



ERI NEWS

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR AND PRESIDENT:

Happy Lunar New Year to you all!

In this special edition of ERI News, we would like to take the time to thank East Rock Institute's (ERI's) many supporters and donors who continued to encourage and support our mission during the past year. We would also like to express our appreciation to those who are no longer with us, but whose constant support through the years has made ERI's work possible. We celebrate their contributions in this newsletter. In addition, our extended family has grown rapidly due to new collaborations as well as births. We encourage you to read about all of them and their accomplishments.

Of course, no newsletter would be complete without "news", and therefore we are please to bring you up-to-date on ERI's Cross-Cultural Aging Initiatives, ERI's 9th Annual Teach Korea Teacher's Conference, and "Dream Big", a new mentorship initiative for young Korean Americans in the community. We are very proud of and thankful for the contributions of our new collaborators including the many successful young Korean-

American professionals and the volunteers who helped organize "Dream Big" as well as Korean-American Church in Long Island who joined our mission to bridge cultural understanding between Korea and the U.S. as part of their mission program.

We hope our news from New Haven will encourage and inspire, and we seek your continued support in 2014, the year of the galloping blue horse. We also invite you to share your news and contributions so that we can share our joys and pride in the next edition of ERI News. With gratitude and best wishes.



(Hesung Chun Koh)

Hesung C. Koh and Christopher Y. Park

Cross-Cultural Competency in Senior Living: A Comparative View 3rd International Conference on the Cross-Cultural Aging Initiatives

On November 1, 2013, East Rock Institute successfully hosted the conference "Cross-Cultural Competency in Senior Living: A Comparative View" at Whitney Center in cooperation with five other organizations including the Yale School of Nursing, Changwon National University, LeadingAge, a part of the International Association of Home and Services for the Aging focused on education, advocacy and applied research. Mr. Rambarose of Whitney Center who was a strong supporter of this conference said that no

other Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) was working on this important topic. Outstanding interdisciplinary and international leaders in senior living and aging research were assembled at this conference not only as speakers but also as participants.

Whitney Center residents also helped to organize the conference and were active participants. One special feature of this conference was panel of Whitney Center residents (Robert LaCameara, M.D., Nancy Beals, and Kristin Johnson) led by

Dorothy Singer, Ph.D. who provided an in-depth look at the wide range of Whitney Center's cross-cultural experiences. In addition, Mike Rambarose presented a management per-

spective on selective cultural competence enhancement programs held at the Whitney Center. According to feedback we received from speakers and participants, the conference represented a groundbreaking program.

The ability to understand our own cultural values, beliefs, attitudes, and behavior, and to appreciate and respect differences and similarities in beliefs, values, and practices within and between cultures is crucial in developing culturally competent CCRCs composed of culturally competent staff and residents. (to page 2)



(Conference participants, Whitney Center)

spective of the Whitney Center

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Cross-Cultural Competency in Senior Living: A Comparative View

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<Speakers and Panelists>

1. Conference Organizers & Moderators



Left to Right: Hesung C. Koh (Co-founder and Chair, ERI), Michael Rambarose (President & CEO, Whitney Center), Jung Ki Kim (Professor of Public Policy, Changwon National University), Christopher Y. Park, MD. Ph.D. (President, ERI)

2. Keynote Speakers & Moderators: Aging and cultural Comparison: Korea and the United States



Left to Right: Robyn Stone (Executive Director, LeadingAge Center for Applied Research and Senior Vice President of Research, Washington, D.C), Gyonghae Han (Professor in Human Development & Family Studies, Director, Translational Gerontology and Retirement Research Center, Seoul National University), Katrinka Smith Sloan (Executive Director, International Association for Homes and Services for Aging)

3. Sponsors and Scholars from Yale University & Vitality 360 : Cross Cultural Comparison on Aging



Left to Right: Margaret Grey (Dean and Annie Goodrich Professor, Yale University School of Nursing), Stephen R. Latham (Director, Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, Yale University), Marvin Chun (Professor of Psychology and Master of Berkeley College, Yale University), LuAnn Etcher PhD (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar, Professor, Family Nurse Practitioner, Yale University School of Nursing), Robert Schreiber (Senior Medical Officer, Hebrew Senior Life and Instructor in Medicine, Harvard

4. Changwon National University & South Kyoongsang Province Office : Aging Care Communities in Korean Culture



Left to Right: Jae Wook Chung (Professor, Department of Public Administration, Social Science College, Director, Center for Changwon Development Research, Changwon National University), Eunkyong Kim (Professor of Family Welfare, Changwon National University), Sung Yong Lee (Council Member, South Gyongsang Province, Korea) and Daniel Lee (M.D.)

