The 5th Annual KOWIN DC Leadership Seminar

Korean Women’s Place in the Sun
Celebrating Diversity and Enhancing the Culture of Inclusion

Co-organized by
The Korean Language and Culture Program and the Korean Student Association
The George Washington University
Mount Vernon Campus
Hand Chapel
2100 Foxhall Road, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Saturday, April 5, 2014, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

9:00–10:00  Registration (Coffee & Pastry)
10:00–10:15  Opening Remarks: Young-Key Kim-Renaud
             Congratulatory Remarks: Ben Vinson III
10:15–11:00  Keynote Speech: Alexa Huang
             “Foreign Shores: Pursuing a Full Life as a Racial and Gender Minority”
               Session I
               Lecture by Yongsook Victoria Suh
11:00–11:10  “Owning the Power of Leadership as a Woman”
11:10–12:00  Panel Discussion, Chaired by Victoria Suh
             1. Son Ae Filchak
             2. Suzanne Kim Doud Galli
             3. Jina H. Kim
             4. Kongdan (Katy) Oh
12:00–1:00  Group Photo & Lunch
1:00–3:00  Mentoring and Wrapup

The KOWIN DC (kowindc.org) Leadership Seminar is open to the public free of charge. However, space is limited and reservations are required. To register, please contact Dr. Miok Pak, pakm@gwu.edu, 202-994-1804 and provide your name, affiliation, email address, phone number(s), and three mentoring sessions in the order of preference.
Session II  
Mentoring Session, Chaired by Miok Pak

1:00–2:15

1. **Arts/Literature:**
   - **Mentor:** Su Kwak
   - **Moderator:** Sukza Park

2. **Business/NGO/Charity:**
   - **Mentor:** Paula Park
   - **Moderator:** Florence Lowe-Lee

3. **Education:**
   - **Mentor:** Erin Aera Chung
   - **Moderator:** Jisoo Monica Kim

4. **Government:**
   - **Mentor:** Grace Han Wolf
   - **Moderator:** Hannah Kim

5. **Health Care/Biomedical:**
   - **Mentor:** Yongsook Victoria Suh
   - **Moderator:** Soo Y. Yee

6. **Information Technology:**
   - **Mentor:** Son Ae Filchak
   - **Moderator:** Sung C. Shin

7. **International Organizations:**
   - **Mentor:** Ye-rin Um
   - **Moderator:** Jung Yeon Kim

8. **Journalism/Media:**
   - **Mentor:** Kathy Park
   - **Moderator:** Jee Abbey Lee

9. **Law:**
   - **Mentor:** Suyong Min
   - **Moderator:** Sinyeon Kee

2:15 – 2:50: Feedback/Presentations by mentees

2:50 – 3:00: Closing Remarks: Miok Pak

**OPENING REMARKS**

**Young-Key Kim-Renaud**, President of KOWIN DC, is Professor of Korean Language and Culture and International Affairs, and Chair of the East Asian Languages and Literatures Department at the George Washington University. She received her Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Hawai‘i. She is editor-in-chief of the *Korean Linguistics* journal. Her publications include ten books, numerous book chapters, and journal and magazine articles. She received a Republic of Korea Jade Order of Cultural Merit in 2006 and the Bichumi Grand Award from Samsung Life Foundation as a Woman of the Year 2008 for Public Service.

**CONGRATULATORY REMARKS**

**Ben Vinson III** is Dean of the George Washington University Columbian College of Arts and Sciences. His scholarship focuses on colonial Mexico, especially the African presence in Mexico, and he has authored several books and numerous articles on the subject. He is currently researching the colonial Latin American caste system. Before joining GW in the summer of 2013, he was the vice dean for centers, interdepartmental program, and graduate programs at the Johns Hopkins University, where he taught since 2006. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Dartmouth College and a doctorate from Columbia University.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Alexa Huang is Professor of English, Theatre, East Asian Languages and Literatures, and International Affairs at the George Washington University where she has co-founded and co-directs the Digital Humanities Institute, directs the Dean’s Scholars in Shakespeare program, and serves as the director of graduate studies in English. In the summer of 2010, she served as distinguished visiting professor at Seoul National University (South Korea). She has also taught at Lincoln College, Oxford, as a faculty in Middlebury College’s summer graduate program, Bread Loaf School of English. She has published widely on comparative literature, Shakespeare, performance history, film studies, and globalization.

PANEL CHAIR AND LECTURER

Yongsook Victoria Suh is Board Certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and a diplomat of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. She is on the staff of INOVA Fairfax Hospital and other hospitals serving Northern Virginia. She is the CEO of Victoria Plastic Surgery Center, Inc. and Co-Founder of Capital Plastic Surgeons, LLC. She earned her MD from New York Medical College, where she had further training in General Surgery and a Fellowship in Hand Surgery. She trained in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Ohio State University. Dr. Suh was appointed by Governors Warner and Kaine to serve a four-year term as a member of the Medical Advisory Panel of Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.

