

Global Korean Nursing Foundation

2020 FALL NEWSLETTER



Message from the General Chair of the GKNF and Chair of the GKNF-USA

Mi Ja Kim Reflection on the Year 2020



Since the inception of the GKNF in the USA and Korea in 2003, both as sister foundations have strived to deliver the same vision of the GKNF, "[Advancing Korean nursing professions for global leadership](#)." Each foundation (USA and Korea) has conducted various activities for capacity building of Korean nursing scholars in academia and clinical practice.

GKNF-Korea as an NGO appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Korea in 2014. The Korea foundation has executed global missions splendidly in countries such as Peru, Kyrgyzstan, Philippines, Ghana, Vietnam, and Thailand. Funding supports from the KOICA) and KOFIH played key roles in implementing various programs in these countries. The ongoing activities of these programs can be found at <http://www.gknf.or.kr>.

GKNF-USA has continued their focus on the capacity building of Korean nurse faculty and clinical practitioners in the U.S. by supporting research, scholarships and special awards. These include: 1) dissertation research award for PhD and DNP students, 2) Mi Ja Kim Research Grant, 3) DuckHee Kang Mentoring Award, 4) Ann S. Jhin Award for clinical scholar, and 4) special research grants for COVID-19 research by Mi Ja Kim and Mo Im Kim.

One event worth mentioning is that GKNF-USA co-sponsored the Duckhee Kang memorial research session in the premier national conference, the Council of Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS), in 2019. Two board members (Drs. Misook Chung and Sun Kim) participated in as advisors. Honoring Dr. Duckhee Kang, our second President who left an indelible mark on nursing science was our privilege. More significant activities was holding the international Korean Nursing conference jointly with NYKNA in 2018, and then a leadership training in 2019. Detailed information about U.S. activities can be found at <http://gknfusa.org>.

GKNF-Korea supported scholarships of nurses in Korea who had Postdoctoral, PhD, or Advanced Nurse Practitioner programs in the US: JW Pharmaceutical Fellowship, Gochon Fellowship, Kim Fellowship, and Gasil Oh scholarship. GKNF-Korea also supported future nursing leaders with the Susie Kim scholarship and a Young GKNF Award recognizing global leadership in undergraduate students.

2020 is a special year for the GKNF. While the COVID-19 pandemic has brought many tragedies, it also led to something very special for the two sister organizations. The pandemic created opportunities for both foundations to become closely connected and exchange each other's knowledge and wisdom. Innovative COVID programs of joint webinar series were initiated by the Korea team, sharing lecturers from both foundations (4/28-29/2020), and then were followed by the USA team's weekly webinar series (7/10, 17, & 24, 2020). Impressive levels were reached when the two sister GKNF organizations collaborated.

As the General Chair of the Board of Directors for both countries, I am proud to note that leadership in each country has been brought to new heights this year. Under the leadership of President Dr. Kunsook Bernstein, GKNF-USA now enjoys 27 board members with 21 general members and 28 student members. Very special thanks go to the Executive Committee members: Drs. Bernstein, Young-Me Lee, and Hyeochol Ahn for their outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the Foundation. The Foundation was most pleased to award the very first Founder's Award to President Bernstein for her exceptional leadership and extraordinary management of the GKNF's affairs in her three years of presidency. I am thrilled to welcome the new Executive Committee members who were elected to serve for the next two years. They are: Dr. Young-Me Lee, President; Dr. Misook Chung, Vice President; Dr. Mikyoung Lee, General Secretary; Dr. Miseung Chu, Treasurer; and Seok Hyun Joshua Gwon, Secretary. I look forward to working with this new team and building on what the preceding team established. I am also grateful to be surrounded by a wonderful GKNF-Korea Board headed by Euisook Kim (Chair of the Board) with four executive board members who have played pivotal roles in the growth of the Foundation: Hyeonkyeong Lee, Hyunsook Shin, SukJeong Lee, and Yujung Lee. GKNF-Korea has 83 board members with four institution members, 30 general members, and 238 student members.