5. Whitney Center Agign Care Communities in America Panelists



Sitting at table Left to Right: Kirstin Johnson (Former Librarian, Connecticut State Library), Nancy Beals (Teacher, Former Member, Connecticut State House of Representatives), Robert G. LaCamera (M.D., Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Yale School of Medicine, Vice Chair, East Rock Institute), Dorothy Singer (Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist Emerita, Yale Psychology Department and Co-Director, Yale University Family Television Research and Consultation Center)

To learn more about the work of ERI and WC towards developing a sustainable cultural competence enhancement program, see the articles below.

Seniors Can Lead the Way to Bridge Culture Gaps

By Dr. Hesung Chun Koh

<http://whitneycenter.blogspot.com/2013/11/seniors-can-lead-way-to-bridge-culture.html>

Whitney Center Resident Artist Profile: Dr. Hesung Chun Koh Uses Art to Convey Culture and Values

By Dr. Hesung Chun Koh

<http://whitneycenter.blogspot.com/2014/01/whitney-center-resident-artist-profile.html>

The Importance of Culture in Senior Living Explored at Whitney Center

By Michael B. Rambarose Whitney Center President and CEO

Cross-Cultural Aging Conference Feedback: Excerpt from a Letter from Participant and Donor, Bok Hyun Ahn, M.D.

The Third International Conference on Cross-Cultural Aging Initiatives, held on Nov. 1, 2013 at the Whitney Center, was a ground breaking event. It was an opportunity to raise our consciousness towards an urgent issue faced by many of us, stimulating us to give serious thought to aging. It was a valuable learning event, and, as a fellow Korean, I was proud to attend.

Dr. Koh, your concluding remarks at the conference were the climax of the day. Your thesis and analysis were solidly rooted in the combined wisdom of Asian philosophy and knowledge of its culture. Using your own Asian brush paint-

ings, you presented a value that all of us need to remember, "Virtues over Skill." Your masterful use of Korean folk tales to summarize several Korean core values resonated across the room. It was grand. What a talent you have; we recognize the values and beliefs for which you stand. I wish to express my deep respect for you.

For those who are in the midst of a journey in a foreign land, you have spread supportive wings to warm our hearts and have given us strong encouragement. We are very proud of you, Dr. Koh. Please be healthy and continue to guide us in the future.

9TH ANNUAL TEACH KOREA WORKSHOP: Korean Culture and History for Educators Conference

Article from Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) website:

The East Rock Institute (ERI) in conjunction with Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) held ERI's 9th Annual "Korean Culture and History for Educators" Conference in the Heath Commons at Hopkins School on Tuesday, October 22. Some of the topics covered included: Exploring Korean Values Through Traditional Art and Music; Differences in Cultural Value Systems as Revealed in U.S.-Korea Relations; The Current State of Affairs on the Korean Peninsula; and Developing Culturally Sensitive Pedagogical Approaches to Korean and Korean-American Students.

Dr. Hesung Chun Koh led the day's events along with speakers Christopher Y. Park, M.D., Ph.D., President of ERI; Jung Ki Kim, Ph.D., Professor of Department of Public Administration at Changwon National University in South Korea; Mark Setton, D. Phil., Associate Professor of Martial Arts and East Asian Studies at the University of Bridgeport; Dr. Sandra D. Wirth, the Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students at Goodwin College; and Rhonan Mokriski, the Dean of Faculty and International Student Advisor at Salisbury School.

Dr. Koh is the Co-Founder, Chair and President Emerita-

tus of ERI and the Director Emerita of both Research and Development and East Asian Area Research, HRAF of Yale University. She has taught Sociology and Human Relations at Boston University, Gender Roles at Albertus Magnus College and Yale University, East Asian Law and Society at Yale Law School, and has been a participating scholar and keynote speaker at numerous seminars on Korean culture at Yale University and other national and international conferences. Dr. Koh is also a member of our Hopkins family; she is the parent of six graduates and the grandparent of four graduates.

