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# Fields of Interest

Korean comfort women; (post-) Cold War; political and cultural geographies; geopolitics; (post)colonialism; nationalism and gender; trauma; psychoanalysis; social movements; political philosophy; critical pedagogies; urban studies; ethnography; museum activism; artificial intelligence; virtual reality technology

# Education

**Ph.D. candidate Geography,** **University of Kentucky** 2016-

Dissertation: Melancholia, discomfort, and populist identification in activist-memorial projects for comfort women led by South Koreans

Committee: Dr. Anna Secor (chair), Dr. Tad Mutersbaugh (co-chair), Dr. Akiko Takenaka, and Dr. Richard Schein

Advanced to candidacy May 9, 2019

*\* I am scheduled to graduate in May 2023.*

**M.A. Korean Literature,** **Sogang University** 2013

Thesis: *The Uncanny Poetics of Baek Seok* Seoul, South Korea

Committee: Dr. Seunghee Kim (chair), Dr. Hyosub Song, and Dr. Chanje Woo

**B.A. Sogang University** 2011

Advisor: Dr. Sanglan Lee Seoul, South Korea

Double Major: Korean Literature and Language, and Philosophy

Graduated with Cum Laude

# Publications

## Peer-reviewed

**Lee, Jaeyeon**., and Chang, Ruwen. 2022. “Torn Apart! Transnational Feminist Researchers’ Geopolitical Positionality in (pre-) COVID-19 times” *Gender, Place, and Culture.*

<https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2022.2158178> .

**Lee, Jaeyeon**. 2022. “Melancholia is (geo)political! Postcolonial geography in the Wednesday Demonstration in Seoul.” *Cultural Geographies*, 29 (1): 45-61. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F14744740211054147>

**Lee, Jaeyeon**. 2021. “The ethno-nationalist solidarity and (dis)comfort in the Wednesday Demonstration in South Korea.” *Gender, Place, and Culture.* <https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2021.2016655>

## Non Peer-reviewed (The Thesis Excellence Award)

**Lee, Jaeyeon.** 2012. “A study on female sex workers doubly exploited in the colonial space of Kim Woo-jin’s drama ‘Lee Young Nyeo.’” *The Journal of Sogang Research*, 25: 129-152. (in Korean)

***Under review and in preparation***

**Lee, Jaeyeon**. “Left-Wing Populist Activism and Identification: A Psycho-Political Analysis of the “Comfort Girl” Statue Movements in South Korea” (This article is under review in *Political Geography*)

**Lee, Jaeyeon**. “Territorialization of Memory: Minjungism Resurrected Through The ‘Comfort Woman’ Statue Movement” (This article will be submitted to *Social & Cultural Geography* in December 2022)

# Awards and Scholarships

**Outstanding Paper Presentation Award**,The Korean Urban Geographical Society 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4ye5nm_GTE>

**Teaching Scholarship** ($3,300), University of Kentucky 2022

**Teaching Scholarship** ($3,300), University of Kentucky 2021

**Barnhardt-Withington-Block Funding** ($590), University of Kentucky 2021

**Karl and Carol Raitz Graduate Scholarship** ($ 2,000), University of Kentucky2021

**Research Fellowship** ($8,325), University of Kentucky 2020

**Teaching Scholarship** ($3,200), University of Kentucky 2019

**GSAG Travel Award** ($250), Association of American Geographers 2019

**Conference Travel Grant** ($500), University of Kentucky 2019

**Conference Travel Grant** ($500),University of Kentucky 2018

**Barnhart-Withington Funds** ($1,455),University of Kentucky 2017

**Teaching Assistantship for PhD** (tuition+stipend), University of Kentucky 2016-

**Teaching Assistant Scholarship** ($3,000), Korean National Open University 2013

**Teaching Assistant Scholarship** ($430), Sogang University 2012

**The National Research Scholarship** ($8,000), Korea Student Aid Foundation 2012

**The Thesis Excellence Award** ($800), Sogang University 2012

**Work Study Student Grant** ($2,000), Sogang University 2011

**Chief Assistant Scholarship** ($8,590), Sogang University 2011

**Outstanding Essay Award** ($100), Sogang University 2010

# Teaching Experience

**Instructor, University of Kentucky**

Responsible for teaching and grading essays

GEO160: Lands and People of the Non-Western World (Online) Summer 2022

GEO160: Lands and People of the Non-Western World (Online) Winter 2021

GEO261: Global Dynamics of Health and Disease (Online) Summer 2019

**TA, University of Kentucky**

Responsible for reviewing main lectures, leading discussion groups, and grading essays

