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AS INCOMING CHAIR of the AAS CKS (apparently, things like this happen when you step out of the room for a moment at an AAS CKS meeting), I would like to share with you a few of my thoughts about some of the issues that stand out as matters for priority attention over the next couple of years.

One matter that is already being addressed is the problem of CKS/NEAC funds for Korean studies going unspent, and in some cases, even going unapplied for. The outgoing CKS chair, Hyung Il Pai of UC Santa Barbara, recognized this problem, researched it out, and did a stellar job of salvaging some \$10,000 in unspent CKS funds recently returned to the Korea Foundation, in order to host a one-day workshop at Santa Barbara this past June (see her report beginning on page 2 of this newsletter).

One particularly hot topic at the Santa Barbara workshop was language training in general, and specifically the levels of linguistic expertise (mostly Korean, but also Japanese and *hanmun*) that graduate students in Korean studies are bringing with them to our graduate programs. Already in March at the AAS meeting, members of the CKS executive committee agreed in the course of vetting the applications for the Korea Foundation Graduate Fellowships in Korean Studies that there was much room for improvement in the Korean language skills and training possessed by the applicants. There is also widespread agreement that the various language-training outfits in Seoul are not well suited to training North American students of Korean who need the language for academic or professional purposes.

Some of you may also remember a thread I initiated a while back on the Korean Studies list, in which I discussed the problems we encounter in training Western academics in Korean and in which I raised the possibility of an Inter-university Center (IUC) in Korea similar to those in Japan (Yokohama) and China (Tsinghua Univ.). This issue was raised again at the Santa Barbara workshop, and those present agreed that now is a good time to pursue this idea and to form a steering committee to gather information and work up a proposal to present to the CKS at next year's AAS meeting. John Duncan, myself, and Ho-min Sohn have agreed to serve on the steering committee, and are currently trying to put together a fuller group. All of us welcome suggestions and ideas as to how a Korean IUC might work, what its goals

and purpose ought to be, and so forth. We are particularly eager to learn from the experience of the Japanese and Chinese IUCs. I would also note that the Korea Foundation followed discussions on the KS mailing list with great interest and has already conducted its own preliminary investigation of the Japan IUC. After the Santa Barbara meeting, the Korea Foundation communicated a willingness to provide financial support for an IUC similar to that provided by the Japan Foundation for the Yokohama operation.

Finally, one other matter that we might profitably pursue in coming years, and one that was mooted already at the CKS meeting in San Diego at the AAS, is that of education about Korea at the K-12 level. There is a pressing need to support innovative teaching about Asia in general, and Korea in particular, in schools at this level; kids who strike up an interest in Korea will inevitably want to take our courses when they get to university. It is incumbent upon us all to promote the study of Korean and Korea at the K-12 level. I look forward to many good discussions about this and other issues with you all in the coming months.

CKS Executive Committee Election Results

NEW MEMBERS joining the Executive Committee of the Association for Asian Studies Committee on Korean Studies (CKS) as a result of this year's election are Hyaewol Choi of Arizona State Univ. and Nam-hee Lee of UCLA.

At a meeting held during the AAS annual meeting in San Diego, the committee chose Ross King of the Univ. of British Columbia to serve a two-year term as chairman.

In addition to King, the continuing members of the committee are Nancy Abelman, Univ. of Illinois; Edward J. Shultz, Univ. of Hawai'i at Mānoa; Robert Buswell, UCLA; and Sheila Miyoshi Jager, Oberlin College.