Before lunch, conference participants and Hopkins students were delighted by a special performance by UNITY, Yale's Korean Drumming and Performance Troupe, on the Thompson Hall Quad.

"9th Annual Teach Korea Workshop: Korean Culture and History for Educators Conference" *CAIS*. 24 Oct. 2013. Web. (See http://www.caist.org/RelId/644566/ISvars/default/9th_Annual_Teach_Korea_Conference.htm)



(Participants at 2013 Teach Korea Conference, Hopkins School)



(Left to Right: Dr. Danny Lee, Catherine Kil, Prof. Jung Ki Kim, Dr. Christopher Y. Park, Dr. Barbara M. Riley, Dr. Hesung Koh, Mr. John Roberts, Dr. Sandra D. Wirth, Ms. YoungAie Kim, Ms. Eunyoung Jang)



(Right: Unity Korean Drum Troupe, Yale University)

“Dream Big: Your Future Awaits You...”

ERI’s First Annual Event for Korean-American Students and Their Parents

Among ERI’s most important audiences is younger Korean-Americans. I can still remember when I first began to volunteer at ERI as a freshman at Yale, drawn by ERI’s message of respect, strength, and confidence about both Korean diaspora culture as well as Korean-Americans’ place in the U.S. More than 25 years later, this message remains important for young people to hear.

In recent years, ERI has been very busy organizing international conferences on aging and culture in both the U.S. and Korea, as well as running our innovative annual Teach Korea Teachers Conference (among many other things), but it has been some time since ERI has organized an event specifically dedicated to young Korean-Americans. Given the importance of ERI’s message and mission to younger Korean-Americans, we were very pleased to be able to introduce ERI to the young people in one of the largest Korean-American communities in the U.S. in northern New Jersey, during our first annual “Dream Big” event on Nov. 13, 2013.

Our goal for this event was to expose middle- and high-school age Korean-Americans to the diversity of opportunities open to them, and to inspire them to pursue their dreams by bringing them together with successful Korean-American professionals from a wide-range of fields. Dr. Hesung Koh was our keynote speaker, and the featured speaker was Ms. Celina Lee (attorney and author of “Live Your Dream”). We were also

honored that the Korean Consul General in New York, Ambassador Se-joo Son, gave welcoming remarks. We started the day by bringing students and parents together to listen to the major speakers, followed by separate, breakout activities for students and parents. Panels of Korean-American professionals interacted with students in an intimate environment while parents spent time in a parenting seminar with Dr. Koh along with Drs. Daniel Shim and Jungki Kim.

Overall, the event was a great success, and we are happy to be able to re-emphasize ERI’s commitment to the education of younger Korean-Americans, to increase the visibility of ERI to the Korean-American community in northern New Jersey, and to connect to new and old volunteers who represent the base of support necessary for future ERI fundraising events.

Thanks to all who attended this event or were involved in its planning. We look forward to holding another “Dream Big” event next year!

Christopher Y. Park
President, East Rock Institute



(Christopher Park, M.D., Ph.D.)



(Speakers, Volunteers and participants at ERI’s First Annual Event for Young Korean-Americans and their parents, World of Wings, NJ)



(Ambassador Se-Joo Son, Korean Consul General in New York, giving opening remarks)



(Dr. Koh makes her keynote speech)

“Dream Big”: Opening Remarks from the President

November 17, 2013

Greetings!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of East Rock Institute, we are pleased to welcome you to the first “Dream Big” event for Korean American students and their parents. We are particularly pleased to hold this event in Northern New Jersey, home of one of the largest and most vibrant communities of Korean Americans in the United States.

Educational achievement and career success are often stressed in Korean American families, but less frequently discussed is why. We have striven to organize a high quality program for students that will allow them to meet and interact with numerous successful Korean Americans who represent a diversity of professions add life experiences, and who have been influenced by their Korean cultural heritage in different and inspirational ways. We are particularly indebted to Ambassador Se-joo Son and the Korean Consul General’s office for offering its support for this event.

