

Korean American Coalition 2005 Spring Forum
At the Sheraton Dallas Brookhollow
Dallas, Texas
March 19, 2005

- Focusing on Race Relations Between Minority Groups and Issues of Interest to the DFW community
- 7 General and Breakout Sessions
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The Korean American Coalition, incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1983, advocates the interests of the Korean American community which currently represents over one million people in the United States. As recent immigrants and members of an ethnic minority group, Korean Americans face many obstacles in their pursuit of full participation in American society.

As a bilingual and non-partisan membership organization, KAC addresses these concerns by galvanizing first, second, and third generation Korean Americans into taking action. Members work to educate and empower themselves and the community on civic, legislative, and political issues.

Over the course of 14 years, KAC has registered more than 75% of Korean American voters; coordinated forums, seminars, and workshops on legislative, political, and social issues; sponsored over 125 college internships and graduated 600 participants through the leadership conference; and processed more than 15,000 citizenship applications. KAC has continued to develop relations with the media, government agencies, and elected officials. In addition, good relations have been built and maintained with the leaders of other ethnic communities including the Asian/Pacific Islander, African American, Jewish, and Latino communities.

The KAC Dallas/Fort Worth chapter was officially established on August 30, 2004 and as the only English speaking Korean American organization in the Metroplex, we act as the umbrella organization over all other Korean American organizations.

Program Schedule

Saturday – March 19, 2005

- 8:30 Registration / Traditional Breakfast
- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:15 “Panel Discussion on Race Relations Between Minority Groups”
Coty Rodriguez Anderson, Charles Kim, Dr. Mamie McKnight and William Tong
 - Focusing on race relations between minority groups, the LA Riots (Sa-I-Gu) and strategies for partnerships and cooperation.
- 10:30 Break
- 10:40 Break Out Session I
- A. “Roundtable Discussion on Race Relations”
Coty Rodriguez Anderson, Richard Chang, Charles Kim and Dr. Mamie McKnight
 - Continuation of morning session with the opportunity for further discussion and questions from attendees
- B. “Korean Churches for Community Development”
Hyepin Im
 - Focusing on opportunities for churches to work with the government to obtain funding and to help their constituencies and communities integrate into society
- 11:40 Luncheon – “The History of Chinese and Korean Immigration to the United States”
KW Lee
 - Having covered the stories of Chinese and Koreans in the United States for over 40 years, Mr. Lee has been witness to the stories of the early Asian American experience and how it continues to affect our lives today
- 1:00 Break and Networking
- 1:30 Break Out Session II
- A. “2000 Census Demographics in the DFW Metroplex”
Dr. Eui Young Yu
 - Providing a breakdown of demographics in the Metroplex
- B. “The Role of Civic and Civil Rights Organizations”
Chong Choe
Richard Chang
Coty Rodriguez Anderson
 - Explaining the role of civic and community organizations and how they affect the communities they work with
- 2:30 Break
- 2:40 “Portrayal of Asian Americans in the Mainstream Media”
Helie Lee
KW Lee
Newlin Peng
 - In what light does the mainstream media see Asian Americans, what effects has the media’s portrayal of Asian Americans had on their lives, how far have Asian Americans come and where do they go from here?
- 3:40 Concluding Message
Chong Choe
- 3:45 Book Signing Session
Helie Lee

Welcome to the KOREAN AMERICAN COALITION 2005 SPRING FORUM. It is my sincere hope that this conference is both enlightening and motivating to its attendees inasmuch as there is a true need for the various communities of the DFW Metroplex to come together in a spirit of cooperation and partnership.

Chong Choe
President, KAC-DFW

Conference Faculty

Coty Rodriguez Anderson

District 3 Director, Texas League of United Latin American Citizens

Ms. Rodriguez Anderson is the District 3 Director for Texas LULAC and is also President of the Texas Association of Multicultural Counseling Development and is a member of the American Counseling Association, the Texas Counseling Association and the Hispanic Women's Network in Dallas.

Richard Chang

President, Organization of Chinese Americans – Dallas - Fort Worth Chapter

Richard Chang is the Global Director of Learning and Development at Perot Systems Corporation. He has over 20 years of experience in various executive, business development, managerial and services delivery roles within the Information Technology and Management Consulting industries. Mr. Chang has served as the executive VP of OCADFW since 2003 and has been an active member of the Board since 2001. Most recently, Mr. Chang was elected to the National OCA Executive Council as the VP of Finance for a two-year term beginning in January 2005. He is a member of the OCA National Building Fund committee dedicated to securing a permanent headquarters in Washington, D.C. He created the 1st annual OCADFW Education Scholarship Fundraiser in 2003 and was a founding member of the Young Professionals Organization of OCADFW in 2001. Mr. Chang is a graduate of Colorado State University with a Business Administration and Computer Information Systems degree.

