President’s Greetings

Greetings!

It is my great honor to be part of the proud lineage of the AKPS leadership. Our organization is sustainable and strong only because of your support and contribution, and I would like to thank each and every one of you. My sincere and deep appreciation also goes to all the members of previous leadership, President Mikyoung Kim, Vice President and APSA Program Chair Hee Min Kim, Executive Secretary Yoonkyung Lee, and ISA Program Chair and Webmaster Edward Kwon. I should note that their service goes beyond the past tenure. They have served the organization in various positions, dealing with multiple tasks over many, many years. Without their dedication, all the achievements of the AKPS would not have been possible.

The achievements include continued success of our panels in major conferences such as the APSA and the ISA. The most recent panel was held at the annual conference of the APSA in Boston in September 2018, with a title, The Korean Peninsula and Transitional Justice. It was chaired by Hyugbaeg Im (Korea University) with Alison Byrsk (UC Santa Barbara) as a discussant. The following papers were presented:

Mikyoung Kim (Emory University), "Transnational Activism and Pursuit of Justice: An Analysis of US Media Coverages of the Gwangju Massacre, 1981-82"
Hyuk Jung (Free University of Berlin), "The Debate of North Korean Human Rights among South Korean Activists: A Discursive Field Approach"

Nusta Carranza Ko (Ohio Northern University), "South Korea's Collective Memory of Past Human Rights Abuses"

Gooyong Kim (Cheyney University of Pennsylvania), "Bereaved Mothers of the Gwangju May Uprising: Ideational Transformation, Organization and Activism"

Jinah Kwon (Korea University), "Land of Canaan or Another Inferno?: Experiences of Migrants from North Korea in South Korea"

In our business meeting at the 2018 APSA, we presented the first “Best Junior Faculty Paper Award” and “Best Graduate Student Paper Award” to Gooyong Kim (Cheyney University of Pennsylvania) and Hyuk Jung (Freie University Berlin), respectively.

Another noteworthy achievement is the publication of a book resulting from the academic rigor of two former presidents of the AKPS, Jae-jung Suh and Mikyoung Kim. Based on a panel presented at the 2015 ISA conference, Professors Suh and Kim led the publication of *Challenges of Modernization and Governance in South Korea: The Sinking of the Sewol and Its Causes* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017). I would like to congratulate the editors and contributors and encourage similar collaboration among the AKPS members during my term as the president.

Now that I have inherited great legacies left behind by Professor Kim as well as all the predecessors, I feel privileged and responsible to fulfill the tasks ahead me. Thus, I sincerely appreciate all the officers and board members whom I will rely on for important decisions and their implementation. I especially thank Professor Yoonkyung Lee (University of Toronto) who, after several years of service as General Secretary, will continue her contribution as Vice President. She will also serve as the program chair for the ISA panels. I am honored that Professor Joan Cho (Wesleyan University) will join our team as Executive Secretary. I am happy to have Professor Celeste Arrington (George Washington University) as the APSA program chair. Professor Edward Kwon (Northern Kentucky University) will continue in his role as the webmaster.

Like a freshman on campus, I am full of ideas and excitement. Like a freshman, I may be naive and clueless. Thus, I need your help. I hope you will continuously extend your encouragement and support to our organization and officers. Please do not hesitate to share any ideas or advice with us. We want to work with you. Thank you and see you all at the ISA meeting in Toronto in March 2019.

Taehyun Nam, Professor, Salisbury University

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**Call for papers**

**APSA Annual Meeting:** Washington, DC, August 29 - September 1, 2019

Theme: "Populism and Privilege"

The Association of Korean Political Science (AKPS) Related Group invites proposals for papers or panel sessions for the 2019 APSA Annual Meeting. I am also seeking volunteers to serve as panel chairs and/or discussants.
Proposals should include a paper title and abstract (500 words max). Papers on any aspect of domestic politics and foreign affairs related to the two Koreas are acceptable. Proposals related to the theme of "Populism and Privilege" are welcome.

**Deadline: December 15, 2018**

Along with the title and abstract, please email the following information to me (cla@gwu.edu) by December 15.

1. Author
2. Title
3. Institutional Affiliation
4. Address
5. Email
6. Phone

Please review APSA’s participant rules and the proposal submission options. Please note two important changes in the way APSA allocates resources (including panels for related groups):

1) In the future, they may choose to allocate panels based on how many people applied to present papers in that section. So, please select AKPS as one of the possible sections in which to present your APSA papers or panels. If many of you do this, it is possible that we could get more panels in the future.

2) When you renew your APSA membership, you may be asked to list related groups that you want to be affiliated with. It is possible that they will charge you a nominal fee (they mentioned $1 as a possibility in the email that they sent about this), but we strongly urge you to formally affiliate with AKPS when you renew your APSA membership. The more of you affiliate with AKPS, the more we will be able to make the case that APSA should take us seriously as a group.

I look forward to receiving your proposals soon and seeing you next August.

Celeste Arrington, Ph.D.
**APSA Program Chair**, Association of Korean Political Science

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**Members’ publications and scholarly activities**

Cho, Joan E. (Wesleyan University)
Selected as one of eleven 2018-2019 U.S.-Korea NextGen Scholars


Heo, Uk (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)


Kwak, Tae-Hwan (Professor Emeritus, Eastern Kentucky University)

Kim, Mikyoung (Emory University)
The 6th court hearing was held on October 3, 2018 at Hiroshima Local Court in Japan to recover Kim’s tenured faculty position at Hiroshima City University of Japan

Chair of 2018 Poe Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee for ISA Human Rights Section

Kim, Mikyoung. 2018. "At the Intersection of Nationalism, Incompetence and Money: Mikyoung Kim versus Hiroshima City University of Japan" *Journal of European Political Science* (May)


**Kim, Youngmi (University of Edinburgh)**
Youngmi Kim organized a two-day conference on the theme of “Inequality in Global Cities: Seoul in Comparative Perspective” at the University of Edinburgh on October 8-9, 2018. Over 37 papers were delivered by scholars from Europe, North America, and Korea. The conference included an exhibition of photographs and art objects, a film screening, and a music concert.

**Lee, Jooyoun (St. Edward's University)**
Lee, Jooyoun. 2018. “Korean Popular Culture and Historical Sensibilities in East Asia” *Arts & International Affairs* 3 (1)


Elected as President of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, regional conference of the Association for Asian Studies, October 2018

**Lee, Yoonkyung (University of Toronto)**


Upcoming Director of the Center for the Study of Korea, University of Toronto (2019-2022)

Invited talk at the School of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa (September 27, 2018): “Between the Streets and the Assembly: Protests, Activists, and Political Parties in Korea”

Organized conference on “Rethinking Labor and Class through the Works of Hagen Koo,” (July 16, 2018), University of Toronto

**Song, Wonjun (Pennsylvania State University)**
Yang, Myungji (University of Hawaii at Manoa)


Yeo, Andrew Yeo (Catholic University of America)


Yeo, Andrew and David Kang. 2018. "Don't Let Skepticism Kill A Chance for Real Detente with North Korea" *The National Interest* (October 3)