2022 MAY - AUGUST EVENTS CALENDAR
Sunday, May 1, 2022 | 12:00 PM
Building Resilience: AAPI Identity and Mental Health
with Dr. Shinhee Han and Heidi Shin

A great deal of stigma remains on conversations regarding mental health. Among Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities, the issue is often shrouded by silence and shame, allowing misconceptions and minimization of mental health concerns. Amid historic levels of anti-Asian violence, it is crucial to recognize the intergenerational trauma from immigration and racism and share stories that show the fullness of the AAPI experience in order to educate and form alliances.

Join us for an illuminating conversation with Dr. Shinhee Han, psychotherapist and co-author of Racial Melancholia, Racial Dissociation: On the Social and Psychic Lives of Asian Americans, and journalist Heidi Shin.

Monday, May 2, 2022
31ST ANNUAL VAN FLEET MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Korea Society is pleased to invite you to participate in the 31st Annual Van Fleet Memorial Benefit Golf Tournament, which will be held on Monday, May 2nd, 2022. We are delighted to return to the prestigious Baltusrol Golf Club in New Jersey, host to multiple major golf championships and a National Historic Landmark. This year, the event will take place on the newly-renovated Lower course.

Every year, our golf tournament provides an opportunity for our members and friends to become better acquainted with one another during a fun-filled day in a beautiful country setting. It is also a great opportunity for our generous sponsors to show their support to the Society’s activity. Please join us for a wonderful day of golf and fellowship, and make another memorable event in 2022.
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 | 4:00 PM
“Queerness” as an Embodied and Critical Approach to Korean Studies with Todd Henry
Join us as Dr. Todd A. Henry, Associate Professor in the Department of History and affiliate faculty member of Critical Gender Studies, Science Studies, and Film Studies at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), launches the Society’s new Current Directions in Korea Studies Series. Dr. Henry, a specialist of modern Korea, a social and cultural historian, and an expert in LGBTQ studies, is well-suited to launch our new series. From 2013 to 2018, he served as the inaugural director of Transnational Korean Studies at UCSD and has researched, lectured, and written extensively on topics of place, race, identity, and nation. From his first book, Assimilating Seoul: Japanese Rule and the Politics of Public Space in Colonial Korea, 1910-1945 (University of California Press, 2014) — the Korean translation of which was awarded a 2020 Sejong Book Prize in History, Geography and Tourism — to his recent edited volume, Queer Korea (Duke University Press, 2020), as well as two forthcoming books and a co-produced documentary on queer histories of authoritarian South Korea (1948-1993), Dr. Henry has been a groundbreaking scholar and an empowering educator in the field.

Thursday, May 12, 2022 | 12 PM
South Korea and a Regional Order in Flux
Amid intensifying U.S.-China strategic competition, a shifting Indo Pacific regional order, and an undaunted North Korea that continues to develop its nuclear weapons and missile programs, how can South Korea maximize its opportunities and defend against threats? Join us for this conversation about South Korea and a Regional Order in Flux with Dr. Andrew Yeo, SK-Korea Foundation Chair in Korea Studies at The Brookings Institution and Professor of Politics, Catholic University of America, and Dr. Patricia Kim, David M. Rubenstein Fellow at The Brookings Institution, moderated by Korea Society Van Fleet senior fellow Dr. Katrin Katz.
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022 | 9 AM
State, Society, and Markets in North Korea with Professor Andrew Yeo
Join us for this discussion on North Korea’s evolving economy, state, and society with Dr. Andrew Yeo, the SK-Korea Foundation Chair in Korea Studies at The Brookings Institution and Professor of Politics, Catholic University of America. Yeo’s new book, *State, Society, and Markets in North Korea*, examines the extent and limitations of reform and development under leader Kim Jong Un, arguing that, “situational factors will continue to complicate the country’s future domestic prospects.” This live webcast discussion is in conversation with Korea Society policy director Jonathan Corrado.

Thursday, May 19, 2022 | 6:30 PM
Peter Serpico: Learning Korean with Eric Kim
Born in Seoul and raised in Maryland, Peter Serpico’s route to Korean food came long after making a name for himself in New York City restaurants. His first bites of marinated short ribs and black bean noodles tasted like home, and a love affair with the flavors and techniques of his birthplace began. Written with Drew Lazor, Serpico’s debut cookbook *Learning Korean: Recipes for Home Cooking* draws from his decades of professional cooking experience to elevate the greatest hits of at-home Korean dishes. In this insightful and endearing cookbook, new flavors, techniques, and ways to enjoy one of the world’s greatest cuisines are revealed by Serpico, chef and father.

