Dear Friends and Colleagues,

My name is Halla Kim, and I am happy to be writing you in my capacity as the Vice-President of the new group, North American Korean Philosophy Association. I am writing you this email because you are on my list as a member of the NAKPA or a potential member. If you would like to be removed from the group email, please let me know. I plan to issue an e-newsletter on a quarterly basis (February, May, August and November) and the real, paper newsletter will be sent out to you toward the end of the year.

I am also pleased to announce that Hwa Yol Jung (Moravian College) has been inaugurated as the first president of NAKPA. Jin Park (American University) and David Kim (University of San Francisco) have also joined us as the board members. So the four of us, Hwa Yol, Jin, David and I will be running the operations for the next two years until the end of 2015.

Finally, if you have any suggestions about the operations, please let me know.

Best,

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Message from the President

It is my honor and pleasure to introduce our first president Professor Hwa Yol Jung (Moravian College). He will serve in that function for two years until the end of 2015, and here is what he has to say about the group.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the newly created North American Korean Philosophy Association, which has been officially approved by the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division) as its affiliate with the dedicated effort of our colleague Halla Kim of the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Indeed, it is a giant step for the future of Korean philosophy here and elsewhere. Halla is going to extend his diligent effort to affiliate NAKPA with the Midwest and Pacific Divisions of the APA.

I am truly honored and delighted to be designated as the first President of the NAKPA especially because I, unlike many of you, was not trained in philosophy proper. In a way I am an “outsider,” as I began to study philosophy, especially phenomenology, existential philosophy, and hermeneutics under the guidance of the late John Wild since my post-doctoral years.

My first message is: please call me by my first name “Hwa Yol.” It will make for a much more friendly and collegial relationship. Second, at the moment, I am on a “transversality” binge, which simply means to be intercultural, interdisciplinary, interspecific, intersensorial, etc., toward the building of “world philosophy” devoid of ethnocentrism whether it be Eurocentrism, Sinocentrism, or Afrocentrism.

I look forward to working with and learning from you since I feel I need to learn much more about Korean philosophy. Please feel free to send me or Halla your suggestions for the improvement and efficiency of our organization.

Warmest greetings,

Hwa Yol

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The North American Korean Philosophy Association (NAKPA)
NAKPA was founded in 2013. We are now an affiliate group of the American Philosophical Association. The notion of Korean philosophy here shall be understood broadly enough to cover not only the traditional philosophy such as the Buddhist philosophies of Wŏnhyo and Chinul or for that matter the Chosŏn Neo-Confucianism but also the contemporary philosophy done on important current topics in and out of Korea by philosophers of Korean extraction or by those who are interested in philosophy in Korea. At this point, there are neither dues nor special membership requirements for NAKPA. For further information, please contact Halla Kim, Department of Philosophy, University of Nebraska at Omaha, NE 68182 hallakim@unomaha.edu

**Membership Data-Base**

If you have any announcement to make about the upcoming conferences, call for papers, or new publications that are broadly related to Korean philosophy, please do let us know – we will circulate them in the next issue of the e-newsletter. NAKPA is also making a data-base of institutions with courses that are broadly related to Korean philosophy by way of the English language. Please let us know if you teach one or know any. We would appreciate it. Also, for the effective delivery of the regular newsletter at the end of year, please fill out the membership application form at the end of our home page [http://www.unomaha.edu/philosophy/](http://www.unomaha.edu/philosophy/) and send or email it to Halla Kim if you have not done so.

As for the NAKPA constitution and the organization of the group and its activities, it will be posted on our home page at the cyberspace of Halla Kim’s home department at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. [http://www.unomaha.edu/philosophy/nakpa.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/philosophy/nakpa.php) (available on or after Feb. 20, 2014)

**Call for 2014 Eastern APA Sessions**

We would like to let all the members of NAKPA know that we are now accepting requests for APA Eastern Division sessions, which will be held on December 27-30 at the downtown Marriott in Philadelphia. We are able to arrange up to 2 sessions (either 2-hour or 3-hour sessions). The deadline for session requests is May 1, 2014. When you send your suggestion, please include the title of the session, the length of the duration, and the names and email addresses of the panelists or speakers (and commentators if this applies). Please don't hesitate to contact hallakim@unomaha.edu if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

**Upcoming Conferences on Korean Philosophy**

- APA Committee Session: Buddhism as Philosophy in Korea
  Arranged by the APA Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies
February 27, 2014, APA Central Division, Palmer House, Chicago  
12:10pm-2:10pm  
Chair: Halla Kim (University of Nebraska–Omaha)  
Speakers:  
Eunsu Cho (Seoul National University)  
“Mind and Reality in Wonhyo’s Philosophy”  
Jin Y. Park (American University)  
“Envisioning Buddhist Ethics”  

http://www.apaonline.org/

- Korean and Comparative Philosophy and History of Philosophy  
  Date: 11-13 December 2014  
  Venue: City University of Hong Kong  
  Host: P. J. Ivanhoe (CUHK)

  **Recent Venues on Korean Philosophy**

  - APA Committee Session: The Development of Confucianism in Korea  
    Arranged by the APA Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies  
    Chair: Halla Kim (University of Nebraska–Omaha)  
    Speakers:  
    So-Yi Chung (Sogang University, Korea) “Tasan’s Confucianism”  
    Owen Flanagan (Duke University) “The Four-Seven Debate: A New Look”  
    Hwa Yol Jung (Moravian College) “Confucian Filial Piety in Theory and Practice in Korea Today”  
    Bongrae Seok (Alvernia University) “Korean Neo-Confucianism and Moral Psychology of Emotion: Qing and XingQing”


    Organized by the Academy of Korean Studies  
    Jin Y. Park, “Korean Philosophy: Reviewing the Present and Envisioning the Future”  
    http://www.aks.ac.kr/front/boardView.do
• Conference on KOREAN MODERNITY/coloniality

Korean Philosophy Workshop at the University of San Francisco:
Organizer: David Kim
AUGUST 13-14, 2013
“Radical Enchantment in Donghak Syncretism” David H. Kim (U. of San Francisco)
“Kim Iryŏp and a Comparative Philosophy of Religion” Jín Y. Park (American U.)
“Ham Sŏkhŏn and the Rise of Philosophy of History in Korea” Halla Kim (U. of Nebraska)
“The Concept of Minjung: Inventing ‘A People to Come’” Boram Jeong (Duquesne U.)
“The Cunning Practices of the Inauthentic Asian American Woman” Emily S. Lee (CSU, Fullerton)
“Confucian Ritual Propriety for 21st Century South Korea: A Reconstruction from Traditional Korean Resources,” Jung-Yeup Kim (Kent State U.)

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Call for Papers

Recent Publications on Korean Philosophy

Quick News and Jobs, etc.