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Korean Studies: Some Thoughts on the State of the Field

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AS OUTGOING CHAIR OF CKS, I am writing to inform Koreanists of a recent workshop assessing the state of the field that I organized on June 19, 2004, at the UC Santa Barbara campus. Over the past two years as chair, I have had the opportunity to read and evaluate hundreds of graduate student as well as faculty applications for both the Korea Foundation fellowships and the Korean studies division of the AAS NEAC funding. I came away with many positive impressions of the future of the field especially in terms of the exciting new areas being pioneered by our younger Koreanists, especially in postcolonial/cultural studies addressing issues of race, gender, and media such as film and music. However, at the same time, I was disturbed by the overall lack of organization, theoretical perspective, writing, and, of course, required language skills (be they Korean or Japanese or *hanmun*) necessary to carry out serious academic research. The NEAC-administered grants, especially when compared to the Japanese specialists, were striking in their low numbers of application files. I was especially concerned with and somewhat embarrassed about the chronic nature of underspent funds, which I was not aware of at all. Here I will enumerate my findings.

First of all, I want to point out that except for the year 1998, the NEAC KF funds have been underspent and/or returned to the Foundation. In 2003, a record amount of \$10,147.93 was returned. Fortunately, I was able to get this money back and used it to fund a Korean studies workshop at UCSB (more on this later). In 1999, the amount of \$8,264.41 and in 2000, the amount of \$6,405.00 was returned. In 1996, \$7,500 was reallocated toward short-term travel to Korea; otherwise, that amount would have also gone unspent.

Such large amounts of unspent funds are due to consistently underperforming categories that have had a chronic lack of applicants. For example, the category for research assistance was not allocated at all in 1997, 2001, and 2003. The few years the fund was actually awarded only an average of \$500 was given out. The other categories lacking applicants were instructional materials development (0 in 1995, 0 in 1998) and enhancing teaching categories (0 in 1999, 0 in 2000). The category of funding for conferences and workshops was also anemic. For example, in the year 1996, no funds were allocated. Subsequently, that year's amount of \$7,500 was reallocated for short-term travel grants. The other category that lacked applicants was "Korea-related speakers and panels," for which no awards were given out in 2003. In other years, there were usually funds leftover for these awards as well. Finally for this year, 2004, we did not give out any awards for research assistance, or teaching enhancements, or Korea-related panels.

There may be several reasons for such lack of inter-

ested applicants or schools for these projects, such as the dollar amounts are not sufficient to launch anything substantial, either for projects or conferences. However, when I consulted with senior Korean studies scholars in both America and Korea who have had much more experience in administering Korea Foundation grants over the years, they commented that such lack of interest in field development as well as lack of qualified applicants were not unique to our NEAC grants but were reflected in the applicants' pool at other foundations such as Fulbright and the Korea Foundation Graduate Fellowship Language Program in Korea. (Last year, only two U.S. students applied compared to dozens from China, Russia, and Southeast Asia.) Therefore, rather than fund mediocre projects or students, they decided to carry the grants over in some cases. In my own recollections of the discussions we had with the NEAC committee members during the past year, I remember personally rejecting two applicants for these conference and research assistance categories due to the substandard level of research or teaching component in their proposals.

As part of my own personal effort to understand the state of the Korean Studies field in North America, I organized a workshop titled: A Review of the State of the Field and Future Recommendations at the UCSB campus Inter-disciplinary Humanities Center. Though the idea was initially welcomed by all the directors of Korea institutes in North America, in the end, only Ho-min Sohn (Univ. of Hawai'i), Don Baker (Univ. of British Columbia), John Duncan and Sung-ock Sohn (UCLA), and Sunjoo Kim (Harvard) were able to attend due to scheduling conflicts. Ross King was invited as the incoming chair of the CKS.

We also invited a few current Ph.D. candidates at Harvard University and UCLA to participate. The participants were given prior assignments depending on the field of their expertise to reflect on their teaching, research, grant administering, AAS Korea-related panels, and Korea-related publications at their centers. Ms. Ah-Jeong Suh also flew in from Korea to talk to us about the overall structure, workings, and funding situation around the globe. Most importantly, we tracked the job-market situation in North America, relying on the past three years of Web archives that the AAS's Jon Wilson was kind enough to provide us. I also gave a brief presentation of the library situation based on the Consortium of Korean Libraries and Council of East Asian Librarian statistics.

Overall, we had a very productive workshop, which ended with an informal question-and-answer session on current graduate students' concerns regarding research, dissertation-writing strategies, competing for fellowships, and job-hunting skills.