In a conversation with Eric Kim, the New York Times bestselling author of *Korean American: Food That Tastes Like Home*, Serpico discusses his career and his debut cookbook.
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 | 6:30 PM  
Marie Myung-Ok Lee with Frances Cha

Chances are, you’ve read something you loved by the talented and prolific Marie Myung-Ok Lee. Her stories, criticism, and essays on everything from Picnicking in North Korea to navigating her son’s disability have been published in The Atlantic, The New York Times, Slate, Salon, Guernica, The Paris Review, and The Guardian, among others. She’s the author of the acclaimed novel *Somebody’s Daughter* and the YA classic, *Finding My Voice*. A sharp observer, a masterful storyteller, and an extraordinary and bitingly funny stylist, Lee uses those talents here to reveal the world we live in and imagine the world we could live in, too, in her latest novel *The Evening Hero*.

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 | 6:30 PM  
Eun Sun Kim

Recently named *The New York Times* 2021 Breakout Star in Classical Music, Korean conductor Eun Sun Kim is the Caroline H. Hume Music Director of San Francisco Opera. The first woman to serve as music director of one of America’s largest opera companies, she is “making history while ensuring the future of classical music in a digital age,” as *The New York Times* declared.
Tuesday, June 7, 2022 | 6:00 PM
Shrimp to Whale: South Korea’s Extraordinary Transformation

King's College London Professor of International Relations, KF-VUB Korea Chair at the Brussels School of Governance, Adjunct Fellow (Non-resident) at CSIS, and Non-resident Fellow at Sejong Institute Dr. Ramon Pacheco Pardo discusses his new book *Shrimp to Whale*, which provides an account of South Korea’s extraordinary transformation from “the ashes of colonialism, partition and a devastating war” into “a boisterous democracy, a vibrant market economy, a tech powerhouse, and home to the coolest of cultures.

June 9 - August 25, 2022
Heeseop Yoon | Agglomeration

Although her intricate installations are often so large that they spread over walls onto ceilings and floors, Heeseop Yoon thinks of her work as freehand drawings. All of Yoon’s works are based on real spaces with vast messes, such as basements, workshops, storage spaces, or “places where everything is jumbled and time becomes ambiguous without the presence of people.” Based on photographs, Yoon draws freehand without erasing; based on her own drawings, she creates her enlarged wall drawings using black tapes. In the final installation, her miscalculations and corrections are visible, as Yoon is interested in how memory and perception constantly adjust both for herself and for her viewer, and the paradox that the more she corrects her work, the less legible the drawing becomes.

“The more I see, the less I believe in the accuracy or reality of the images I draw.”

In her solo exhibition at The Korea Society, Yoon will show both her large-scaled line drawing installation and intricate black and white drawings.
Tuesday, June 14, 2022 | 5 PM
Author Talks: Gu Byeong-mo
Join us for a virtual concert of Coreyah, a highly rated fusion Korean folk music group who recently appeared in NPR’s Tiny Desk. Come and get acquainted with the talented members of Coreyah and enjoy their innovative Korean music!

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 | 6:30 PM
KA YA! Korean-American YA Novels & Authors with Claire Ahn, Kat Cho & Mary H. K. Choi
Meet the new generation of Korean American young adult novelists. Drawing inspiration from the Korean pop culture they grew up consuming and their personal journey as immigrant kids, these authors offer refreshing and compelling representations on myriad of subject matters, from intergenerational struggles and family bonds to identity issues. And they are conquering the bestseller lists while offering a mirror to the generations of young readers that they themselves did not have.

Join our conversation with Claire Ahn, Kat Cho and Mary H. K. Choi, as they discuss the popularity of YA novels featuring Korean and Korean-American characters, the changing perception in the publishing industry regarding Asian American YA novels, and their remarkable stories.
Thursday, June 16, 2022 | 6:00 PM
Catching the K-Investment Wave in the USA
The United States and South Korea have a well-established “gold standard” Free Trade Agreement. Now, as international economic relationships are shifting to strategic frameworks and concerns over supply-chain robustness and resiliency, Korean investment in the U.S is gaining attention and transforming the bilateral relationship into a new dynamic. The upcoming President's Interview Series led by Tom Byrne, the President and CEO of The Korea Society will feature the representatives from three states for an in-depth conversation: Andrew Deye, Vice President, Head of Strategy at JobsOhio, Harry M. Lightsey III, Secretary of Commerce of South Carolina Department of Commerce, and Pat Wilson, Commissioner of Georgia Department of Economic Development. The panelists will discuss the significance of the new wave of Korean direct investment in the United States. They will also cover the business, economic and political angles of the investment in each state, and how this is contributing to the “comprehensive and strategic” partnership between the U.S. and Korea.