Chong Choe

President, Korean American Coalition – Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter

Chong Choe is President and a Board Member of KAC-DFW. Additionally, he serves as a Director on the National Board of Directors for the Korean American Coalition. Mr. Choe graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with degrees in History and Chemistry. He also obtained his Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston Law Center. He currently serves as the Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Administration and the Director of Equal Opportunity for the University of North Texas.

Hyepin Im

Founder and President, Korean Churches for Community Development

Hyepin Im currently serves as the Founder and President of Korean Churches for Community Development (KCCD), whose mission is to help churches build capacity to do economic development work. KCCD reaches out to the 3,300 Korean American churches in the United States by organizing conferences with the White House and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. KCCD has also implemented many initiatives, including a homeownership fair in the Korean community, a Home Buyer Center Initiative with Freddie Mac, and a national database and research study on Korean American churches. Ms. Im's other faith-based economic development work includes, among others, the Renaissance Capital Partners and the Steering Committee of Churches United for Economic Development. In addition, she recently completed a research study supported by the U.S. Department of Labor that focused on Korean American Churches and Domestic Violence. On the international front, Ms. Im was responsible for mobilizing national and international support to help Korean Americans reunite with their families in North Korea, and by working with members of Congress, played a key role in having a related resolution pass unanimously in both houses.

Ms. Im, a past president of KAC-LA, has served on a number of boards, including the Pacific Council and the Advisory Council on the Democratic and Peaceful Reunification of Korea. She received a B.S. from U.C. Berkeley and an M.B.A. from the University of Southern California, and is currently pursuing her Master of Divinity at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Charles Kim

President/National Executive Director, Korean American Coalition

Charles J. Kim is the President, National Executive Director, and co-founder of the Korean American Coalition (KAC), a non-profit, non-partisan community advocacy organization. Under Kim's leadership, KAC has become a leading national Korean American membership organization with chapters and affiliates in 15 metropolitan areas across the nation.

As a veteran community advocate, Kim played a vital role in the restoration of Koreatown following the 1992 Los Angeles Riots. Kim worked with KAC staff and KAC members to assist disenfranchised store owners, reaching out to other ethnic community organizations and establishing ties with political and government offices. In his efforts to promote racial harmony and understanding, Kim, in collaboration with the Martin Luther King Legacy Association and The Korea Society in New York, established the 4.29 Center in 1997 to provide inner-city merchants and local residents alternative avenues for resolving disputes and reducing inter-ethnic tension in urban areas. For his work, Kim was honored with the Drum Major Award in 1999 during the King Week Festival '99 by the Martin Luther King Legacy Association. To promote cross-cultural understanding and improved working relations between Latino and Korean American communities, particularly in areas of employer-employee relations and inner-city community development, Kim initiated a series of meetings with local Latino community leaders to establish an on-going dialogue between the two ethnic communities.

Helie Lee

Author, “*Still Life With Rice*” and “*In the Absence of the Sun*”

Helie Lee is the author of the national bestseller *Still Life With Rice* (Scribner 1996), and *In The Absence of Sun* (Harmony Books 2002), memoirs in which she chronicles her family's experience in war-torn Korea from the 1930's to 1997. *In the Absence of Sun* specifically details her Korean-American family's risky attempt to rescue her uncle from North Korea. The story has been featured on Nightline, CNN, the Associated Press, NBC Nightly News, The Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, People Magazine, Life & Times, Today Show, and Oprah. Ms. Lee is on the boards of many organizations, including the U.S. Committee for Human Rights in North Korea, and is a member of the Asian American Writers Workshop, PEN, a community of writers defending freedom of expression and building a literary culture, and Visual Communications, a nonprofit organization that promotes Asian Pacific media arts for the American public.

Ms. Lee lectures around the country on her bicultural heritage and human rights issues for North Korea refugees. In June of 2002, she was invited by Senator Ted Kennedy to testify at the Senate Subcommittee Hearing on Immigration. Ultimately, Ms. Lee embraces her responsibility as an ambassador of Korean history and culture by creating awareness through stories that serve as a floodlight on the closed world of North Korea.

KW Lee

Journalist

K.W. Lee is a Korean American journalist who has enjoyed a career as a reporter, editor and publisher spanning over 40 years with various mainstream American daily newspapers in Tennessee, West Virginia and California. Mr. Lee has covered such issues as civil rights struggles in the South in the early 1960s and massive vote buying practices in southern West Virginia, but he is best known for authoring an investigative series on the 1974 San Francisco Chinatown gangland murder conviction of immigrant Chol Soo Lee, upon which the film “True Believer” was based, which led to a new trial and an eventual acquittal and release of the prisoner from San Quentin's Death Row. In addition, Lee founded the first national English-language Korean American newspaper, *Koreatown Weekly*, in 1979, and launched and edited the Korea Times English Edition based in Los Angeles in 1990.

