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Season's Greetings from the 2021 KACA officials



Announcing 2021 KACA-KOFICE Research Grant Winners

Congratulations to those who received the 2021KACA-KOFICE grant. The grant is intended to support research projects that contribute to the knowledge of various communication fields related to Korea and Korean culture.

A total of three grant proposals were selected this year, with grants of \$1000 and \$500 awarded, respectively. Awardees include:

- Rachel Son, Ph.D. Student, University of Florida
- Jinsook Kim, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- Seon-Woo Kim, Ph.D. Student, Louisiana State University

[More information about the KACA-KOFICE grant winners.](#)



NCA 2021 Report

November 18 - 20, 2021 Seattle, WA



Two Research Sessions & Three Panel Discussion Sessions

During the 107th annual convention of the National Communication Association, KACA sponsored/co-sponsored five sessions working with the Chinese Communication Association, the Association for Chinese Communication Studies, and the Asian Pacific Caucus Studies & Division.

KACA research and panel sessions	
Friday, November 19	
9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Paper Session 1 (Co-sponsorship with CCA): (Re)use, sense-making, and transformation in virtual and cultural space.
Saturday, November 20	
12:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Panel Discussion Session: Diaspora within homeland: Displacement, mobility, and diversity in Korea.
2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Paper Session 2 (KACA & CCA Joint-Session): Misinformation, disinformation and lies: Cases in East Asia.
KACA co-sponsored sessions	
Thursday, November 18	
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Panel Discussion Session: Antiracist Asians, complicit Asians, and everything in between and all outside: What does Asian Pacific American Communication Studies say about White supremacy?
Friday, November 19	
3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Panel Discussion Session: Association for Chinese Communication Studies (ACCS) 30 th anniversary solidarity panel: Addressing anti-Asian hate and violence, advocating for a path toward transformation and renewal



A total of 9 studies were presented in the research sessions. A total of 28 scholars joined the three panel discussion sessions as panelists.

Congratulations on the top paper winner:
Jin Choi (University of Maryland)

The KACA-NCA Business Meeting and Social Dinner *Thursday, November 18.*

A total of 11 professors and 14 graduate students joined the event. During the business meeting, a membership drive was conducted, and the KACA-NCA division's Top Paper awardee was recognized.



KACA Graduate Student Social *Friday, November 19.*



A total of 6 graduate students had a casual social gathering at the Korean restaurant joined by the KACA president Dr. Jin-Ae Kang and the KACA-NCA vice president Dr. JongHwa Lee.

[Check out more information about the KACA-NCA 2021.](#)

Time to renew your membership

It's time to renew your membership.

In addition to the existing membership categories (i.e., Gold, Silver, Prime, Regular, and Student membership), from 2022, **KACA offers a new membership category – Lifetime Membership!**

If you plan to renew your membership in 2022, please complete the early bird registry before December 31, 2021. You will be automatically entered to win a \$10 Amazon gift card for 5 people.

A flyer for KACA membership 2022. The top features the KACA logo (Korean American Communication Association) and the text "JOIN OR RENEW KACA MEMBERSHIP 2022". Below this, it states "IT'S TIME TO RENEW KACA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022. THE KACA'S FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31." The flyer lists an "Early Birds Raffle for 2022 Registration" where a \$10 gift card will be given to 5 people registered between Dec 13 and 31. It provides "Where to register" as the KACA website. It lists "Types of membership" with prices: Student (\$20), Regular (\$30), Prime (\$50), Silver (\$75), Gold (\$100), Platinum (\$200 or more), and Life-Time (\$800 NEW). It also details "Life-Time Membership" as \$800 or \$200 for 4 consecutive payments. "Member Benefits" include e-newsletters, directory access, voting rights, leadership opportunities, and award eligibility. Contact information for Dr. Kyung Jung Han and Dr. Jee Young Chung is provided. The flyer ends with "Thank you for your support!"

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We will give away a \$10 gift card to 5 people who registered between December 13 and 31 through a lottery.

Where to register
The KACA accepts payments from PayPal service through KACA's website. Please visit <http://www.thekaca.org/membership/>

Types of membership
Student: \$20 / Regular: \$30 / Prime: \$50 / Silver: \$75
Gold: \$100 / Platinum: \$200 or more / **Life-Time: \$800 (NEW)**

Life-Time Membership
\$800 or \$200 for 4 consecutive payments
(Please contact Treasurer for the information about consecutive payments.)

Member Benefits
Regular e-newsletters, KACA members page access, KACA membership directory access, Voting rights, Opportunities for leadership roles and networking, and Eligibility for all KACA awards & grant applications

Questions inquiries: Dr. Kyung Jung Han (Treasurer) at khan1@csu.edu or Dr. Jee Young Chung (Membership Chair) at jychungstar@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

Membership dues are very important in funding activities that are essential to fulfilling the KACA's organizational mission. We are truly grateful for your support. **The KACA's fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31.**

[More information about the membership and how to join/renew](#)

KACA Shout-Outs

Dr. Gooyong Kim, an assistant professor at Cheyney University, is appointed as a council member for the Communications Equity & Diversity Council by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). He is assigned to the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group under the Council for two years as of December 2021. He is also selected as a fellow for the Academy of Korean Studies and will do fieldwork during the summer in Korea. His research project examines the bereaved mothers' political subjectification/ subjectivation in the post-Gwangju Uprising movement.

Dr. David Oh, an associate professor of Communication Arts at Ramapo College of New Jersey, won the Top 4 Faculty Paper Award in the International & Intercultural Communication Division at the NCA 2021.

Thank you to everyone who shared your news with other KACA members. Please share your good news with us (jkimcomm@umd.edu). We will include it in the next newsletter and celebrate with KACA members.

Holiday shopping at Amazon.com? Here is a way you can support the KACA



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[Learn more about the KACA’s AmazonSmile program](#)

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We hope you enjoyed the issue of winter 2021 newsletter! If you have suggestions for future content, please reach out to the newsletter editor [Dr. Jiyoun Kim](#).

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