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Dear friends of the Korean Studies Institute:

I’m delighted to welcome you back to USC. We’ve spent the summer planning for both the upcoming year and the longer term, and we hope you’ll join us for the many exciting events and programs we have planned. Our mission is to explain Korea to the world, and in just a few short years, the USC Korean Studies Institute has created a broad set of annual events that puts special emphasis on the cultivation of young students and scholars of Korea and Asia.

For our students, we recently created an annual graduate student symposium largely organized by and focused on Ph.D. students who are affiliated with the KSI, in addition to providing small research grants for graduate students across the humanities and social sciences who are engaged in research that deals with Korea in some fashion. For our undergraduates, we created a KSI Fellows program that brings students into direct contact with the KSI, and also have begun a collaboration for undergraduates with the University of Michigan. Beginning Spring 2013, the USC Korean Studies Institute and the Nam Center for Korean Studies at the University of Michigan will jointly hold an undergraduate research conference, with each university taking turns hosting the conference.

Our mentoring extends to scholars, as well. Annual programs include the “Rising Stars of Korean Studies” conference that mentors young Korean Studies faculty across North America and the KSI manuscript review that helps young scholars finish a book project. These and more programs are annual events that help to give USC a clear and important focus for Korean studies. We provide more information about these innovative and important events, as well as all our activities, in this newsletter.

Continuing to be an intellectual leader and having a positive impact on US-Korea relations will require not just expanding our faculty and attracting the best students, but also working with the larger community to provide innovative and relevant programming. To that end, we’re delighted to have formed a supporter’s group, the Sejong Society. Such a group links the community much more closely to the Korean Studies Institute and helps us work with the community much more closely.

See you soon,
David Kang
THE SEJONG SOCIETY SUPPORTERS GROUP

This past year, we were proud to officially form a KSI supporter’s group, the Sejong Society—named in honor of King Sejong, one of Korea’s greatest rulers. The Sejong Society supports the vision of the Korean Studies Institute, and engages in numerous social, charitable, and educational activities. For example, this summer we held a movie night where the Sejong Society watched *As One*, a movie about the North-South world champion table tennis team of 1991. This spring, the society also enjoyed a musical performance from Sujin Kim, a USC alum and composer of the original score for the movie *Spiderman III*. The Sejong Society also holds regular dinners and lunches with special guests such as United States Ambassador Robert King.

ABOUT THE SEJONG SOCIETY

King Sejong is best remembered for promoting scholarship and education for all the people of Korea and for encouraging research in Korea’s cultural, economic, and political heritage. Emulating his example to create new knowledge, the members of the Sejong Society support the advancement of the Institute’s mission and vision with an annual gift of $1,000 or more. For more information about how to join the Sejong Society, please contact the Korean Studies Institute associate director Elaine Kim at elaineek@usc.edu.
4TH ANNUAL RISING STARS OF KOREAN STUDIES

For the fourth year in a row, the USC Korean Studies Institute will host the next generation of Korean studies scholars who study Korea. As part of the KSI’s overall goal of mentoring and teaching, the KSI annually brings together senior and junior scholars for a two-day mentoring and networking workshop. Our goal is to link this new generation with each other, provide feedback on their work from senior scholars, and in particular to mentor these younger academics through the difficult process of establishing themselves as leading scholars.

The KSI has a new co-sponsor for the event, as well: for the next three years we are delighted to combine resources with the Korea Foundation, a wonderful endorsement for our efforts which will allow us to expand our event even further.