GEO220: US Cities, Instructor: Priscilla McCutcheon (On-Campus) Fall 2022

GEO261: Global Dynamics of Health and Disease, Instructor: Nari Senanayake (Hybrid) Spring 2022

GEO261: Global Dynamics of Health and Disease, Instructor: Gary Shannon (On-campus) Spring 2019

GEO261: Global Dynamics of Health and Disease, Instructor: Gary Shannon (On-campus) Fall 2018

**Helper TA, University of Kentucky**

Responsible for development of lecture materials and gradingessays

GEO160: Lands and People of the Non-Western World Spring 2018

Instructor, Lynn Roche Phillips (On-campus)

GEO221: Immigrant America, Course Instructor, Patricia Ehrkamp (On-campus) Fall 2017

GEO222: Cities of the World, Course Instructor: Lynn Roche Phillips (On-campus) Spring 2017

**Co-Instructor, Sogang University**

Responsible for organizing and teaching writing sections and grading essays

COR1001: Reading and Writing, Instructor: Jungweol Ryu (On-campus) Fall 2012

COR1001: Reading and Writing, Instructor: Soonae Hong (On-campus) Summer 2012

COR1001: Reading and Writing, Instructor: Sangsun Kwak (On-campus) Spring 2012

COR1001: Reading and Writing, Instructor: Kyungmin Kim (On-campus) Fall 2011

COR1001: Reading and Writing, Instructor: Yunjeong Choi (On-campus) Spring 2011

**Helper TA, Sogang University**

Responsible for grading essays

KOR3210: Feminist Reading in Korean Literature Fall 2011

Course Instructor: Seunghee Kim (On-campus)

KOR3413: Literature and Film, Course Instructor: Sanglan Lee (On-campus) Spring 2011

# Conferences

**Paper Presentation**

-Lee, Jaeyeon (2022) “Left-Wing Populist Activism and Identification: A Psycho-Political Analysis of the “Comfort Girl” Statue Movements in South Korea,” The 2nd Workshop of Asian Young Geographer, Virtual Meeting, December 18.

-Lee, Jaeyeon (2022) “Torn Apart! An East Asian Researcher’s Geopolitical Positionality in (pre-) COVID-19 times,” Royal Geographical Society with IBG, Hybrid Meeting, Newcastle University, UK, August 30.

-Lee, Jaeyeon (2022) “Torn Apart! A Transnational Researcher’s Geopolitical Positionality and Mental Health in (pre-)COVID-19 times,” Feminist Geography Conference, Hybrid Meeting, Colorado, U.S., June 17.

-Lee, Jaeyeon (2022) “Melancholia is (geo)political! Postcolonial Geography of Melancholia in the Wednesday Demonstration,” The Korean Urban Geographical Society, Virtual Meeting, June 11.

-Lee, Jaeyeon (2021) “Melancholia is (geo)political! Postcolonial Geography of Melancholia in the Wednesday Demonstration,” Association of Korean Geographers, Virtual Meeting, December 4.

-Lee, Jaeyeon (2021) “Postcolonial Geography of Melancholia in the Wednesday Demonstration,” The Korean Geographical Society, Virtual Meeting, June 25.

-Lee, Jaeyeon (2021) “Postcolonial Geography of Melancholia in the Wednesday Demonstration,” Association of American Geographers, Virtual Meeting, April 7.

-Lee, Jaeyeon (2019) “Hipster-driven gentrification as metonymic movement of desire in Seoul,” Association of American Geographers, Washington D.C., U.S., April 3.