Due to remarkable research, analytical, computer, and quantitative skills of our hardworking group of professors and students, our workshop yielded hundreds of pages of data in spreadsheets and Powerpoint presentations. Though

I have not yet analyzed the hundreds of pages of data accumulated from this workshop, the preliminary impression we all walked away with is that the field has indeed grown in terms of tenure-track job prospects at both major research universities and small teaching colleges, with accompanying increase in the number of Korea-related panels as well as an exponential increase in the number of dissertations and publications. However, we agreed that we still had a long way to go in such key areas as the development of an inter-university center for intensive language-training programs for academics, money and staff for libraries, and to successfully place our recent Ph.D. graduates at four-year institutions.

After discussing at length with Ms. Ah-Jeong Suh of the Korea Foundation what to do with the data results from this conference, we agreed that the best way to give credit to the authors of this database as well as to keep the momentum of our conference (updating our database bi-annually) going, we decided to design a Web site dedicated to enhancing the state of the field. I envision this Web site as an official arm of the Committee on Korean Studies through which Korean studies scholars can share their ideas, opinions, and recommendations, as well as share information regarding professional, career, and academic issues directly related to the field. I would like to see information on CKS events, conferences, fellowships, job applications, dissertations/publications on Korea, as well as a direct e-mail link to willing advisors and mentors who can advise graduate students on their areas of specialization. I believe these are the critical areas that we have to develop so we can indeed promote the quality and quantity of applicants for our undersubscribed teaching material enhancements and conference categories. The Korea field, I believe, is well on its way to a promising future, and though I believe a critical mass is there, it seems that there is not enough information sharing or access to knowledge of such funding sources or grants for students and faculty.

In order to create such a Web site for dialogue, Ms. Suh suggested that we hire a computer-knowledgeable graduate student currently in the field of Korean Studies who will be able to continually update and make links to the main areas of concern to scholars active in the field that we have addressed in the conference. Prof. Sohn, the new director of CKS at Hawai'i has graciously offered to have the host site linked with the CKS site at the University of Hawai'i.

Finally, in order to fund this Web site for next year, I have written a request to the NEAC committee to allocate the above chronically underperforming categories: research assistance funds (\$1,500), Korea-related panels and speakers (\$1,500), and enhancement of Korean studies (\$1,000). If we create a new category called "Korea Field and Career Development" and add up these funds, I believe we can come up with an annual allotment of \$4,000.00 + initially to hire a Web designer. Since the NEAC Committee has to meet to vote on this reallocation this November, we anticipate the site will be launched next spring. At present, I will stay on as advisor, but preferably I would like to see the newly elected

chairs of CKS continue to supervise and administer the Web site in close communication with our major centers' directors such as those at the Univ. of Hawai'i, UCLA, Harvard, UBC, and Columbia. In this way, there will be institutional continuity as well as a common sense of purpose in creating a vibrant virtual community and forum for dialogue dedicated to the future development of Korean studies in North America. Our conference schedule appears below. Those interested can contact me (hyungpai@eastasian.ucsb.edu) and I can e-mail some of our preliminary findings.

A Workshop on Korean Studies in North America: A Review of the State of the Field and Future Recommendations

The workshop was organized by Hyung Il Pai (chair of the Committee of Korean Studies, 2002–2004) and was held at the Univ. of California, Santa Barbara, June 19, 2004.

Highlights

State of Funding at the Korea Foundation. Ah-Jeong Suh, director, KF Korean Studies Support Dept. Presentation on current activities, fellowship awards, endowed positions, and history of Korea Foundation programs.

Language and Literature Field. Ross King, Univ. of British Columbia. Current state of language and literature teaching programs at universities in North America. Enrollments, types of classes, language levels, and pool of teachers. Ho-min Sohn, Univ. of Hawai'i, and Sung-ock Sohn, UCLA, also participated.

