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THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KOWIN NETWORKING AND MENTORING LUNCHEON 2015

# THE POWER OF SHARING

Be inspired by the personal journeys of remarkable Korean American women.  
Explore the power of mentoring and networking and expand your horizons through your  
passions, career goals, and leadership.

Saturday, June 13, 2015  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
The Glen Club, 2901 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, IL 60026

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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. *Registration*

9:30 – 11:50 a.m. *Morning Program: Storytelling*

### **The Power of Sharing: Leading by Serving**

How do you integrate your identity, values, and passion with your career? Keynote Speaker Myung Lee will share her insights into leadership and choosing a career, as well as stories from her own professional life journey.

**Keynote Speaker: Myung Lee, Executive Director of Cities of Service, a national nonprofit organization, a coalition of more than 200 cities in the U.S. and U.K.**

### **Personal Journeys: Sharing Our Passion, Leading Locally and Globally**

In this panel, three successful women from different fields share their experiences and insights into incorporating social values into their careers.

#### Panelists:

- **Kathy Ku:** Founder and CEO of SPOUTS of Water LTD., a nonprofit NGO that provides affordable water filtering system for communities in Africa and works out of Uganda.
- **Eliza Shin:** Accomplished musician and actor who shares her talents with the community.
- **Irene Sohn:** Deputy Executive Director of Hanul Family Alliance, a social service agency that supports Korean American elderly and their families.

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. *Lunch and Group Photo*

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. *Afternoon Program: Strategies*

### **Workshop: Strategies for Overcoming Stumbling Blocks as Asian Women**

In this afternoon workshop, Korean American women discuss their experiences and strategies for overcoming racism and sexism at school and in the workplace. Topics include:

- Getting proper credit – and getting paid – for what you're doing.
- "So where are you *really* from?": Dealing with model minority stereotypes, microaggressions, and invisibility as an Asian American woman.

#### Panelists:

- **Dr. Juliana Chyu:** Dermatologist and Board President of Sejong Cultural Society.
- **Dr. Jenny Lee:** Associate Professor and Women's Center Coordinator at the College of Lake County.
- **Wendy Kim:** Rising senior at the Chamberlain College of Nursing.
- **YeSol An:** Rising junior at New Trier High School.
- **Audrey Kim:** Rising freshman at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. *Table Discussions*



## CONFERENCE PANELISTS AND PRESENTERS



**Myung J. Lee** is Executive Director of Cities of Service, a national nonprofit that supports mayors and other city chief executive officers in over 200 cities across the U.S. and U.K. to leverage the power of citizen volunteers and community leaders to make meaningful progress on priority areas from sustainability and neighborhood revitalization, to youth and education. She previously served as a Deputy Commissioner with the City of New York's Administration for Children's Services, and as a program officer and associate general counsel at the Corporation for National Service, where she managed multi-million dollar grant programs and helped to launch AmeriCorps. She holds a J.D. from Georgetown University, and resides in Brooklyn with her husband and daughter.



**Kathy Ku** is a recent college graduate (AB/SM, '13/'14) running a social enterprise in Uganda called SPOUTS of Water. SPOUTS of Water is a hybrid entity (non-profit and for-profit) that aims to disrupt the current development model of free aid by locally manufacturing affordable ceramic water filters in Uganda that can provide clean drinking water to the millions of Ugandans in need. Kathy started SPOUTS of Water while she was still a student at Harvard University and is using her engineering and global health background to run a factory in Uganda with the help of her co-Founder and other team members on the ground. Her various internships in consulting firms (BCG, McKinsey & Co.) has also helped prepare her for running a small business in Uganda. In her free time, Kathy tends to an herb garden and tries to grow American corn on Ugandan soil.



**Eliza Shin** (신수미) is currently working as an actor, performer, and producer. Her credits include NBC's *Chicago Fire*, Mary Zimmerman's *The White Snake* as well as numerous other commercial and theatrical credits. As an activist, she was part of Silk Road Rising's panel *Building a Theater of Inclusion: Perspectives on Asian-American Casting and Producing* which is viewable on YouTube. Her parents are first-generation immigrants, and she was born in Los Angeles. She holds a medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School and did her residency at the Washington University School of Medicine. The trajectory of her careers is a lesson in cultural and generational challenges for our Korean community.



**Irene Jisun Sohn, MSW**, is the Deputy Executive Director of Hanul Family Alliance, a nonprofit community-based-organization that serves the Korean immigrant community. For the past 13 years, Irene has been advocating for services and resources that are culturally and linguistically appropriate for the Korean elderly and their families through involvement with government agencies, collaborations, coalitions, private funders and individual donors that are committed to a vision of equal access to services for all elderly, regardless of ethnicity or language. As the Deputy Executive Director of Hanul Family Alliance, she not only oversees operation of the agency's programming, fundraising and human resource management, but also is in charge of leading the strategic steering committee of the organization. She holds a dual-major Bachelor's degree in International Studies and East Asian Studies from

Washington University in St. Louis, and Master of Social Work from George Warren Brown School of Social Work in St. Louis.



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**Dr. Juliana Chyu** was born in Seoul, Korea, and matriculated at Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine in 1976. She continued her professional training in Dermatology at the University of Chicago. After residency, she was appointed Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine in Dermatology at the University of Chicago. She is Board Certified and a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology, and a member of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, the Chicago Dermatological Society and the Illinois Dermatological Society. In 2012, she was recognized as one of America's Top Dermatologists. She was Board President of Hanul Family Alliance from 2007 to 2009, and is currently the Board President of Sejong Cultural Society.



**Jenny Lee** is an Associate Professor of English and Humanities and Women's Center Coordinator at the College of Lake County, where she was named 2015 Outstanding Faculty of the Year. She holds a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, an M.A. from the University of Cape Town, and a Ph.D. in English, medieval, and classical studies from Northwestern University, where she received the Jean H. Hagstrum Award for Best Dissertation. She is a former writer for Hyphen magazine and an active advocate for community organizations in the Chicago area that support the needs and rights of women, youth, low-income immigrants, and the elderly, serving on the Board of Directors at Hanul Family Alliance and KAN-WIN. She lives in the Chicago area with her family.



**Audrey Kim** is a senior at New Trier High School, and this is her third year interning for KOWIN. This fall, she will be attending University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign under the Division of General Studies. Interning for KOWIN has allowed Audrey to learn and give back to the Korean community, and she feels very fortunate to help expand an organization like KOWIN with an incredible group of women.



**YeSol An** is currently a sophomore attending New Trier High School. This is her first year as an intern for KOWIN, but so far it has been a great learning experience. She feels very blessed to be able to share her ideas and help other Korean women through this organization. She will continue to do her best to support KOWIN and reach out to all members of the Korean community.



**Wendy Kim** is currently a junior at Chamberlain College of Nursing. She has been an attendee for KOWIN's events in the past, but it is her first time being an intern to work with a group filled with such wonderful and successful women. She is happy to be part of the organization to help develop and strengthen the Korean community.