This year, senior scholars include Carter Eckert (Harvard), Stephan Haggard (UCSD), Jeff Wasserstrom (UC Irvine and editor of Journal of Asian Studies), John Lie (Berkeley), and Laurel Kendall (Columbia University). Junior scholars come from Stanford, Brown, University of Toronto, University of Kansas, University of Hawai’i, and seven other universities.
A centerpiece of the Korean Studies Institute’s efforts to support all forms of research that deal with Korea and create a culture of mentoring at USC is the manuscript review. Any USC faculty working on a book that deals with Korea in some way are eligible for possible support. Rather than simply requesting individual reviewers to provide comments on the work, the KSI organizes a review seminar in which two invited external reviewers, USC faculty and staff, and the author can all interact with each other and respond to each other’s comments in order to collectively devise strategies for strengthening the final text. As an endeavor in collegial constructive criticism, the review seminar represents the best of academic enterprises. The program thus encourages a culture of faculty mentoring and interaction, as well as professionalization of graduate students, by expecting them to participate actively in the review.

This past year, we hosted reviews for Sandra Fahy, Susie Woo, and Sunyoung Park. This coming February 2013, we will host Youngmin Choe (Korean cinema) and Jooyoung Lee (Korean history).
This year the KSI is pleased to welcome four young scholars to the institute. As part of a grant funded by the Academy of Korean Studies, USC brings in two postdoctoral fellows each year. In addition, our Sejong Society has funded another postdoctoral fellow, and joining us as well is a Korea Foundation postdoctoral fellow. The arrival of these young scholars will bring energy and new ideas, and increase the sense of community for Korean Studies here at USC.

SANDRA FAHY (ANTHROPOLOGY PH.D., SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON), SEJONG SOCIETY POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW
Sandra Fahy has interviewed over thirty North Korean refugees over a five year period in order to understand from their point of view how they dealt with loss, famine, and life in North Korea.

JUNGSIL JENNY LEE (ART HISTORY PH.D., UCLA), KOREA FOUNDATION-KSI POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW
Jungsil Lee’s dissertation examines Korean modern artist, Ku Ponung (1906-1953) and his controversial life. Lee also illuminates important aspects of colonial modernity in Korea in the context of art history, society, and politics.

JOOYOUNG LEE (HISTORY PH.D. BROWN), ACADEMY OF KOREAN STUDIES POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW
Jooyoung Lee’s research focuses on how South Koreans in the 1950s defined “democracy” and how they institutionalized it through a multivalent process of debate, negotiation, and compromise with their compatriots as well as with Americans.

HYUN SEON PARK (EAST ASIAN CULTURAL STUDIES PH.D., UC IRVINE), ACADEMY OF KOREAN STUDIES POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW
Hyun Seon Park’s research interests include East Asian cinemas, Korean modernism, critical theory, postcolonial feminism, and cultural studies.
KSI FELLOWS

As part of our attempt to more closely work with and engage USC undergraduates, our KSI Fellows program is designed to facilitate greater student interaction with the KSI. Each year we select a small group of outstanding USC undergraduates who help us organize events and activities throughout the year. Our KSI Fellows are outstanding USC students who bring to the KSI unique qualifications and diverse perspectives on Korean studies. They perform research, assist with KSI programs, host distinguished visitors, and act as liaisons between the KSI and the USC student body. These students will also have the opportunity to attend some private events, such as a special dinner for distinguished guests, or lunch with a Korean film director.

MINOR DEGREE IN KOREAN STUDIES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Housed in the East Asian Studies Center, and consisting of six classes at the undergraduate level, the Korean Studies Minor is a focal point for students across the university. The minor raises the visibility of Korean Studies among students, attracts casual students as well as those deeply interested in Korea, and is a means for us to focus our educational efforts. For more information about the minor degree in Korean Studies, see http://dornsife.usc.edu/eascenter/majorminor/.

ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE WITH THE SANG-YONG NAM CENTER FOR KOREAN STUDIES (UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN) HOSTED BY USC, FEBRUARY 16, 2013

The USC Korean Studies Institute actively promotes research and learning about Korea to USC students through an innovative conference that will feature undergraduate student research. In collaboration with the Sang-Yong Nam Center for Korean Studies at the University of Michigan, the USC Korean Studies Institute will host a two-day conference in February 2013. The conference will feature KSI Research Fellows, as well as students from the University of Michigan. The two centers will take turns hosting the conference and bringing together students to share their interest in Korea.
GRADUATE STUDENTS WHOSE RESEARCH INTERESTS INVOLVE KOREA MAY CHOOSE TO AFFILIATE WITH THE KSI. GSAs are nominated by their faculty advisor, or in special circumstances may be nominated by the KSI director. GSAs are expected to actively participate in Institute activities. Research stipends may be made available for GSA on a competitive basis determined annually.