The Job Market for PhDs. Hyung Il Pai, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara, and John Duncan, UCLA. Based on three years of archives of jobs posted in the AAS newsletter, including nonteaching positions.

Library Acquisitions Situation. Hyung Il Pai. Council on East Asian Libraries statistics.

Dissertations and Publications. John Duncan. Ph.D. dissertations published in the past ten years. Trends in Western-language Ph.D.s by field, number, and country.

Academic Publications. Sunjoo Kim and Sue Jean, Harvard Univ. Tracking the number and kinds of academic publications from major presses, journals, and think tanks.

The Profession and Conference Activities. Ho-min Sohn. The demographics of CKS membership by field and institution and tracking sources of funding in Korean studies other than the Korea Foundation.

Trends in Korea-related and inter-area panels at AAS meetings. Don Baker, Univ. of British Columbia.

Graduate Student Concerns. Hyung Il Pai. Summary of the last two years of CKS committee-administered student fellowships and NEAC grants awarded.

UH Center for Korean Studies Welcomes a New Director

THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII Center for Korean Studies welcomed Ho-min Sohn as its new director July 1, 2004.

Sohn, who is a professor of Korean language and linguistics, succeeded Edward J. Shultz, who served two three-year terms as director of the Center, beginning in July 1998. The directorship is a rotating position whose holder is chosen by the university faculty members affiliated with the Center.

A teacher in the UH Dept. of East Asian Languages and Literatures for more than three decades, Sohn is an authority on Korean linguistics, specializing in phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, sociolinguistics, and Korean language education. He served as chair of the department for nine years.

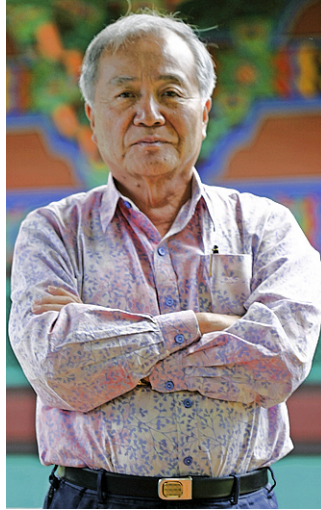
After earning his B.A. and M.A. degrees in linguistics at Seoul National Univ., Sohn studied at Indiana Univ. and subsequently received his Ph.D. in linguistics from the Univ. of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He joined the university faculty in 1971, having earlier worked for the Republic of Korea Ministry of Education and having taught at several universities in Korea.

The author of more than 90 articles on Korean and oce-

anic linguistics, Sohn also has published a number of books, including *The Korean Language* (Cambridge Univ. Press, 1999); *Korean: A Descriptive Grammar* (Routledge, 1994); *Japanese/Korean Linguistics 6*, ed. with John Haig (CSLI Publications, 1997); *A New Frontier in Korean as a Foreign Language*, ed. with D. J. Lee (KLEAR, 1995); *Linguistic Expeditions* (Hanshin, 1986); *Woleaian-English Dictionary*, co-authored with A. Tawerilmang (Univ. of Hawai'i Press, 1976); *Woleaian Reference Grammar* (Univ. of Hawai'i Press, 1975); and *A Ullithian Grammar*, co-authored with Byron W. Bender (Australian National Univ., 1993).

Funded by the Korea Foundation, Sohn directed a 10-year project to develop 21 Korean-language textbooks and a dictionary of grammar and usage. The resulting volumes are being published by the Univ. of Hawai'i Press.

In 1997, Sohn received a presidential award from Republic of Korea President Young-Sam Kim citing Sohn's contributions to the promotion of the Korean language abroad. In 2001, he received a Tongsung Academic Prize from the Tongsung Foundation in Seoul for his scholarly achievements.



Fall Conference Will Examine Korean Dramas

THE GROWING POPULARITY OF Korean dramas throughout Asia and beyond will be a focus of a conference at the Center for Korean Studies October 8–9, 2004.

