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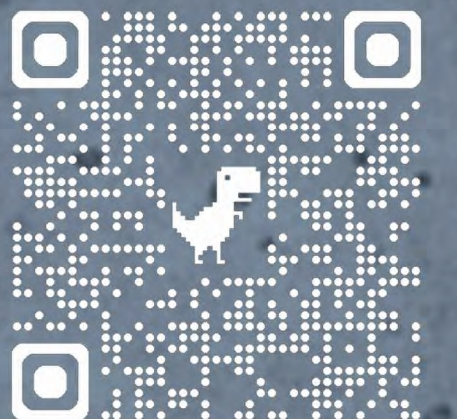
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**1 Welcoming, Congratulatory,
and Opening Remarks**
9:30–10:15am

SUNYOUNG PARK
Director, USC Korean Studies Institute

WILLIAM DEVERELL
Dean, Division of Social Sciences

JANE JUNN
USC Associates Chair in Social Sciences
and Professor of Political Science
and Gender and Sexuality Studies

**2 Session 1: Korean America
in National and International
Politics**
10:30am–12:30pm

RICHARD KIM (UC DAVIS)
“From Diasporic Nationalism
to Asian American Justice:
The Durham Stevens Assassination
and Chol Soo Lee Legal Cases”

**CHRISTINE HONG
(UC SANTA CRUZ)**
“Police State, Police Action,
Police Brutality: Dongnip Sinmun
and Freedom Newspaper on
the Korean War”

GA YOUNG CHUNG (UC DAVIS)
“Unexpired: Time, Imperial Futurity,
and the Undocumented Korean
Immigrant Justice Movement”

Moderator:
DILLON SUNG (USC)

3 Lunch Break
12:30–1:40pm

**4 Session 2: New Directions in
Korean American Studies**
1:40–3:40pm

**SHELLEY LEE
(BROWN UNIVERSITY)**
“Korea and Korean America:
Convergent and Divergent Paths”

**JONG-HYUN LIM
(HERITAGE SMART CONSULTING
GROUP)**
“Memory, Identity, and Shared
Transnational Heritage: Rehabilitating
the Young Korean Academy (Hung Sa
Dahn) Historic Site in Los Angeles”

SEON HO KIM (USC)
“Data-Driven Empowerment:
Advancing Korean-American
Communities through Data Analytics”

Moderator:
ZAVI KANG ENGELS (USC)

**5 Roundtable Discussion with
Korean American Youth Activists**
4:00–4:50pm

**MATTY KIM
(CO-FOUNDER,
KOREANS 4 DECOLONIZATION)**

**EUJEAN DOO
(PH.D. STUDENT, UC BERKELEY)**

KATELYN LEE (UCLA)

Moderator:
MICHAEL CHWE (UCLA)

6 Closing Remarks
4:50–5:00pm

***** This symposium examines the historical and contemporary relationship between Korea and the United States, with particular attention to the Korean diaspora in Los Angeles. Korean migration to the United States began shortly after the two countries established diplomatic ties in 1882, and by the early twentieth century Korean communities had taken root in Hawai'i and California. Korean Americans played a key role in the Korean independence movement during the period of Japanese colonial rule (1910-1945), and they contributed as activists and as soldiers to the U.S. military effort during WWII. Today, Korean Americans continue to shape political, economic, and cultural developments to both their ancestral land and their home country.

Bringing together regional as well as national experts, this event seeks to develop a more nuanced understanding of the place of Korean Americans within the interwoven histories of the two nations, in the process also deepening our knowledge of national histories themselves. Along with scholarly panels, the symposium will feature a roundtable of social activists from Los Angeles's Korean American community, seeking to identify policy concerns and future directions in light of both history and current conditions.

Organized by the USC Korean Studies Institute, this symposium is part of the West Coast U.S.-Asia Scholars Network initiative. The event is sponsored by the Korea Foundation and co-sponsored by the UCLA Center for Korean Studies and the USC Korean Heritage Library.

EUGENE PARK HWANGBO (1904-1961)
at a Korean Independence demonstration, 1939.

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