over 1,100 attendees.

January 12	1987: When the Day Comes (2017)	February 26	Little Forest / 리틀 포레스트 (2018)
January 19	Microhabitat / 소공녀 (2017)	March 16	After My Death / 죄많은 소녀 (2017)
January 26	Believer / 독전 (2018)	March 23	I Can Speak / 아이 캔 스피크 (2017)
February 19	The Fortress / 남한산성 (2017)	April 13	The Spy Gone North / 공작 (2017)

Korea From a Single Shard

"Korea from a Single Shard" provides area teachers with the opportunity to expose their students to Korean culture through literature and art. Students are able to view ceramics related to Korean celadons through a docent-led tour of the Woon-Hyung Lee and Korea Foundation Gallery. The field trip also features a hands-on demonstration of the sanggam decorative technique. The demonstration, led by Schoolcraft College ceramics instructor Christine Laginess, allows each student to decorate a tile with a Korean-inspired motif. The demonstration helps students to empathize with the travails of Tree-Ear, the main character of the book "A Single Shard," which was the inspiration for the curriculum.



Middle School students gather at the Woon-Hyung Lee and Korea Foundation Gallery to compare the Korean celadon pieces on display.



Students enter the Michigan Theater for the Korean Cinema Now series opening film.

INITIATIVES

Summer in Michigan Program in English Language

The Summer in Michigan Program in English Language (SIMPEL), in its fifth year, is an intensive four-week academic English experience for students affiliated with Ajou University in Suwon, Korea. The program is sponsored by the College of Literature, Science and the Arts at the University of Michigan, offered jointly by the English Language Institute and the Nam Center for Korean Studies.

Thirty student participants in 2019 received a solid grounding in all areas of American academic English and an introduction to student life at the University of Michigan. The experience culminated in a capstone project in which students research a topic and display their findings in a poster presentation.

This program is enriched by the participation of ten U-M students who worked as cultural liaisons to act as peer language mentors, and a guide to life at the university.

2019 Cultural Liaisons:

Shania Allen
 Kariana Alvarado
 Brendon Cho
 Molly Cooke
 Sophia Filipe
 Danielle Kim
 Limmy Kim
 Tommy Kim
 James Lee
 Christopher Letterer



Korean Studies e-School

The Korea Foundation (KF) Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) e-School program, in its sixth year, is comprised of thirteen universities in the Midwest. Using video conferencing technology, faculty at the various member institutions are able to offer Korea-related courses to participating universities in real time.

Fall 2018 Courses:

Film Culture in Korea, Se-Mi Oh, University of Michigan

Global Korean Diasporas, Ji-Yeon Yuh, Northwestern University

History of Modern Korea, Michael Robinson, Indiana University

Korean Language in Culture & Society, Sang-Seok Yoon, University of Iowa

Language & Society of the Two Koreas, Hangtae Cho, University of Minnesota

Spring/Winter 2019 Courses:

Controversies in Contemporary Korea, Juhn Ahn, University of Michigan

Cold War Cultures in Korea, Travis Workman, University of Minnesota

The Koreas: Korean War to the 21st Century, Charles Kim, University of Wisconsin

Language & Society of the Two Koreas, Hangtae Cho, University of Minnesota

Making Places in Seoul, Pil Ho Kim, Ohio State University

Ten students enrolled in e-School courses were selected as fellowship recipients to attend Yonsei International Summer School.

2019 e-School Fellowship Awardees:

Tyler Conaway, Ohio State University

Heather Duval, University of Michigan

Alexandra Elkins, Penn State University

Toby Hunter, Indiana University

Yantong Li, University of Iowa

Lucas Maurer, Indiana University

Rachael McLellan, University of Michigan

David Tu, University of Minnesota

Alexis Williams, University of Maryland

Ryan Woock, University of Michigan

Rachael McLellan pictured below at Gyeongbokgung Palace

Rachael McLellan, 2019 e-School Fellowship Awardee

“ My study abroad experience in South Korea helped me develop valuable life skills needed for personal growth, including independence and adaptability. While experiencing a whole new city and culture was overwhelming at first, the more I explored and overcame challenges my confidence grew. ”



EVENTS



Children attending Chuseok learn how to make songpyeon, Korean rice cakes, that serve as a popular symbol of traditional Korean cuisine.