PANELISTS, MENTORS, AND MODERATORS (in alphabetical order)

Erin Aeran Chung is the Charles D. Miller Associate Professor of East Asian Politics in the Department of Political Science, Director of the East Asian Studies Program, and Co-Director of the Racism, Immigration, and Citizenship (RIC) Program at the Johns Hopkins University. She has authored Immigration and Citizenship in Japan (2010).

Suzanne Kim Doud Galli, MD, Ph.D., FACS, is a double board certified facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon. She is a board member of the Jade Philanthropy Society, the National Association of Asian American Professionals, and the Diversity and Inclusion task force for the Association of Junior Leagues International.

Hannah Kim is the Communications Director for Congressman Charles B. Rangel. As founder of Remember727, she spearheaded the historic passage of the Korean War Veterans Recognition Act. She received a B.A. from Seoul National University, an M.A. from GW, and Graduate Certificates from UCLA Business School and SAIS, Johns Hopkins Univ.

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Su Kwak, currently represented by June Kelly Gallery in New York and the Ralls Collection in Washington, D.C., has had numerous exhibitions in America and Korea, where her paintings are in permanent collections at leading museums. She taught at Georgetown University, 1985-1996, and authored Light in the Heart (2002) and Healing Words (2013).

Son Ae Filchak joined the US Department of State in January 2000. Currently she works at the Bureau of Information Resources Management (IRM) as a Telecommunications Specialist. Prior she worked for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs and Consular Affairs as an IT Specialist. She also worked 18 years for the U.S. Air Force as a civilian.


Jina H. Kim is an attorney and Partner of Yun & Kim, P.C. She has been a Title Insurance Agent for Stewart Title & Company since 1996. She has been Administrative Director of Vision Care Service, Ltd (USA) since 2010, and currently serves on the boards of directors of various community organizations.

Jung Yeon Kim is a senior economist at the Strategy, Policy and Review Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). She received an M.A. from Brown University and a Ph.D. from the University of Warwick (U.K.), both in Economics. Her current main focus is on helping low income countries achieve sustainable growth.

Jee Abbey Lee is an international broadcast journalist. She currently works as the morning newscaster for Voice of America. Prior to that she worked as a writer for CNN Seoul and as the main anchor for Korean American Broadcasting Company (KBC TV) in Chicago. She received a B.A. from Ewha Woman’s University and a MSJ from Northwestern University.
Florence Lowe-Lee is the President and founder of the Global America Business Institute (GABI, thegabi.com). Previously, she served as the Treasurer and Director of Finance and Publications at the Korea Economic Institute (KEI) and worked as the Deputy Director of Operations at the Massachusetts Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Kongdan (Katy) Oh is a Research Staff at the Institute for Defense Analyses and a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Affairs and the founder of the Korea Club. She was the first student who received a Ph.D. in Asian Studies from the University of California, Berkeley.

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Sung C. Shin is a Senior Systems Analyst with IBM and has worked at IBM for almost 30 years. She specializes in data management of IBM's global customer order and customer information. She is a certified PMP (Project Management Professional) and holds a B.S. in Information Management and Accounting from Drexel University.

Grace Han Wolf is Councilmember, Herndon, VA. She has a Master's in Business Administration from Cornell University, and has worked for several Fortune 500 companies. She is an ardent community civic worker. In 2013 she was one of the recipients of the “Influential Women of Virginia” awards by Virginia Lawyers Weekly.

Ye-rin Um is the Special Assistant to the Regional Vice President for East Asia and the Pacific at the World Bank. She joined the Bank in 2011 as a Junior Professional Officer and worked as a Financial Officer during the IDA17 replenishment process. Prior to joining the Bank, she worked at Standard Chartered Bank as a Senior Risk Officer.

Suyong Min has an active law practice in Fairfax, VA (Law Office of Su Yong Min, PLLC), and teaches Legal Drafting at the George Mason University School of Law. Ms. Min was appointed a Substitute Judge in 2012, making her the first Korean American to serve in that capacity in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Kathy Park is a reporter and weekend morning anchor for ABC 7 and News Channel 8. Among the several major news stories she has covered are the historic Inauguration of Barack Obama and the blizzard of 2010, which earned her an Emmy nomination. She is the DC-chapter president of the Asian American Journalists Association.

Sukza Park, after a full career as a FDA toxicologist, now focuses on writing short stories and novels. She received new writers’ awards for works in Korean from the Korean Writers’ Association of America, the Korean Literary Society of Washington, and Korea Daily, and Honorable Mention for works in English from New Letters and Writer's Digest.

Soo Y. Yee is a Public Health Specialist with the Fairfax County Health Department, serving its diverse population with a focus on the Asian community. She leads the planning, developing, and implementation of strategic health education programs targeting disparity issues, chronic and communicable diseases, as well as emergency preparedness.

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Yunkyoung Kang is a Professorial Lecturer in the Korean Language in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at GW. She has a Ph.D. in Linguistics from Georgetown University. Her research interests include cognitive linguistics, semantics, and Korean language pedagogy.

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Miok Pak, Seminar Committee Co-chair, is Teaching Assistant Professor in the Korean Language in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at GW. She has a Ph.D. in Linguistics from Georgetown University. Her research interests include syntax and semantics interface, syntax and morphology interface, honorifics, and clause types.

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