Our creative **ideas** and selfless dedication to the Vision* and Mission** of the GKNF are our vital assets for advancing Korean nursing professions for global leadership. Victor Hugo famously said, *"Nothing is as powerful as an **idea** whose time has come."* I quoted this saying in my speech as the one that initiated the birth of the GKNF in November, 2003. This remains to be a basic tenet for the Foundation.

I look forward to working with you all in year 2021 and accomplishing our mission together.

Yours truly,



Mi Ja Kim, PhD, RN, FRCN, FAAN
General Chair, Board of Directors
GKNF-USA and GKNF-Korea

***GKNF Vision:**

Advance Korean nursing profession for global leadership.

****GKNF Mission Statement:**

Support capacity building of Korean nurse leaders for advancing nursing science, clinical practice and policy; facilitating networking of Korean nurses worldwide to foster their leadership in global health; and broadening knowledge exchange with global leaders.

NB. I gratefully acknowledge the contribution of Drs. Bernstein and HyeonKyeong Lee to this message.

Message from the GKNF-USA President

Kunsook Bernstein PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC, FAAN

Dear GKNF-USA Board of Directors, general and students' members,



I am writing this message as the exiting president of GKNF-USA where I have served for the last 3 years between 2017 and 2020. During my term as president, I have experienced emotional highs and lows similar to all leaders go through, but for me, it had been more like "growing pain." Every inch of the journey involved one or more board members whom I found it delightful to work with and rewarding for me to get to know each one of them. Yet, at times, I was faced with unforeseen challenges which was also a stimulator and catalyst for me to grow not only as an individual, but also as a leader.

When I was elected to be the 4th GKNF-USA president 3 years ago, I envisioned the future of GKNF-USA with practical and achievable goals, and kept this list in my head; 1) increase the number of the board members, 2) schedule an annual event alternating between the international conference and leadership training, 3) expand the board members with clinical leadership, 4) promote a collaborative relationship with GKNF-Korea, 5) expand the scholarship by searching for potential donors.

I reported the annual summary of GKNF-USA activities at the 2020 annual meeting which included overall activities and accomplishments. However, there is some pertinent information I take a pride to share in this message what we have accomplished during my presidency.

1) The number of the BDs was **18** in 2017, and now **27** in 2020, which indicates a 50% increase within 3 years, which I see as a remarkable accomplishment. Additionally, the numbers of the general and student members were increased significantly.

2) These annual events listed below were held successfully.

- 2017, GKNF-USA 2nd International Nursing Conference in Chicago
- 2018, GKNF-USA and NYKNA Joint International Nursing Conference in New York.
- 2019, 2nd GKNF-USA Leadership Program in Lexington, Kentucky
- 2020, GKNF Korea & USA Joint Webinar Conference.
- 2020, GKNF USA, Webinar Conference

3) Added 3 board members with clinical leadership between 2017 and 2020.

4) Enhanced a collaborative relationship with GKNF-Korea.

5) Unfortunately, searching for potential donors to expand scholarships has been limited during my presidency, and hopefully the next presidential team will carry this task to success.

In closing, I would like to highlight the importance of cohesiveness with mutual respects and care among all board members, which can be difficult without having opportunities to get to know each other. However, I believe that there are ways to enrich the cultures within the foundation. Additionally, as the foundation is growing in numbers and activities, it is worthwhile to re-evaluate the previous 5-year strategic plans and build new future strategic plans to promote GKNF-USA.

Lastly, I thank all exiting executive committee members (Dr. Young-Me Lee and Dr. Hyochul Ahn) for their dedication and contributions to GKNF-USA for the last 3 years working with me side-by-side. I especially can't thank enough to Dr. MiJa Kim, the chair of the board of directors, who has been a sounding board for me to anchor myself during my presidency. Furthermore, I am profoundly touched by the GKNF-USA BDs' recognition of my leadership with the Founder's Award (see the picture next to my portrait) acknowledging my contribution to GKNF-USA as the president. This award is a symbol of all BDs' collaboration and dedications to this foundation.