Chuseok Party

September 30, 2018

The Chuseok Dae Party was the seventh annual celebration of Korean Thanksgiving at the Center. Over 900 attendees had the opportunity to experience Korean culture, cuisine, and arts.

Following the Nam Center's move to Weiser Hall, 2018 marked the inaugural Chuseok Party hosted in the new building with outdoor activities taking place in the Diag. The new venue is a welcome change for the Nam Center as it provides innumerable spaces for large festivities and gatherings.

FellowSpeak

"How a Podcast Started a Revolution in South Korea"

November 20, 2018

Youngju Ryu, Professor, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, and Institute for the Humanities Hunting Family Fellow, gave a lecture on the role of the podcast in the impeachment of Park Geun-hye. As part of ongoing work on cultural politics of resistance and democratization, the talk addressed how the podcast boom sparked the carnivalesque rebirth of protest culture at the heart of South Korea's latest struggle for democracy.

Donia Human Rights Center Panel

Human Rights in North Korea: Crimes Against Humanity, Advocacy for Change, and Future Prospects

February 20, 2019

Activists in South Korea and abroad have advocated for the human rights concerns surrounding North Korea to be given top priority but those calls have largely been unheeded by leaders engaging with North Korea. This panel focused on what exactly is happening in North Korea, what kinds of activism has emerged to address these concerns, and what possible ways there are moving forward to improve the lives of the North Korean people. The panel featured three prominent experts of human rights in North Korea who will share their perspectives on these questions as a legal expert, an NGO advocate, and a defector who survived one of North Korea's infamous prison camps, respectively.



Community members and students gather outside Weiser Hall to watch student group performances at the 2018 Chuseok Party, including k-pop dancing, traditional Korean drumming, and taekwondo. Nam Center Undergraduate Fellow Tommy Kim [left] leads his band, Seoul Juice, with vocals and guitar.

COLLOQUIUM SERIES



Supported by the US Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center grant, the Nam Center Colloquium Series brings Korean studies faculty and other scholars from around the world to Ann Arbor to present their research interests. The 2018-19 series had over 300 total attendees, composed of a diverse audience of students, faculty, staff, and members of the public. Each lecture is followed by a Q&A period so the community can directly engage with presenters and open the dialogue on myriad topics.

Erin Chung, Professor of East Asian Politics and Political Science at Johns Hopkins University, presents the final lecture of the 2018-19 colloquium series in Weiser Hall.

Sep. 27, 2018

Albert Park, Associate Professor, History, Claremont McKenna College

Revolutionary Landscapes: Ecology, Power, and Anarchism in Modern Korea

Oct. 9, 2018

Susan Hwang, Assistant Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Indiana University
A Song of Dissent and Democracy: "March for the Beloved" and the Politics of Resistance in South Korea

Nov. 20, 2018

Soomin Seo, Assistant Professor, Media and Communication, Temple University

Calling Pyongyang: Changes in Journalistic Approaches to North Korea since 2000

Dec. 4, 2018

Rory Walsh, Korea Foundation Postdoctoral, Fellow, Nam Center for Korean Studies, University of Michigan

Mahan, Baekje, and the Rise of States in South Korea

Jan. 15, 2019

Theodore Hughes, Korea Foundation Professor of Korean Studies in the Humanities, Columbia University

Affective Socialism: Love, Anger, and War in North Korea

Feb. 19, 2019

Jung Woo Lee, Lecturer, Sport and Leisure Policy, University of Edinburgh

Looking through the 2018 Winter Olympics: The Complexity of Contemporary Korean Nationalism and National Identity Politics

Mar. 12, 2019

Jang Wook Huh, Assistant Professor, American Ethnic Studies, University of Washington
Uncle Tom's Cabin in Korea: Translating Blackness Across the Pacific