Mr. Lee was inducted into the Newseum's Journalism History Gallery in 1997, and is the recipient of a number of awards, including, the National Headliners Club, the AP News Executive Council, and the Free Spirit Award from the Freedom Forum. In the aftermath of the fiery siege of L.A. Koreatown, Mr. Lee was honored with the John Anson Ford Award by the Human Relations Commission of Los Angeles County for “promoting racial harmony in inter-group relations through journalism and community involvement.” Currently semi-retired, Mr. Lee freelances and lectures in the University of California system, and is working on 2 book projects: *Lonesome Journey: the Korean American Century*; *A Trail of Wail: The Lost Tribe of Korean Slaves in Mexico and Cuba* and *Witnessing a Defining Moment for*

Korean American Diaspora: Children of Sa-I-Gu (April 29, 1992) Remember. Mr. Lee is also the president of the Korean American Journalists Association.

Dr. Mamie McKnight

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Representative

Dr. Mamie L. McKnight is founder of Black Dallas Remembered, Inc., a nonprofit organization devoted to the preservation of Dallas heritage, especially the legacy and importance of the African-American community. Its goal is to uncover black participation in the history of Dallas through four areas: structural preservation, research, publication and free educational activities targeting youth.

Dr. McKnight is President of GEM-MAC Consulting, a family-owned firm specializing in education, community development, African-American heritage and preservation. Her organizational activity includes serving on the boards of Friends of Fair Park, the Texas CAN Academy, National Women's Museum Local Advisory Committee, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Historical Commission Review Board. She also served as chairman of the Dallas Landmark Commission. In 1999, Governor George Bush appointed Dr. McKnight to serve a six-year term on the Texas Historical Commission.

Newlin Peng

Board Member, Organization of Chinese Americans – Dallas - Fort Worth Chapter

Newlin Peng attended the University of Texas at Dallas and obtained his B.S. in Computer Science in 1997. Mr. Peng's career in software spanned over four years as he worked at Chase Manhattan as a CRM Architect, Sabre as a Senior Web Developer and Hitachi Consulting as a Consultant. He completed his M.B.A. at the University of Texas at Dallas in 2002. Mr. Peng is currently a Real Estate Agent with Ebby Halliday Realtors and is the Founder and Director of Purple Signal, a company with Chinese programs that airs on AM 1150.

William Chi Tong

VP Programs, Organization of Chinese Americans – Dallas - Fort Worth Chapter

William Tong is an active community volunteer and board member of several non-profit organizations in the Dallas/Ft. Worth community, including Organization of Chinese Americans – DFW, CampFire USA, and Dallas International. He has also served on the Telecom Board of city of Coppell. Mr. Tong works with Citigroup and he is actively involved in the diversity initiatives there. Mr. Tong received undergraduate and graduate degrees in Computer Science.

Dr. Eui Young Yu

Professor, California State University

Eui-Young Yu (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, 1969), Professor of Sociology at California State University, Los Angeles. He holds the position of Directorship of the Center for Korean American and Korean Studies (CKAKS) at the university, which he established in 1978. His academic specialty is demography, Korean American studies, and urban sociology. He was awarded Outstanding Professor of University in 1985.

Since December 2000, Dr. Yu has been directing the Korean American Coalition - Census Information Center (KAC-CIC) in Los Angeles. KAC-CIC is one of the 58 CIC's designated by the U.S. Bureau of the Census in order to disseminate census products to underserved communities in the United States. He has been analyzing and disseminating 2000 census products to Korean media, community organizations and concerned individuals. His analyses are available for on the Cal State University, Los Angeles web site: www.calstatela.edu/centers/ckaks/. Dr. Yu has also served as an officer or board member of various community organizations.

Dr. Yu's list of publications includes *100 Year History of Korean Immigration to America* (editorial supervisor - Los Angeles: Korean American United Foundation, 2002), *East to America: Korean American Life Stories* (coauthored with Elaine H. Kim - New York: The New Press, 1996), and *Serving the Community: Seventy Year History of Dorim Presbyterian Church* (Seoul: The Presbyterian Church of Korea, 1997). Additionally he has authored over 100 articles and books on Korean and Korean American studies.

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Registration Form

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Registration Fees

*Refund deadline is **March 7, 2005**. Refunds will be made for registrations cancelled on or before the deadline less a \$10.00 processing fee. No refunds will be made after the deadline. Registration Fee includes breakfast and lunch. Please note that space is limited so be sure to register early to ensure that you will be able to participate in this conference.*

Early Registration (Ends March 7)
\$30/person

Late Registration
\$40/person

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Vegetarian meal. Please check here: Vegetarian

Attendees desiring a vegetarian meal must register no later than February 28, 2005.

Mail completed registration form and payment (made payable to KAC) to:
KAC-DFW
11441 N. Stemmons Frwy., #261, Dallas, Texas 75229

Payments via PayPal should be made to info@kacdfw.org. Please note your name when making payment via PayPal so that it is properly credited to reserve a space for you.

Please contact us at info@kacdfw.org if you have any questions regarding the conference.

LOCATION

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Dallas Brookhollow, which is located at 1241 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas 75247.