As it is true every year, we owe so much to the dedicated ERI staff and volunteers who worked so hard to put this Conference together. We are especially grateful to our office manager Eunyoung Jang, Young Aie Kim, and our volunteers. Their dedication only reflects what this means to us – a labor of love.

We are indebted to each of our speakers for taking time out of their busy lives to share their personal insights with us.

This event would not have been possible with the hard work and dedication of the members of the organizing committee as well as all the speakers and panelists who gave of their time and energy. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support provided by one of our local organizing committee member, Mrs. Kanghee (Susan) Cho, for her heroic efforts. Last, but not least, we would like to thank Dr. Daniel Eunsup Shim, ERI Board member and head of the program for parents, for his unwavering support of ERI through the years.

Finally, we would like to thank each of you, students and parents alike, for taking the time out of your busy lives in order to explore, grow, and dream!

Welcome and enjoy your day with us!

Christopher Y. Park
President, East Rock Institute, on behalf of the Organizing Committee

Organizing Committee Members

Mrs. Kanghee (Susan) Cho
Mr. Henry (Sukjin) Cho
Ms. Lisa Jee
Dr. Daniel Lee
Dr. Daniel Eunsup Shim

Congratulatory Message to East Rock Institute

Opening Remarks from Ambassador Se-Joo Son, Korean Consul General in New York



(Ambassador
Se-Joo Son)

November 17, 2013

Honored parents and students, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

It is said, “Without aiming, you can’t hit the target.” This proverb tells us that dreams give our lives direction. In much the same way, Napoleon once said, “When I achieve my dream, I would become someone else’s dream.” Fulfilling your life’s dream will inspire others to aspire. Indeed, dreams give our lives meaning, as in the words of Mark Twain, “Don’t part with your illusions. When they are gone, you may still exist, but you have ceased to

live.”

This meaningful educational forum under the theme “Dream Big” by East Rock Institute, ERI, provides necessary direction by which parents can guide and educate their children. At the same time, the attending students can take away why and how important our dreams are.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate President Christopher Park and ERI board members on this special event. I would also like to extend my appreciation to Dr. Hesung Chun Koh, Ms. Celina Lee and other presenters for sharing your experiences and insights. I am delighted that parents and students from Korean American community are joining us for this valuable program.

For the Korean government, enhancing happiness for people is one of its administrative priorities. Within this framework, Korean education policy, at its core, is implemented in a variety of ways that reflects such objective through fostering students’ dreams and talents via “Happiness-oriented Education” to effectively prepare them for their future. I am certain that no amount of emphasis on the importance of our students’ dreams and talents can be enough.

In this context, this forum is an opportunity to find answers to where our communities have come from and towards what destination we will head. In particular, testimonies of Dr. Koh’s success will surely present crucial signposts for parents to provide better education for their children.

Dr. Koh’s messages of educating our children are eloquently articulated in her books in Korea – *To be a Human Rather Than an Elite*, *Authentic Leadership in a Multicultural Society*, *Fostering Foundations for Life-Long Fulfillment*, and *Meaningful Aging*. These are valuable lessons that teach us how to communicate with them.

Dear parents and students who are attending this event, you are the main characters of today. At the same time, you are the pioneers of tomorrow. I am confident that our shared concerns and the programs offered here will be our great assets in dreaming, nurturing, and realizing our dreams.

Once again, I would like to extend my earnest gratitude to all those who made this forum possible.

Ambassador Se-Joo Son
Consul General

Acknowledgement of Speakers and Panelists

Thank you for donating your time and talents to “Dream Big”!



(Celina Lee)



(Dr. Daniel Eunsup Shim)



(Dr. JungKi Kim)



(David L. Chu)



(SangAh Chun)

Celina Lee is a lawyer, author, talk show host, and radio personality from New York. **Dr. Daniel Eunsup Shim** is Professor of Accounting at Sacred Heart University, John Welch College of Business. **Prof. JungKi Kim** is Professor of Department of Public Administration at Changwon National University, South Korea. **David Chu** is Co-Founder and Managing Director of Digital Media Rights, one of the largest aggregators and multi-platform distributors of feature films, television shows, music programs, and sporting events. **SangAh Chun** is a doctoral student at SUNY-Albany School of Social Welfare.



(Jane Kang, J.D.)