-Lee, Jaeyeon (2018) “‘Comfort Women’ Campaigns and Uncomfortable Feminism: The Violent Intimacies of South Korean Youth Activism,” Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S., April 10.

**Panel Presentations**

*Asian and Asian-American Experiences of Race and Equity*

Passport to the World: Global Perspectives on Race and Equity in Times of Pandemic, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Kentucky, Kentucky, the United States, Fall 2020

<https://passport-2021.as.uky.edu/video/asian-and-asian-american-experience-race-and-equity>

*Critical Movements of Korean Modern Poetry*

19th Annual Academic Festival on Sogang Graduate School, Seoul, Korea, Fall 2012

*Korean Modern Poetry and Psychoanalysis*

18th Annual Academic Festival on Sogang Graduate School, Seoul, Korea, Fall 2011

# Professional Affiliations

Member of Association for Asian Studies 2022-Present

Member of Royal Geographical Society 2022-Present

Member of The Korean Urban Geographical Society 2022-Present

Member of Association of Korean Geographers 2021-Present

Member of The Korean Geographical Society 2020-Present

Member of the Lexington Psychoanalytic Study Group 2018-Present

Member of Association of American Geographers 2017-Present

Member of Korean-American Association for Geospatial & Environmental Sciences 2018

Member of Women's Culture Theory Society 2012-Present

Representative of the Sogang Korean Modern Poetry Society 2011

Member of the Society for Gojeonghui (a Korean poet) 2011

Member of the Society for Sindongyeob (a Korean poet) 2011

Member of Arirang Society 2011

Member of Comparative Korean Studies 2011

# Service

**Service to Profession**

Peer Reviewer, *Cultural Geographies*. 2021, 2022

Peer Reviewer, *Geography Compass.* 2022

Collective Member, disClosure: A Journal of Social Theory, 2017-2018

**Community & Academic Service**

Teaching basic Korean in UKY Korean Language & Culture Club in Lexington, KY, January-May 2023

GradDegree+Pedagogy workshop: The Emotions of Teaching and Learning, University of Kentucky, Fall 2022-May 2023

Organizing the Korean Council webinar program to educate transnational youth on the comfort women issue and to create a space of transnational solidarity for comfort women activism, July-November 2021

Translating official statements written in Korean into English for The Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan, 2019, 2020

Critical Pedagogy Workshop, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, 2019

Inclusivity Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, 2018-Present

Library Acquisitions Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, 2017, 2018

Interpreting the movie director Byun Young-joo’s speech from Korean to English in Lexington, Kentucky, Fall 2017

Teaching Materials Preparation Committee, Department of Korean Literature, Korean National Open University, 2013

Inclusivity and Gender Equality Committee, Department of Korean Literature and Language, Sogang University, 2011

Chief Assistant, Department of Korean Literature and Language, Sogang University, Fall, 2011

Vice Chief Assistant, Department of Korean Literature and Language, Sogang University, Spring, 2011

**Conferences Organized**

*23rd Annual Conference on Critical Geography,* University of Kentucky Geography department, Kentucky, U.S., Fall 2016

*23rd International Academic Conference: ‘Arirang in Culture, Arirang in the World’* Comparative Korean Studies, Seoul, South Korea, June 2012

*Sindongyeob Academic Conference: ‘Seoul, Cultural Buffer Zone,’* the Society for Sindongyeob, Seoul, South Korea, November 2011

*22nd International Academic Conference: Gojeonghui and Women's Literature: Feminist Writing and Poetic Language,* Comparative Korean Studies, Seoul, South Korea, June 2011

*21st International Academic Conference: Colonial Modernity and Cultural Politics in 1930s Korea/East Asia,* Comparative Korean Studies, Seoul, South Korea, April 2011

# Extra-Curricular Activities

The Public Reading for 304 Victims of Sewol Ship Accident

Korean Writer Association and Civic Organization, Seoul, South Korea, 2015, 2016

Wednesday Demonstration and Campaign for Comfort Women

The Butterfly of Hope, Washington D.C., Boston, Philadelphia, and New York, U.S., Summer 2017

The Korean Council, Seoul, South Korea., 2019-2020

# Languages

Korean (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Basic)