Already popular in Asia, Korean dramas now appear regularly on the schedules of television stations in Chicago, Philadelphia, Seattle, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Washington, and New York, and American audiences for the shows are growing steadily. The conference will bring together practitioners as well as academics to examine this international cultural phenomenon.

Program plans call for participation by a screen writer and an actor, who will discuss such issues as how the stories are conceived, developed, and produced and how the cast members shape the stories and characters. Translator Kelly Kim will discuss the difficulties translators encounter in rendering Korean dialogue into other languages.

On the academic side, participants will hear discussions of television dramas in Korea, China, Japan, and India by Wimal Dissanayake of the Univ. of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Koichi Iwabuchi of Waseda Univ., Lisa Leung of Hong Kong Univ., and Chris Berry of the Univ. of London.

Philosophy Sourcebook Planned

THE CENTER FOR KOREAN STUDIES IS joining the Univ. of Hawai'i Philosophy Dept. and the Academy of East Asian Studies and the College of Confucian and Asian Studies of Sungkyunkwan Univ. in a project to compile and publish a sourcebook on Korean philosophy.

The first activity in the project will be a workshop to be held at the Univ. of Hawai'i Jan. 6-8, 2005. Twenty prominent scholars, half from Korea and half from the West, are being invited to participate in the meeting and help refine plans for the project.

The workshop program will include discussions of the existing translations of works on Korean philosophy, the assumptions to be made and strategy to be followed in selecting material for the sourcebook, and problems related to the translation of philosophical terms.

The UH Philosophy Dept. already has a project underway to produce a new generation of sourcebooks in Chinese, Japanese, Indian, and Islamic philosophy and has entered into a contract with Blackwell for their publication. An application will be made to include the Korean philosophy sourcebook in the series.

Korean Studies Scholarships and Fellowships Awarded for 2004–2005 Academic Year

ELEVEN UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII students in Korean studies have been awarded scholarships and fellowships for 2004–2005 by the Center for Korean Studies and the School of Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific Studies. The awards are:

- * *Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships* (stipend plus tuition waiver): Mary Lee, Ph.D. program, sociology, and Soo Sun Choi, M.A. program, urban and regional planning.
- * *Paul N. H. Chung Scholarship* (\$1,750): Min Koo Choi, M.A. program, East Asian Languages (Korean literature).
- * *Yöng-Min Endowed Scholarship* (\$1,750): Myosin Kim, Ph.D. program, Music (Ethnomusicology).
- * *Center for Korean Studies Graduate Student Scholarships*: Jin Young Choi, Ph.D. program, sociology (\$500); Chan Lee, Ph.D. program, philosophy (\$2,500); Brandon Palmer, Ph.D. program, history (\$256 and \$186 tuition waiver); In Kyu Park, Ph.D. program, linguistics (\$180); Ju Young Park, M.A. program, Asian studies (\$5,000 tuition waiver); and William Yu, Ph.D. program, East Asian languages–Korean language (\$2,000).
- * *Center for Korean Studies Undergraduate Student Scholarship*: Judy Hayun Kim, B.A. program, East Asian languages–Korean language (\$5,000 tuition waiver).

For descriptions of the scholarships administered by the Center for Korean Studies and information about application procedures and deadlines consult the Center's Web site (<http://www.hawaii.edu/korea/schlrshps/>) or contact Paul J. Rausch (rausch@hawaii.edu), program coordinator.

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Shultz Receives University's Clopton Award

THE RECIPIENT OF THE University of Hawai'i's Robert W. Clopton Award for 2004 is Edward J. Shultz, professor of history and past director of the Center for Korean Studies.