(Sae-Young Kim)



(Jinny Jung)



(Ryan Kim)



(Catharine Minn)

Jane Kang is an associate at the New York office of Mayer Brown LLP, an international firm. **Sae-Young Kim** is an Executive Director in the Investment Banking division at Morgan Stanley. **Jinny Jung** is Senior Director, Marketing & Promotions for Young Adult/Entertainment divisions of Turner Digital. **Ryan Kim** is managing partner at RDK Partners, a business consultancy in New York City. **Catharine Minn** is a design director in the home textile industry.



(Dr. Daniel J. Pyo)



(Helen Cha-Pyo)



(Dr. K. Stephen Suh)



(Haewon Yom)



(Jeongseok Jay Yu,

Dr. Daniel Pyo has dedicated his life and his career to helping people through cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. **Helen Cha-Pyo** has inspired hundreds of young musicians to perform at the highest levels. **Dr. K. Stephen Suh** is currently a director for the Genomics and Biomarkers Program at the John Theurer Cancer Center of Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey. **Haewon Yom** began her career in broadcasting at Boston University. She has gone on to produce, write, and direct for a variety of networks including ABC, History, A&E, MTV and Discovery. **Jeongseok Jay Yu** is an attorney, and Associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, New York.

We also would like to thank Ambassador Se-Joo Son for your support, and students and their parents for your participation!

Photos from “Dream Big, Your Future Awaits You “



**(Featured speaker
Ms. Celina Lee,
Attorney and Author of
Live Your Dream)**



(Young Professional Speakers and Panelists with Dr. Hesung Koh)

Sincere Condolences to Douglas Avison Black

By Hesung Chun Koh

The East Rock Institute family sends its sincere condolences to our long time colleague, friend, and consultant, Douglas Avison Black on occasion of the death of his beloved wife, Mary Marlene Margaret Martin (September 20, 1945-January 3, 2014). Marlene was an anthropologist and librarian at the Human Relations Area Files at Yale University for over 35 years. In fact, I was a colleague of Marlene before she met Doug.

Doug Black is the grandson of Dr. Oliver R. Avison who was the founder of Severance Hospital, known today as Yonsei University Medical Center. Dr. Avison also served as the President of Yonsei University following Dr. Horace Underwood, the first president. Doug’s mother was born and raised in Seoul, and she was a supporter of East Rock Institute as well.

The photograph on the right is from the 2005 conference in Kyoto, Japan. “The Korean Diaspora and Strategies for Global Networks”, organized by Hesung Chun Koh and co-sponsored by International Research Center for Japanese Studies and East Rock Institute.

Doug Black presented a paper “KOCIS-KD: A Model for Interoperating Korean Diaspora Information Collections, 2005” at this meeting. Marlene also attended the conference. On the way back home Marlene, Doug and I presented a seminar for Seoul National University faculty, library staff and graduate students on HRAF and Cross Cultural Research at the invitation of Youngaie Kim, long-time ERI supporter.

During this trip, Doug, Marlene and Charles Riley, another friend and speaker at the conference, visited the Academy of Korean Studies and were royally hosted by ERI advisor, Prof. Do Hyun Han.

I will cherish the memory of your remarkable mother, who so loved and longed for her childhood home, Korea, and Marlene Martine, who was loved by her family and friends. Youngaie Kim (SNU representative to HRAF board

meeting for many years and ERI’s library and archive projects for the past few years) and I were glad to visit Marlene and bid our final farewells to Marlene at the Connecticut Hospice the morning before her passing. Marlene’s peaceful sleep, your devoted and loving care of her in the midst of the arrivals of your close relatives from near and far, the gorgeous view of long Island Sound from Marlene’s window, and a clear blue sky these memories will remain with me for a long time to come.

You will be pleased to know that the Memorial Service at the St. Thomas Moor Chapel at Yale was a fitting celebration of her spiritual and meditative life with its outstanding music and loving eulogies. May God protect and bless Marlene’s soul and especially guide you and comfort you!

