"Medicine, Mental Health and Childhood in Korea: Past & Present"

PROGRAM

8:45-9:15  Coffee and Pastry

9:15-9:25  Opening Remarks

Esther Sternberg

Session I

Young-Key Kim-Renaud, Chair

9:30-10:10  Young Shin Kim, “Psychiatry and Mental Health in Korea: A Doctor’s Perspective”

10:10-10:50  Sheena Nahm, “Mind the Media: Reshaping Public Perceptions of Pediatric Mental Health”

10:50-11:00  Break

Session II

Gregg Brazinsky, Chair

11:00-11:40  Jin-kyung Park, “Corporeal Colonialism: Puinbyông, Gynecology, and Reproduction in Colonial Korea”

11:40-12:20  Commentary

R. Richard Grinker

Elanah Uretsky

Session III

Roy Richard Grinker, Chair

12:20-12:50  General Discussion

12:50  Lunch (Korean food is provided.)

PROFILES

OPENING REMARKS

Esther Sternberg, MD, is internationally recognized for her discoveries of the science of the mind-body interaction in illness and healing. Dr. Sternberg has become a major force in collaborative initiatives on mind-body-stress-wellness and environment inter-relationships. Author of best-selling Healing Spaces: The Science of Place and Well-Being (2009) and The Balance Within: The Science Connecting Health and Environments (2008), creator and host of PBS television’s The Science of Healing, Dr. Sternberg is recognized by the National Library of Medicine as one of 300 women physicians who changed the face of medicine. In 1986 she joined the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, where she is currently section Chief of Neuroendocrine Immunology and Behavior at the National Institute of Mental Health.

SPEAKERS

Young-Shin Kim, MD, PhD, MPH, is a child psychiatrist and epidemiologist, and Assistant Professor at the Child Study Center, Yale University School of Medicine. She received her MD at Yonsei University, her MPH from Yale University, and her PhD in epidemiology at the University of California, Berkeley. Her research explores the distribution of childhood onset neuropsychiatric disorders and disruptive behavioral problems including autism and bullying. The recipient of a multi-year research grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, she is conducting research on gene-environment interactions, and environmental risk factors.

Sheena Nahm, PhD, MPH, is Adjunct Professor in Anthropology, College of the Canyons, and Policy Coordinator for the Western Office of ZERO TO THREE, a national nonprofit organization that informs, trains, and supports professionals, policymakers, and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers. Her research interests focus on the adaptation of medical programs from the United States to East Asia, how transnational flows shape local knowledge and practice, and how media, society, and medicine intersect in Korea. She received her PhD in Anthropology, with an emphasis in Critical Theory, from the University of California, Irvine. Prior to that, she received her Masters in Public Health from Drexel University and her BA from the University of Pennsylvania with majors in Biological Basis of Behavior (neuroscience) and Anthropology. Recent works include “Between Signum and Demand” in Human Organization, a journal of the Society for Applied Anthropology, and “Engaging Youth through Partnerships in Entertainment Education” in Cases in Public Health Communication & Marketing, a journal of the George Washington University School of Public Health & Health Services. In addition to teaching and policy work, she also works as a consultant on research projects in fields ranging from health communication and cultural anthropology to media and science and technology studies.

Jin-kyung Park, PhD, is Assistant Professor in Global Asia Studies and Women’ & Gender Studies Institute, University of Toronto. She received her B.D., M.D., and her PhD at the Institute of Communications Research (with a Graduate Minor in Gender and Women's Studies) at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Her primary work is in the history, cultural studies, and feminist studies of (post) colonialism, science, biomedicine, technology, and the body in modern Korea. Her research probes the genealogy as well as developments of modern biocollections and reproductive technologies in relation to the construction of gender and bodies in twentieth-century Korea. Her current book project, entitled Corporeal Colonialism: Meanings of Women’s Health and Disease in Colonial Korea, is on the cultural history of painbrying (women’s disease) in Korea under Japanese rule (1910-1945). She offers courses in areas of gender, science, and culture across Asian societies. These courses include "Gendering Global Asia," "Gender and Social Institutions in Asia," "Gender in East Asian Science and Technology," and "The Japanese Empire: A Short History."

COMMENTATORS

Roy Richard Grinker, PhD, is Professor of Anthropology at The George Washington University. He received his PhD in Social Anthropology at Harvard University. He is the author of Korea and Its Future: Unification and the Unfinished War and Unstrang Minds: Remapping the World of Autism, among other books. His current work involves the epidemiology of autism in South Korea and the early identification of autism among Zulus in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and Mexican migrant workers in southwestern Florida. He is a frequent contributor to media outlets, and in 2010 received the Anthropology in the Media prize from the American Anthropological Association. He is also editor-in-chief of The Anthropological Quarterly.

Elanah Uretsky, PhD, is Assistant Professor of Global Health and Anthropology at the George Washington University. Prof. Uretsky’s work highlights the interaction of governance and HIV/AIDS in China and raises awareness of the pivotal role that men, especially “mobile men with money,” play in the spread of the epidemic. Her current research focuses on the role governance plays in the development and administration of HIV/AIDS, and the impact on the epidemic of China’s climate of male sexuality. She completed master’s degrees in East Asian studies, at George Washington University and Harvard University, and received her PhD in sociomedical sciences/medical anthropology from Columbia University.
CONVENERS

Gregg Brazinsky, PhD, is Associate Professor of History and International Affairs at GW. Professor Brazinsky’s first book, Nation Building in South Korea: Koreans, Americans and the Making of a Democracy, appeared in the fall of 2007 from the University of North Carolina Press. Professor Brazinsky is now pursuing research on the cultural impact of the Korean War in America, Korea and China and Sino-American competition in the Third World. He serves as Co-director of the George Washington University Cold War Group.

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Young-Key Kim-Renaud, PhD, is Professor of Korean Language and Culture and International Affairs and Chair of the East Asian Languages and Literatures Department at GW. She received her PhD in Linguistics from the University of Hawai‘i. A theoretical linguist with a broad interest in the Korean humanities and Asian affairs, she is Editor-in-Chief of Korean Linguistics, and serves on various Asia-related boards. Her publications include Creative Women of Korea: The Fifteenth to the Twentieth Century (M.E. Sharpe, 2004) and nine other books. In 2006 Kim-Renaud received a Republic of Korea Jade Order of Cultural Merit. Most recently, she received the Bichumi Grand Award from Samsung Life Foundation as a Woman of the Year 2008 for Public Service.

BACKGROUND

The HMS Colloquium in the Korean Humanities series at GW provides a forum for academic discussion of Korean arts, history, language, literature, thought and religious systems in the context of East Asia and the world. The Colloquium series is made possible by an endowment established by the estate of Hahn Moo-Sook (1918-1993), one of Korea’s most honored writers, in order to uphold her spirit of openness, curiosity, and commitment to education. The 16th HMS colloquium is co-sponsored by GW’s Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, and Institute for Ethnographic Research.

The Colloquium is open to the public free of charge. However, reservations are required.

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Jin-Ryung Park, PhD, University of Toronto
Sheena Nahm, PhD, College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita, California
Roy Richard Grinker, PhD, The George Washington University
Elnah Uretsky, PhD, The George Washington University

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