**KSI GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM, NOV. 17, 2012**

The USC Korean Studies Institute is offering a graduate student symposium as part of our broader set of annual KSI events that puts special emphasis on the cultivation of young scholars of Asia including Korea. This is to further the development of a mentoring culture among faculty and students here at USC.

The annual graduate student symposium will be largely organized by and focused on Ph.D. students who are affiliated with the KSI. The purpose is to professionalize graduate students, nurture their scholarship, have them actively participate in the organization and running of the symposium, and introduce them to other Ph.D. students from other universities in the area.

This year’s theme – “Contemporary Issues for East Asia and Korea” -- is designed to be broadly inclusive, and we hope that graduate students from many disciplines and many universities in Southern California will attend. Graduate students from any discipline and any university in Southern California are encouraged to submit paper proposals or to serve as discussants. Research papers on any part of East Asia will be considered, although particularly encouraged are research papers that include Korea in a larger comparative or theoretical framework. For further information about this year’s symposium, please contact Scott Wilbur, Ph.D. student in Political Science and International Relations at USC [scott.wilbur@gmail.com].
YUNJI PARK  
(PH.D. STUDENT, EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES)
Yunji Park is a Ph.D student in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. After receiving her Master’s degree in Korean Language and Literature at Ewha Woman’s University, she joined EALC at USC in 2009. Her current research focus is in postwar literature and the popular culture of Korea. More specifically, she is interested in examining how the American ideologies of liberal democracy and freedom were propagated, interpreted, and reappropriated in Korea during the late 1940s through the early 1960s. This summer she visited the University of Washington library for the archival research on rare primary sources of the 50s in South Korea.

INYOUNG MIN  
(PH.D. STUDENT, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
Inyoung Min is a second year doctoral student in the Political Science and International Relations program. His research interests include international relations theory and international security with regional focus on East Asia. During his first year at USC, he took a broad range of courses offered by the program including political theory, research methods in social science and international relations theory. Min also conducted research on South Korea’s nuclear forbearance, the result of which will be presented at this year’s annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. This summer he attended the Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, taking courses on game theory and regression analysis.

MEREDITH SHAW  
(PH.D. STUDENT, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
Meredith is a recovering former software developer who has lived for many years in Japan and South Korea and is beginning her Ph.D. studies this year at USC. After completing a Masters in International Cooperative Development at Ritsumeikan University, she worked as a research associate at the Korea Institute for National Unification (KINU), where she gained a South Korean perspective on North Korea. At USC she hopes to develop a more nuanced understanding of the political dynamics of Northeast Asia, particularly the way that historical, economic and security issues collide in interactions between the regional powers. Her dream is to one day study North Korea as it transforms into a “normal” country, and to make a meaningful contribution to the literature on regime transitions. She is also an insatiable traveler, hiker, and Korean food enthusiast.
KSI COMMUNITY OUTREACH

KSI PROMOTES K-12 CALIFORNIA TEACHER TRAINING ABOUT KOREA
Korea Academy For Educators (KAFE) is the only national organization that helps K-12 educators learn about Korean history and culture. Twice a year, KSI Director David Kang is the featured speaker about Korean history at KAFE seminars. This year the KSI also hosted a fundraising dinner for KAFE in March 2012, and we plan to increase our collaboration with them in the future.

KSI LAUNCHES VIDEO SERIES ON KOREANS AND KOREAN-AMERICANS
In an effort to provide more visibility of Korea and Korean Studies, the KSI launched an ambitious video series in January 2012. Three KSI events each year will be professionally produced for the web. The first video focuses on the Korean-American experience and features “A Conversation with Roy Choi.” Roy Choi, Food and Wine magazine “Chef of the Year 2010,” is a Los Angeles-based chef who has brought mainstream appeal to Korean food through his innovative restaurants.