Your friend, Hesung



(Standing, fourth from the left: Douglas Avison Black, Sitting, second from the left, Prof. Do Hyun Hahn and third from the left: Mary Marlene Margaret Martin)

Forums on “Raising Successful Children” and “Successful Aging”

By Reverend Woong Tag Kim, Plainview United Methodist Church

Reverend Won Geun Kang, the minister of New York United Methodist Church, invited Dr. Hesung Chun Koh for a seminar and an open forum on November 9-10, 2013. Rev. and Mrs. Kang and the elders of the church hosted a dinner party held at Dr. Dong Hwee Kye's home on the first evening. They shared recent news and developments about the church and East Rock Institute as well as the roles of Korean churches in the U.S. On the second day, an open forum was held after the church service focused on two topics, “Raising Successful Children” and “Successful Aging”.

Dr. Hesung Chun Koh raised six American-born Koreans with her husband, Dr. Kwang Lim Koh. All six children graduated from Ivy League institutions including Harvard, Yale, and MIT. Two of them are professors at Yale Law School while another son is the Assistant Secretary for Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Koh's third son served as the legal adviser to U.S. State Department. Therefore, two of her sons served in President Obama's administration. Four of her family members were listed as the 100 most influential Korean-Americans in 100 years of U.S. history. The Koh family's education accomplishments were recognized as a case study of successful Asian Americans by the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Hesung Chun Koh is the Co-Founder and Chair of East Rock Institute and Director Emerita of East Asian Research at HRAF, Yale University. She is also an author of bestseller book, “Authentic Leadership”, which was originally written in Korean, but was translated into Japanese and Chinese. Dr. Koh has devoted her entire life to training leaders of the next generation.

In the preface to her talk, Dr. Koh stated that the notion of “success” is very closely related to the goal of family education. In order to raise your child to be the type of person you want her or him to be, we, as parents need to establish the goal of our education first.

One of the important steps parents need to take is to help children find their own identities themselves. Is there a difference between raising Korean children in America and from raising children in our homeland, Korea? Yes, indeed. Dr. Koh said that identity of Korean-Americans is directly related to America's image of Korea. For example, Koreans in the 1950s were regarded as people from the war-torn country who sought economic aid. In the 1970s, Park Tong Sun's rice scandal on Capitol Hill built a negative public image of Koreans; they were presented as people who bribe. A Korean-American child in kindergarten came home crying because her teacher refused to accept her Christmas gift. In the 1980s, Rev. Sun Myung Moon's religious movements perpetuated negative images of Korean American youth.

Korea's image was significantly elevated as a civilized country with arts and technology through 1988 Seoul Olympics. However, only a few years later, the 1992 LA Riots marked Koreans as racists and gun toting money grabbers. Also, Korea's IMF crisis in 1997 raised doubts over Korean-Americans' economic abilities despite Koreans' economic success called, “Miracle on the Han River”. Furthermore, the image of Korean-Americans plunged when North Korea was considered as the “Axis of Evil” after 9/11 due to North Korea's nuclear threats. This way, the images of Koreans living in the U.S. fluctuated and depended very much upon the image of Korea in the U.S.

Unless the image of Korea itself improves, highly talented Korean Americans seem to face “Glass Ceiling.” Therefore, Dr. Koh emphasized that parents must help to elevate the image of Koreans as a whole in order to help our children succeed by not just focusing on educating our own children. This generation will pass this image of Korean-Americans to the next

generation. Thus, we need to be a part of the host, not guest, in America any more. In order to raise new leaders for the coming generation, it is important to teach and help children feel proud of their cultural heritage. They have to be inspired to become authentic leaders, not just as minority.

What are some Korean and Asian educational philosophies that we Asians can advocate and uphold? Dr. Koh said, “Never let your skills exceed your virtue.” In order to be a leader, one must have superior knowledge and skills, but it is more important to uphold morality and desire to serve community. She said “Virtue over Skills.” She emphasized the importance of being a responsible citizen. She said that children can learn from Korean-American global leaders who are now emerging. However, parents can become immediate role models to our children when we actually practice what we preach. Actions speak louder than words.

Dr. Koh recommended that all parents, especially fathers, must converse with their children at least once a day no matter how busy they are. She also said that good education is not about teaching knowledge or skills, but its' about helping

one's children to find their own goals in life based on their talents and interests. If one knows what he or she stands for, then the passion for learning will follow.