THANK YOU ALL!!!



Induction, Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure



Hyochol Brian Ahn, PhD, MSN, ANP-BC, FAAN

**Associate Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
 Assistant Dean for Research & Isla Carroll Turner Chair in Gerontological Nursing**

Dr. Ahn has been named the Isla Carroll Turner Chair in Gerontological Nursing at the Cizik School of Nursing of UTHealth effective on November 1, 2020. He was also named Assistant Dean for Research in October 2020. Dr. Ahn was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing's 2020 Class of Fellows on October 31, 2020.



Jingyoung Kim PhD, RN, FAAN

**Associate Professor
 School of Nursing, University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

Dr. Kim was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing's 2020 Class of Fellows on October 31, 2020.



Mikyoung Angela Lee, PhD, RN

Associate Professor and Associate Director of Ph.D. Program, Texas Woman's University College of Nursing.

Dr. Lee was appointed as a member of the American Association of College of Nursing (AACN) Research-Focused Doctoral Program Pathways to Excellence Task Force (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/About-AACN/AACN-Governance/Committees-and-Task-Forces/Research-Focused-Doctoral-Pathways>).

Research Award



Hyochol Brian Ahn, PhD, MSN, ANP-BC, FAAN

**Associate Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
 Assistant Dean for Research & Isla Carroll Turner Chair in Gerontological Nursing**

Dr. Ahn received NIH research funding as Principal Investigator (3R15NR018050-01A1S1) of the project "Home-based Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation for Pain Management in Persons with Alzheimer's Disease" \$154,310. 07/2020-06/2021). Recently, Dr. Ahn received 3 NIH grants as PI and 6 other grants as a Co-I (total > \$ 5 million).



Mikyoung Angela Lee, PhD, RN

Associate Professor and Associate Director of Ph.D. Program, Texas Woman's University College of Nursing.

Dr. Lee received a National Science Foundation (NSF) research award (\$50,000) for the project "*Mobile App for Nursing Handoff for Use in Education and Practice*" (08/01/2020 -07/31/2021). This project aims to identify the needs of clinical educators, nurses, nursing faculty, and students regarding nursing handoff training and to assess the viability of a business model for a mobile app for nursing handoff in nursing education and practice fields.

2020 GKNF-USA MI Ja Kim COVID-19 Pilot Grant Award



Mikyoung Angela Lee, PhD, RN

Associate Professor and Associate Director of Ph.D. Program, Texas Woman's University College of Nursing.

Dr. Lee's research focuses on designing, building, and testing the health information technology capacity for nursing data acquisition, effectiveness measurement, big data analytics, information exchange, and consumer health informatics. Her research on consumer health informatics focuses on the enhancement of laypeople's knowledge/skills of health promotion and management and the expansion of nurses' roles through survey study, website evaluation, and web mining. She is also developing teaching pedagogies to improve the informatics competencies of nursing students. Since 2018, she has broadcasted health education monthly through a Dallas radio station for enhancing the layperson's health literacy and engagement in health promotion and disease prevention. Since January 2020, she has shared COVID-19 related information and prevention principles through her radio show and many community events. Dr. Lee is also serving as the GKNF-USA COVID-19 Task Force.

2020 GKNF Duck Hee Kang Distinguished Mentor Award



Jeungok Choi, PhD, MPH, RN

Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Dr. Choi has worked at the University of Massachusetts Amherst since 2006. She earned her PhD degree in Cornell School of Nursing at Boston College (2001), and Master of Public Health (1999) at Tufts university. Her program of research is to improve fatigue symptoms using a mobile technology for elders with chronic conditions such as arthritis. Dr. Choi is currently working as PI of an NIH-funded research project titled "Tablet-based Cognitive Behavioral Intervention (Tab-CBI): Comparison of Group vs. Individual CBT Education" (P20NR016599-03).