ANNUAL AMBASSADORIAL LECTURE SERIES: ROBERT KING AND STEVEN BOSWORTH
In 2011, the USC Korean Studies Institute hosted two U.S. ambassadors – Robert King (Special Envoy for North Korean Human Rights) and Stephen Bosworth (former U.S. Ambassador to the ROK).

LINK AND THE KSI
Twice a year for the past two years, USC professor David Kang has spent a half-day helping to educate and prepare LiNK “nomads,” volunteers who spend six months traveling the country to increase awareness about issues related to humanitarian issues and human rights in North Korea. Lectures about North Korea followed by discussion provided opportunities for interaction and exchange about a wide variety of topics related to North Korea.
UPCOMING EVENTS
2012-2013

OCT. 24, 2012  
AMBASSADOR’S DIALOGUE
This year, the USC Korean Studies Institute is proud to collaborate with the Korea Economic Institute of America to host an “Ambassador’s Dialogue,” with the current ROK and US ambassadors. Wednesday, October 24, USC will host US Ambassador to the ROK Sung Kim, as well as ROK Ambassador to the United States Choi Young-Jin, who will come to USC to exchange views with each other and the larger USC community. Part of an ongoing collaboration between USC and the KEI, we look forward to further expanding ties with this wonderful DC-based organization.

FEB. 2013  
4TH ANNUAL KOREAN FILM FESTIVAL
Although we have not finalized the actual dates, this coming February will be our fourth annual Korean Film Festival. Each year, the KSI presents several successful Korean films by critically acclaimed directors. All films will be screened in 35mm. Along with the film screenings, the KSI invites film scholars, critics, and experts in Korean entertainment as well as Korean film directors to share their thoughts and analysis on the films presented and the future of Korean film. Past directors who have been invited include Lim Soon-Rye, Kang Je-gyu, and Lee Myung-se. These film festivals have been hosted in collaboration with USC School of Cinematic Art, USC East Asian Studies Center, USC Korean Heritage Library, USC Center for International Studies, USC East Asian Languages & Cultures, and Korean Film Council (KoFiC).

MAY 23-25, 2013  
USC GLOBAL CONFERENCE IN SEOUL, KOREA
Every two years, USC holds a global conference that brings together the Trustees, Deans, alumni, and leadership of USC in a major Asian city. The next conference will be held in Seoul, Korea, and the USC Korean Studies Institute is deeply involved in preparations for the upcoming conference. This year’s theme is “Global Challenges for Humanity,” and the KSI will be organizing events focused around business and environmental challenges in East Asia. We hope you all attend this wonderful and exciting event.
CORE FACULTY UPDATES

YOUNGMIN CHOE - Assistant Professor
[ East Asian Languages and Cultures ]
Youngmin Choe continues to work on her book manuscript about contemporary East Asian visual culture; trans-Asian cinema, and tourism. This summer Professor Choe also took a group of USC students to Korea as part of the East Asian Studies Center’s Global East Asia class.

JACQUES HYMANS - Associate Professor
[ School of International Relations ]
Jacques Hymans recently published Achieving Nuclear Ambitions: Scientists, Politicians, and Proliferation (Cambridge University Press, 2012), as well as a number of articles about nuclear proliferation and Northeast Asia. These include "Botching the Bomb: Why Many Nuclear Weapons Programs Fail—And Why Iran’s Might, Too,” Foreign Affairs (May/June 2012), and “Veto Players, Nuclear Energy, and Nonproliferation: Domestic Institutional Barriers to a Japanese Bomb,” International Security (Fall 2011).