The second part of Dr. Koh's talk about “Meaningful

Aging” was followed by a question and answer session. She presented the importance of advanced planning for retirement including financial planning, health management, and service to the community. She gave inspiring examples of service to the community by the elderly over eighty and ninety years old, even those in wheelchairs. For example, the knit and stitch group produced many baby clothes and blankets for patients in the hospitals and for the underprivileged children while socializing with others in a group and exercising their hands and fingers. She said that living the purposeful life, doing good for the community, and knowing oneself are a few of the successful and happy ways to age.

(Rev. Won Keun Kang) She observed that active and resilient people seem to be healthier, happier and to live longer than the elderly who only demand service.

Each of the three members from the church congregation prepared and participated in Dr. Koh's question and answer sessions following her talks. The audience asked questions enthusiastically and many of them actively participated in the session. Afterwards, there was a long line of people for Dr. Koh's book signing. This was memorable afternoon with warm friendships.



(Welcome dinner for Dr. Koh by church elders at Dr. & Mrs. Kye's resident)



(Rev. Won Keun Kang)



(Forum participants of the church)

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JOINS ERI MISSION: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the East Rock Institute Board and staff members, Dr. Hesung Chun Koh sends deep appreciation to Reverend Won Gun Kang and all those who were exemplary hosts during the weekend, and to all members of the Church who initiated their annual donation to East Rock Institute to support its mission to bridge cultural understanding between East and West through innovative approaches to research, teaching and action programs.

Dr. Koh commented, "I was deeply impressed by the meticulous organization, warm hospitality and enthusiasm of the congregation. We were touched by Rev. Kang's email early this year asking us to send donation request form from East Rock Institute. Subsequently, we received the first year's generous donation, which they said can be adjusted annually." We were touched by their appreciation of ERI's work and joining us in the gracious way.



(Leaders of the church)

Remembrances of Dr. Kwang Kyu Lee

By Hesung Chun Koh

We are indeed saddened by the passing of Dr. Kwang Kyu Lee who has had very long professional and personal ties with me since 1969 and, more recently, with the East Rock Institute family.

Dr. Kwang Kyu Lee served as Interim President of East Rock Institute in 2007 after he retired from the Chairmanship of the Overseas Koreans Foundation. He was one of the senior anthropologists in Korea and Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, Seoul National University.



(Kwang Kyu Lee, Ph.D.)

Last August, Dr. Lee sent me an email describing his plan for a multi-volume work on five diaspora Koreans who contributed the most to their communities. He wished to include me as one of the most successful diaspora Korean women and asked me to send my recent books and articles as soon as possible. On September 7, 2013, when I inquired by email whether he had received my materials, there was no reply.

By the time we heard the sad news and tried to send our expressions of respect and condolence to his family through our board members in Seoul, we were told that the funeral was just held. We could not adequately express in words our sense of loss and mourning at the passing of one of our major supporters. Moreover, he was younger than I, and he always treated me with deference as "a forerunner in his major field of study."

His special research interests on Korean family and kinship, on overseas Koreans, and his relations with Hesung Koh are already well described in his own articles (See Howard K. Koh ed. Hesung Chun Koh: Essays in Honor of Her Hwgap 1989: East Rock Institute, Inc., 1992:69-70.) From the first meeting in Tokyo and Kyoto of the International Congress of Ethnology and Anthropology where we first met and discussed Family and Kinship of East Asia to almost 30 years later when he presented lectures at ERI's Teach Korea conference for American teachers on Korean Family and Kinship, we have met at numerous other international conferences held in Japan, Korea, and the U.S. For example, we had a very memorable time with our mutual friends and respected colleagues such as Director Umesao Tadao of National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan, Professors George DeVos and Lewis Lancaster both of University of California, Berkeley, at the scenic conference center of Lake Biwa where the International Conference on East Asian Religion and Family, also known as Taniguchi Symposium, was held in 1981.

During a dinner meeting at the Seoul National University faculty house, Dr. Lee delivered congratulatory remarks for ERI. Dr. Lee pointed out how ERI is the only institution that published periodicals covering Koreans abroad out of all scholarly institutions teaching Korean. At 2005 ERI 50th anniversary confer-

ence: Bridging Cultures: Trailblazers and Visionaries, held at Yale University, he was excited to meet many Korean American young professionals. He said "I was impressed by glittering eyes of many young Korean-Americans with intelligence and passion, especially those from ERI." He was a sponsor of the subsequent world congress of Korean American young professionals and such a gracious host to three ERI young professionals and Hesung Koh, who were sponsored by the Overseas Koreans Foundation (OKF) in Seoul and Jeju Island. Hesung Koh was invited as a speaker while Christopher Park, Mu Young Lee, and Seunghee Eu of the ERI Young Professionals group were among leaders from 13 different international young professionals groups from diverse countries. .