Mar. 26, 2019

Eleana Kim, Associate Professor, Anthropology, University of California, Irvine

De-militarized Ecologies: Making Peace with Nature Along the Korean DMZ

Apr. 9, 2019

Erin Chung, Charles D. Miller Associate Professor of East Asian Politics, Political Science, John Hopkins University

Immigrant Incorporation in East Asian Democracies



LIBRARY & LANGUAGE RESOURCES

Asia Library

Staff

Dawn Lawson, Head Librarian

Yunah Sung, Korean Studies Librarian & Head, Technical Services

Sarah Baek, Korean Cataloger

Myung Hee Kim, Korean Acquisition Specialist

Eunjin Lee, Korean Library Assistant (part-time)

Yujin Choi, Korea Foundation Library Intern

Celebrating 70 Years

Asia Library celebrated its 70th anniversary on Thursday, December 6, 2018. The Library held a symposium with lectures and panel discussions about “Asia Library's past, present, and future”. The panels of faculty, librarian, and students from each region of East Asia gave a fascinating glimpse into how Asia Library is used today.

Acquisitions

About 7,000 volumes of Korean language books and 600 DVDs were added to U-M Library collection from July 2018 to June 2019. U-M Korean Studies Collection has grown more than 300% during the past decade, and U-M Library holds about 77,000 volumes of books in Korean language and over 2,800 Korean visual materials are housed at Askwith Media Library.

Clark Library

Staff

Jungwon Yang, International Government Information and Public Policy Librarian

In 2018, **Jungwon Yang**, International Government Information and Public Policy Librarian, was selected as a fellow of the Leadership and Career Development Program (LCDP) at the Association of Research Libraries. During the year-long program, Jungwon was invited to UC Irvine campus to teach an international data workshop to faculty members and librarians. She also had a chance to share her teaching experience at the 2017 Workshop on Korean Data Services with UC Irvine librarians. When the Chief Librarian of the National Assembly Library of Korea visited in May 2019, she provided an information session for the chief librarian related to the roles of academic librarians in the United States and useful international government organizations’ databases.

Partnership with the National Assembly Library of Korea

National Assembly Library of Korea (NAL) has been a strong supporter for the Korean studies collections over the years. The Library has provided government publications and newly published monographs to the Asia Library via the Gift-Exchange Program. On May 28, 2019, Mr. Heo Yongbom, Chief Librarian at the National Assembly Library of the Republic of Korea, visited the Asia Library to sign an extensive gift-exchange agreement and donated 100 titles of Korean materials. Based on the agreement, the National Assembly Library of Korea allowed the U-M users to access to NAL’s comprehensive digital library collections from any computer on campus. Previously NAL’s collection could be accessed via 1-2 designated computers in the Asia Library. Michigan was the first partner library which has simultaneous access to NAL’s collection.

Korean Language Program

KLP Faculty

Soyeon Kim, Director

Sangkyung Han

Hunjin Jung

Hyun-ju Oh

Language Tables

Hosted by KLP faculty and student staff, language tables help students deepen their experience of the Korean language, culture, and society in a participatory setting. The events include a game night, a singing contest, and an impromptu skit.

Seoul National University Exchange

KLP students engage in online exchanges with students at Seoul National University throughout the year.

Midwest Speech Contest & Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK)

With generous support by the Nam Center for Korean Studies, KLP students are fully funded to take part in the Midwest Speech Contest and take the TOPIK exam administered by the Korean government.

Nam Essay Contest

The contest honors the memory of Elder Sang-Yong Nam, a benefactor whose generosity and personal dedication helped create momentum for the establishment of the Korean Language Program at the University of Michigan in the early 1990s. Students write an essay on a given topic and the best essays are recognized with scholarship awards of up to \$200 at the annual celebration in April.

Korean Language Awards

The best student performances in each class are recognized at the annual celebration in April. Awardees receive a book prize.

Awardees:

First-Year: Molly Cooke, Angela Fan, Lina Nguyen

Second-Year: Cat Ly, Tahmina Sultana, Christopher Underwood

Third-Year: Daniel Guo