Myung S. Cho, RN, MSN, CNN, ANP

Clinical Nurse Manager, Northwell Health System, New York

Ms. Cho has worked as a nurse educator and clinical nurse manager in the dialysis department at Northwell Health System in New York since 2001. She mentored a multitude of health care professionals through the development, implementation, and evaluation of the dialysis orientation program. She received the Nursing Center of Excellence Award for Education of Patients in 2021 and the DaVita Shining Star Award in 2017. Another highlight of her professional career is her leadership as President of the New York Korean Nurses Association (2013-2017), and President of the Overseas Korean Nurses Association (2017-2019). She was recognized to be a true mentor to countless number of Korean nurses regionally, nationally, and internationally by being an exemplary nurse leader.

2020 GKNF-USA Jhin Ann Soon Scholarship Award



Soyoung Choi, PhD Student
Pennsylvania State University

As a data scientist, Ms. Choi's research topics involve family caregiving in heart failure (HF), HF prognosis, and chronic illness in people with disabilities (with special focus on people with visual impairments). She uses R and Python as her main research tools and published statistical computing packages such as *Ezpickr*, *Mboxr*, and *YouTube caption* to the peer-reviewed Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN). She has used exploratory data science techniques to conduct bibliometric studies of published health literature, discover latent topics from big-data-sized textual archives, and develop predictive models by using machine learning. Her dissertation research analyzes a large number of serial interview scripts from 102 HF family caregivers by using machine learning algorithms and traditional content analysis to explore the dynamic nature of HF family caregiving experiences.

2020 GKNF-USA Scientific Scholarship Award



Soojung Ahn, PhD student,
University of Virginia

Ms. Ahn has been studying cardiovascular health in family caregivers, utilizing non-invasive measures of biomarkers. Her dissertation research focuses on the role of impaired sleep in the association between caregiving stress and cardiovascular health among caregivers of individuals with cancer. She believes the health of caregivers who serve an integral component of the health care system warrants more attention from clinicians and researchers, given their vulnerability to chronic psychological stress and suboptimal health behavior. She hopes to contribute to developing evidence-based strategies to optimizing early prevention of cardiovascular disease in the caregiver population.



Sungwon Park, PhD Student
University of Illinois at Chicago

Ms. Park has built her career as an occupational and environmental health nurse. Her experiences have motivated her to pursue research in workers' health. She is interested in promoting workers' health and preventing work-related injury. In 2019, she was the only Nursing doctoral student selected in the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) Graduate Nurse Internship Program and successfully completed two projects in OSHA, Washington, D.C. Her doctoral dissertation is to identify factors influencing adherence to health behaviors recommended by a metabolic syndrome management program for workers in the community.