In Jeju Island, Dr. Lee led the OKF conference participants to the dedication service of Kwang Lim Koh's family monument by Aewol town people, pointing out that this is the first case of Koreans honoring an overseas Korean family in Korea. Dr. Lee delivered warm congratulatory remarks where Dr. Mu-Young Lee, ERI board member, represented the ERI family eloquently in Korean while Hesung Koh thanked the audience on behalf of the Koh Family. At ERI's Third Annual Teach Korea Conference held at the Yale Divinity School in 2007, Dr. Lee presented a comparison of Korean Family and Kinship systems with that of China and Japan, summarizing the essence of his lifetime research on the topic which he began in 1960s.

Dr. Lee was a diligent, disciplined and prolific writer and an author of many scholarly works. What was admirable about him was his passionate involvement with a large number of Korean refugees from China and Russia through his church, Korean Catholic Relief. He was a father to them, and he had to return to Korea to enable these Koreans in China and Russia to extend their visa so that they can continue to work in Korea. Dr. Lee had to cut his trip to the U.S. short in order to return to continue his human rights volunteer work.

It was our special honor and privilege to have Dr. Lee spend a year with us at East Rock Institute in New Haven in 2007. Personally, I very much appreciate his calling me "a dedicated forerunner in his field." Much more detailed relationship with Dr. Kwang Kyu Lee and East Rock Institute will be elaborated and issued in the future.

May God bless the soul of Dr. Lee and comfort and guide his remarkable partner, Dr. Younghee Lee, and their four children.



(ERI Board Members and Young Professionals at New Haven Lawn Club)

NEWS From ERI Extended Family

Congratulations to Daniel Arrigg Koh!



Daniel Arrigg Koh
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DANIEL ARRIGG KOH, son of Dr. Claudia Arrigg, former board member of ERI and Dr. Howard K. Koh, was just named by Boston Mayor, Martin J. Walsh as his Chief of Staff on January 4, 2014.

Daniel is a 29-year-old native of Andover, MA, with bachelor's and master's degrees from Harvard. He worked for the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy and was an adviser to outgoing Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, a position he was selected for after advising the mayor on major policy initiatives, speeches, and communications strategy through the Harvard Business School Leadership Fellow program. Daniel is the outgoing general manager of Huffington Post Live.

Daniel visited Korea last September and met with his family and long time family friends, some of whom are advisors to East Rock Institute. He also brought back greetings for ERI from Attorney Dae Yeon Cho of Kim and Chang law firm, who is also the President of Yale Club of Korea, and from Dr. Jeong Woo Kil, currently ROK National Assembly man, and Dr. Ae Duck Im, Chair of Board for Social Welfare Foundation Chongsu.

For more information see the links below:
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<http://www.koreatimes.com/article/833805>

Sincere Congratulations on Your Graduation and New Job! Hyejin Cho, ERI Summer Intern of 2013

Hyejin Cho was one of ERI's summer interns in 2013. Hyejin graduated from Ewha Womans University, and has been Executive Secretary at ISU Chemical Corp in Seoul since January 2, 2014. She recently sent us New Year's greetings and mentioned that her recruitment manager showed great interests in her internship at ERI.

We wish her all the best. Keep us informed of your experiences!

With warmest greetings from ERI!



(Hyejin Cho)



Mayor Martin J. Walsh (left) and Daniel Arrigg Koh (right)

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ERI Welcomes Juan Kim, a Son of Former ERI Staff Member, Sook Jung Kim



(Dr. Lark Kyun Kim, Mrs. Sook Jung Kim and their sons)



(Juan Kim)

Juan Kim, 19 months old, is the second son of Dr. Lark Kyun Kim, a postdoctoral associate at the Department of Immunobiology at Yale School of Medicine, and Mrs. Sook Jung Kim, former administrative assistant of East Rock Institute.

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