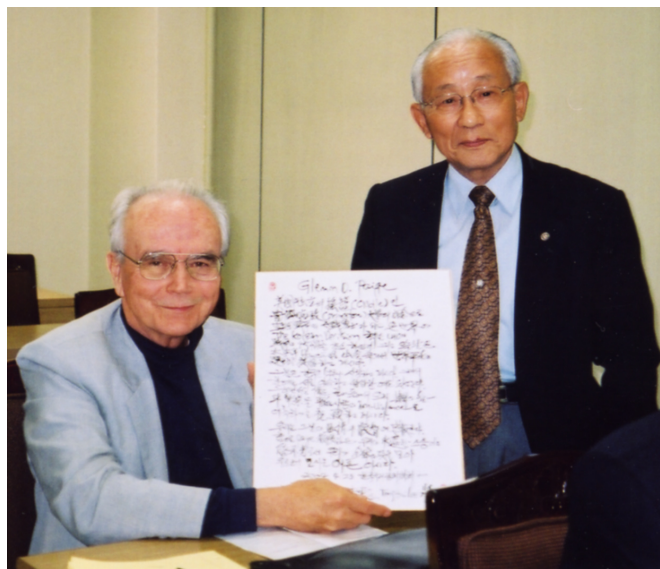
The Clopton Award annually recognizes a UH Mānoa faculty member "for playing a socially significant role by applying intellectual leadership and academic expertise to the improvement of the community."

Shultz, who in June completed six years as director, was cited for having transformed the Center into one of UH's "most academically active research centers." He was praised for bringing together disparate elements of the Korean American community in Hawai'i to participate in activities promoting dialogue and Korean-awareness, particularly through his role in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Korean immigration to Hawai'i in 2003. As the academic chair and secretary of the planning committee for the centennial observance, he was responsible for coordinating education and art-related activities throughout the state.

CKS Faculty Project Awards for 2004–2005

THE CENTER FOR KOREAN STUDIES Research Committee recently awarded more than \$28,000 in grants to seven faculty members to support research projects during the 2004–2005 academic year. The recipients and their project titles are:

- * Jiha Hwang, Dept. of East Asian Lang. and Lit., "Creating Corpus for Korean as a Second Language" (\$3,600).
- * Yung-Hee Kim, Dept. of East Asian Lang. and Lit., "Shattering Paradigms: Modern Korean Women Writers of the Colonial Period" (\$2,500).
- * Byong Won Lee, Dept. of Music, "Symbolism and Understatement Imbedded in the Double-Grooved Bamboo Flute of Korea: A Visual Documentation of the *Taegum*-Making and Its Musical Role" (\$3,285).
- * Dong Jae Lee, Dept. of East Asian Lang. and Lit., "Linguistic Profiles of Advanced English-Speaking Learners of Korean" (\$3,760).
- * Gary Pak, Dept. of English, "A Journey to Kumgangsan: A Third-Generation Korean American's Pilgrimage to the Land of His Ancestors" (\$1,500).
- * Edward J. Shultz, Asian Studies Program, "Workshop on a *Sourcebook on Korean Philosophy*" (\$10,000).
- * Judy Van Zile, Dept. of Theatre and Dance, "Teaching of *Kosöng Ogwangdae*" (\$4,000).



Glenn D. Paige accepts a calligraphic scholarly tribute written and presented by Tong-Hui Lee, president of the Sunbee Culture Institution, at a ceremony in Seoul on April 23, 2004.

Paige Honored for Promotion of Nonviolence

THE PROMOTION OF nonviolent politics has become the hallmark of Univ. of Hawai'i emeritus professor of political science Glenn D. Paige. Paige's efforts in behalf of nonviolence were marked recently with the publication of a festschrift in his honor.

The book, edited by Chung-Si Ahn of Seoul National Univ., is titled *Pisalsaeng chöngch'ihak kwa chigu p'yönghwa undong: Glenn D. Paige kyosu üi hangmun segye* [Nonkilling political science and the global peace movement: The scholarship of Prof. Glenn D. Paige] and is published by Chibmundang. The volume contains 10 essays on various aspects of Paige's scholarly work.

In addition to Ahn and Paige, authors contributing to the book include Bae-Ho Hahn, Bong-Suck Sohn, Dae-hwa Chung, Yoon-jae Chung, Jae-Bong Lee, Chaiwat Satha-Anand, Hidekazu Sakai, Jong-il Kang, and Soo Min Kim.