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 5 PM
Artist Talk: Heeseop Yoon
Although her intricate installations are often so large that they spread over walls onto ceilings and floors, Heeseop Yoon thinks of her work as freehand drawings. All of Yoon’s works are based on real spaces with vast messes, such as basements, workshops, storage spaces, or “places where everything is jumbled and time becomes ambiguous without the presence of people.” Based on photographs, Yoon draws freehand without erasing; based on her own drawings, she creates her enlarged wall drawings using black tapes. In the final installation, her miscalculations and corrections are visible, as Yoon is interested in how memory and perception constantly adjust both for herself and for her viewer, and the paradox that the more she corrects her work, the less legible the drawing becomes.
Wednesday, July 13, 2022 | 6:30 PM
Discussion on K-Global Vaccine Hub with Dr. Jerome Kim and Dr. Manki Song

As part of our ‘Korea and Coronavirus Series,’ The Korea Society will again host a conversation with Dr. Jerome Kim, Director General of International Vaccine Institute (IVI) and Tom Byrne, The Korea Society’s President/CEO. Dr. Manki Song, Deputy Director General of IVI will also join the interview. The speakers will focus on South Korea’s efforts on becoming a ‘K-Global Vaccine Hub,’ a new initiative to strengthen vaccine capabilities on COVID-19 as well as future pandemics. They will also highlight IVI’s continuous journey on overcoming the pandemic and its future plans on building public safety. This program will be recorded at IVI in Seoul when President Byrne visits South Korea in late June.

Thursday, July 14, 2022
The Comprehensive, Strategic U.S.-Korea Alliance

You are invited to join us for “The Comprehensive, Strategic U.S.-Korea Alliance,” a Korea Society conference in Atlanta, Georgia produced in partnership with the Southeast U.S. Korean Chamber of Commerce. This event will be held at the Commerce Club in Atlanta on July 14, 2022.

This conference is an inaugural, strategic initiative of the Society that aims to highlight the diplomatic, security, business and investment aspects of the multifaceted, dynamic U.S.-Korea relationship. It will be composed of a keynote speech, two morning panels, a luncheon, and closing reception. The purpose is to connect the local Atlanta and the wider Southeast U.S. audience with high-impact speakers to explore a series of engaging topics.
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 | 5 PM
John Cho
As one of the first Korean American actors to blaze a unique path through cultural and business barriers into the mainstream, John Cho’s esteemed career has spanned over two decades with compelling performances across film and television. Cho is also a former 7th-grade English teacher who grew up as a Korean immigrant kid in Texas and East L.A. (among many other places). This spring, he became an instant New York Times bestseller author when he published Troublemaker, an incredible middle grade novel highlighting the unique Korean American perspective as 12-year-old Jordan navigates the evening of the 1992 LA Riots.

In this conversation with The Korea Society, Cho discusses his debut novel and career.

Thursday, July 21, 2022 | 6 PM
Hanbok: Gender, Class and Modernity
Riding the Korean Wave sweeping the world, the traditional Korean costumes have become increasingly visible in global media. In 2021, hanbok - the generic term referring to traditional style Korean clothing - was registered in the Oxford English Dictionary. In this comprehensive series of lectures, Dr. Minjee Kim, the preeminent scholar of Korean textile and fashion in the U.S., illustrates and elucidates hanbok in sartorial, socio-cultural, and historical contexts.

In this third lecture which will wrap up the exploration of hanbok as a new lexicon of world fashion, Dr. Kim will discuss how the notions of gender and class shaped dress practice in Joseon and their modern transitions up to the twenty-first century.
Armistice Day Salute 2022

Join us for a video tribute to honor the service and sacrifice of Veterans of The Korean War in a program produced in partnership with The Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA) and The Korea-US Alliance Foundation (KUSAF). Released to mark the anniversary of the 1953 Armistice, this program features: current Republic of Korea Minister of National Defense General Lee Jong-sup, Korean War Veterans area commander Salvatore Scarlato, Society president and CEO Tom Byrne, Korean Consul General Ambassador Byung Hwa Chung, Korea Society board member and former Commander Gen (Ret.) Walter “Skip” Sharp, KDVA Chairman and former Commander Gen (Ret.) Vincent K. Brooks, and Gen. (Ret) Seung Jo Jung, 37th Chairman of the ROK Joint Chiefs of Staff.
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