SUNYOUNG PARK - Assistant Professor
[ East Asian Languages and Cultures ]
Sunyoung Park recently had two articles accepted for publication this year: "Rethinking Feminism in Colonial Korea: Kang Kyongae” and “1930s Socialist Women Writers” by positions: east asia cultures critique and “A Forgotten Aesthetic: Reportage in Colonial Korea 1920-1935” in Comparative Korean Studies: Journal of the International Association of Comparative Korean Studies.

DAVID KANG - Professor
[ Marshall School of Business and School of International Relations ]
David Kang continues to research North Korean politics and the US-ROK relationship, as well as larger issues of East Asian international business and politics. This year he will also be director of the East Asian Studies Center, which offers a major in East Asian Studies, the Korean Studies Minor, and an M.A. course.

KYUNG MOON HWANG - Associate Professor
[ History ]
Kyung Moon Hwang’s general history book, A History of Korea (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010) was just translated into Korean this summer.

AN UPDATE FROM DR. STEVEN LEE
Director of the USC Seoul Office
USC Korea has entered its third year of operation in Seoul, Korea. The mission of USC Korea is to advance and promote the academic and service goals of USC, as well as increase the visibility of USC in Korea. In the past year, USC Korea has taken an active role in initiating educational partnership agreements with several universities and government organizations in Korea, created internship opportunities for USC, Korean, and international students, and co-hosted several recruitment activities. USC Korea is also extensively involved in facilitating faculty and student exchange, developing joint research projects, and supporting alumni activities in Korea. USC Korea was established in March 2010 by the Office of the Provost for Global Initiatives. If you are in Korea, please don’t hesitate to drop by the office, located near City Hall, or contact Dr. Lee at: korea@usc.edu.
GRANTS VISITING FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH

GRANTS: POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS AND VISITING FELLOWS PROGRAM
The KSI now offers both postdoctoral fellowships as well as visiting fellow positions. The postdoctoral competition has a deadline of February 1, 2013, although we accept applications for visiting fellows on a continual basis. For more information, visit http://dornsife.usc.edu/ksi/

KOREAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM
The Korean language program at USC offers four complete years of Korean language classes, as well as a variety of other lectures and events. For more information visit http://dornsife.usc.edu/ealc/korean-prog/

KOREAN HERITAGE LIBRARY
USC Korean Heritage Library is one of the premier Korean studies libraries in the country, and continues to expand in innovative directions. While a typical Korean library collection in the U.S. comprises only about 5 percent to 10 percent of all East Asian holdings, the Korean Heritage Library represents more than 40 percent of USC’s East Asian holdings, followed by Chinese and Japanese. This is a reflection of the importance that Korean Studies holds at the University of Southern California. For more information visit http://www.usc.edu/libraries/archives/arc-libraries/eastasian/korea/.

1. KHL librarian, Joy Kim
Keep an eye out for our Breaking News Briefs. These occasional briefs are designed to provide a quick overview and analysis of current important events.

Written by USC KSI faculty and fellows, the briefs are distributed by e-mail and are available on the KSI website, as well.

RECENT COMMENTARY AND OPINION BY KSI FACULTY AND STAFF

“It is easy to think about a revolution as a spontaneous eruption of mass protests, but in actuality pro-democracy protests in both Egypt and Korea are similar not in terms of their spontaneity, but rather in terms of their premeditated and highly organized nature.”

--Jung-eun Lee, KSI Postdoctoral Fellow
(KSI Breaking News Brief, February 17, 2011)

“Living in relative safety outside of the North with the new perspective gained through leaving home, it is not uncommon for North Korean [Refugees] to refer to Kim Jong-il with an explicative attached to his name. They readily see his culpability in the horrendous rights violations inside the country.”

--Sandra Fahy, KSI Postdoctoral Fellow
(KSI Breaking News Brief, March 1, 2012)

“The [North Korean missile launch of April 2012] is scientifically nonsensical and it cannot be understood without paying heed to the political purposes Pyongyang had in mind.”

--Ki-Young Sung, KSI Postdoctoral Fellow,
(KSI Breaking News Brief, April 13, 2012)