A special presentation in Paige's honor was held at the Institute for Diplomacy and Security in Seoul on April 23, 2004, in conjunction with the spring convention of the Korean Association of International Studies. At the convention, two panels involving 14 political scientists working with the theme "Nonviolent Political Science and Peace" celebrated the publication of the festschrift.

Paige is the author of, among others, *The Korean Decision: June 24–30, 1950* (1968), *The Scientific Study of Political Leadership* (1977), and *Nonkilling Global Political Science* (2002). He is the founder and president of the Center for Global Nonviolence in Honolulu, an organization created to facilitate research, education, and applications of nonviolent knowledge (<http://www.globalnonviolence.org>).

Institute on Korean Culture and Society

FACULTY OF THE Center for Korean Studies provided instructional support for the fourth Korea Institute for U.S. college and university faculty May 24–June 21, 2004. The biannual Institute, organized by the East-West Center with funding from the Korea Foundation and the Freeman Foundation, is intended for teachers seeking to improve the Korea-related content in their undergraduate courses.

The program included two weeks in Hawai'i and two weeks in Korea for 20 faculty members and was led by Edward J. Shultz, former director of the Center for Korean Studies. In Korea, the participants were hosted by Seoul National Univ. and Kyongpook National Univ. in Taegu.

Other Center faculty members participating were Yongho Ch'oe, Yung-Hee Kim, Hagen Koo, Byong Won Lee, Dong Jae Lee, Gay Reed, Ho-min Sohn, and Jun Yoo.

North Korea Book Due in August

THE LATEST BOOK IN THE Center for Korean Studies series *Hawai'i Studies on Korea* is due from the Univ. of Hawai'i Press in August.

Crisis in North Korea: The Failure of De-Stalinization, 1956 by Andrei N. Lankov draws on Soviet archival material, contemporary North Korean press accounts, and personal interviews to present a detailed look at a turning point in North Korean history: the unsuccessful attempts to de-Stalinize in the mid-1950s.



NA YOUNG HONG OF Ewha Woman's University, a visiting professor in the University of Hawai'i Department of Family and Consumer Science, drew in part on the collections of the Center for Korean Studies for an exhibition of traditional Korean clothing displayed in the Costume Gallery at Miller Hall in April 2004. The item shown here, a long, green hood of a type formerly worn by women, is from the Evelyn B. McCune Collection at the Center.

Poems of Hō Nansōrhōn

THE CORNELL EAST ASIA SERIES has announced the publication of *Vision of a Phoenix: The Poems of Hō Nansōrhōn* by Yang Hi Choe-Wall, a retired fellow of the Australian National Univ. Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies.

The book presents the biography and writings of Hō Nansōrhōn (1563–1589), a Chosōn-dynasty poet who wrote during the Golden Age of Sino-Korean poetry. Disillusioned by Confucian values, she drew inspiration from Taoism and humanism. The volume includes 53 poems and one prose piece with commentary, notes, and poetic form in charts, together with the original Sino-Korean text.

Vision of a Phoenix can be purchased on line (<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/eastasia/CEASbooks/>) or from CEAS Distribution Center, 95 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14853.

Acta Koreana

THE LATEST ISSUE OF *Acta Koreana*, published by Academia Koreana of Keimyung Univ., contains three articles on Kaesōng, capital of the Koryō dynasty, as well as an article on Buddhism and one on the digitalization of Korea.

The articles are: “Buddhism at the Center: The Temples of Kaesōng and Their Socio-political Role” by Sem Vermeersch; Kaesōng from the Perspective of Chosōn Dynasty Intellectuals by Sonja Häußler; “History with a Capital H: Kaesōng’s Forgotten Claim to Capital History” by Remco E. Breuker; “Digging Up Buddhism: Tales Affirming the Antiquity of Buddhism in the *Samguk yusa*” by James H. Grayson; and “A Sociological Analysis of the 2002 Digital Formation of South Korea” by Hye-Soon Kim.

Acta Koreana can be ordered from Seoul Selection (<http://www.seoulselection.com>).