A New Board Member



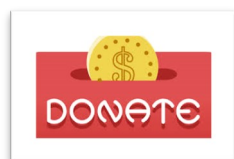
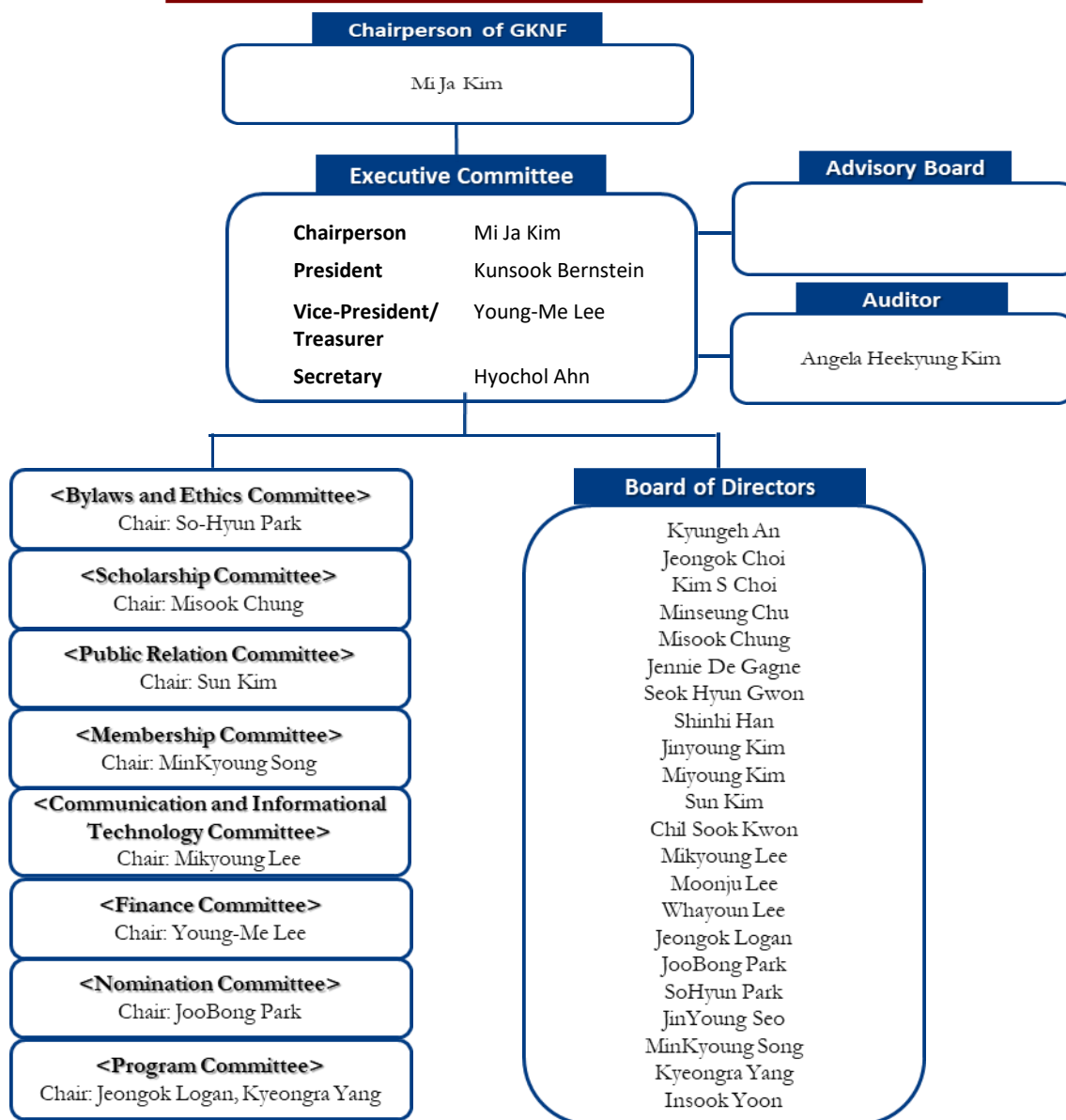
Minseung Chu, DNP, FNP-BC

Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

Dr. Chu is Director of Compliance Responsibilities at the University of Illinois at Chicago and her scholarship of practice is focused on the care of vulnerable populations, particularly in the area of infectious disease in global health. Her DNP capstone project involved identifying means of improving PrEP adherence to prevent HIV among sexual minorities. Dr. Chu currently serves as a nurse scientist of two 2nd phase of COVID-19 vaccine projects: Moderna mRNA-1273-P301 and Janssen Ad26.COV2. As a family nurse practitioner, her practice focuses on providing medication-assisted treatment for people with opioid use disorder. As Director of Compliance Responsibilities, Dr. Chu developed her college's faculty/staff policy for adherence to federal and state guidelines and manages the compliance program.

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