New Study of Korean Cinema

THE NEW KOREAN CINEMA of the past quarter century is the subject of *The Remasculinization of Korean Cinema* by Kyung Hyun Kim, published recently by Duke Univ. Press.

Kim, associate professor of East Asian languages and literatures at the Univ. of California, Irvine, examines more than a dozen representative films produced in Korea since 1980 and shows how the films of this period used the trope of masculinity to mirror the sociopolitical changes in the country. He argues that the brutality and violence ubiquitous in many Korean films is symptomatic of Korea’s ongoing quest for modernity and a post-authoritarian identity.

Additional information about the book is available on the Duke Univ. Press Web site (<http://dukeupress.edu/ebuzz/asian.shtml>).

Modern Literature Reader

ADVANCED LANGUAGE STUDENTS are the target audience of *Readings in Modern Korean Literature* by Yung-Hee Kim and Jeyseon Lee, published by the Univ. of Hawai’i Press.

The volume consists of material intended to help students understand and appreciate modern Korean literary traditions while developing their language skills. It includes a wide range of literary writing, including three different genres of poetry, short stories, and essays, each accompanied by a vocabulary glossary and notes, explanations of socio-cultural details, an introduction to the author, and a translation.

The book is part of the KLEAR Textbooks in Korean Language Series published with the support of the Korea Foundation.

Yung-Hee Kim is professor of Korean literature at the Univ. of Hawai’i. Jeyseon Lee is a lecturer and supervisor of Korean language courses at the Univ. of California, San Diego.

Pacific Partners Volume Available

PROCEEDINGS OF THE Enhancing the Partnership Between Korea and the United States in the Twenty-first Century Conference, held in Honolulu in January 2003, have been published by the Center for Korean Studies.

Titled *Pacific Partners: Korean-American Relations in the Twenty-first Century*, the volume contains both papers presented at the conference and a record of the discussions that took place. A limited number of copies are available from the Center (e-mail korstudy@hawaii.edu for more information).

The conference was sponsored by the Center in cooperation with the East-West Center, the Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States, and the Asiatic Research Center of Korea University.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Confucianism and Women

THE EDITORS OF A PROPOSED volume exploring the relationship of women’s history and Confucianism in the late Chosōn period invite the contribution of original essays to their work. Tentatively titled *Confucianism and Women in Late Chosōn Korea*, the book will contain recent studies in English and new Korean scholarship translated into English. Send an abstract of 500 words to Youngmin Kim (y2kim@brynmawr.edu), East Asian Studies, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, by Sept. 1, 2004.

OPPORTUNITIES

Korea Foundation Fellowships for Graduate Studies in North America

THE KOREA FOUNDATION seeks to promote Korean studies and foster young scholars through its Fellowships for Graduate Studies in North America, providing scholarships for graduate students majoring in Korean studies.

The application deadline for 2005–2006 is Feb. 15, 2005. Inquiries concerning the program should be directed to the Fellowship Program Department of the Korea Foundation, by e-mail at scholar@kf.or.kr or by telephone at 82-2-3463-5614. Detailed information about requirements and application procedures is also available on the foundation's Web site (<http://www.kf.or.kr/english/>).

Twenty individuals were selected to receive \$15,000 fellowships for 2004–2005:

- * Univ. of British Columbia: Avram Asenov Agov and Lief Olsen.
- * UCLA: Leighanne K. Yuh, Yingzi Xu, Mark Nathan, Christopher Hanscom, Sophia J. Kim, Jane Boyun Choi, Seung-Ah Lee, and Paul S. Nam.
- * Univ. of Chicago: Joshua D. Pilzer.
- * Columbia Univ.: Christopher Hale, Alyssa Park, and Eleanor S. Hyun.
- * Harvard Univ.: Young-A Park and Tae Yang Kwak.
- * Indiana Univ.: Sue-Je Lee Gage.

* New York Univ.: Jong Bum Kwon and Yoon Sung Choi.

* Univ. of Southern California: Virginia Han Moon.

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