

# NCFR Korean Families Focus Group

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**Location:** Rosen Centre, Orlando, FL

**Date:** 11/10/2023

**Time:** 6:45-8:00pm ET

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## Attendees

Kwangman Ko (Co-Chair), Woosang Hwang (Co-Chair), So Young Park (Student/Early Career Representative), Seulki Ku (Communication Specialist), Myae Han (Advisory Board), Yerang Park, Shinyoung Jeon, Sun A Cho, Christina Kim, Hanna Yu, Eunyoung Park, Isaac Washburn, Christina Kim, Soojin Han, Cho Rong Lee, Soon Cho, Soyoung Park, Jihyae Choe, Yeon Ji Ryou, Sung Min Park

## Meeting Agenda

### 1. Introduction of the NCFR Korean Families Focus Group (KFFG)

- a. History of KFFG
  - i. Initiated in 2018 with 22 members, the group has sustained its activities for over 5 years.
- b. Introduction of group leadership and members
- c. Welcoming new members

### 2. 2023 Report

- a. Professional development series (virtual meetings)
  - i. Distress Yourself
    1. Members engaged in small group discussions, sharing struggles and joys, fostering peer-mentoring, and exploring resilience for their academic journeys.
  - ii. PhD Job Market Panel Discussion
    1. Faculty from the U.S., Korea, and Hong Kong shared their job search and application experiences, including interviews and campus visits.
  - iii. Grant writing
    1. A senior faculty member with extensive grant writing experience shared insights on securing national level grants.
- b. Mentoring program
  - i. Twelve mentor-mentee pairs participated from March to October 2023.
  - ii. Followed by a survey asking about their experiences, results from the survey were debriefed during the meeting.
- c. KFFG Advisory Board
  - i. Launched in November 2023 with senior faculty members, Dr. Soyoung Lee (Associate Professor, Montclair State University; KFFG Past Chair) and Dr. Myae Han (Professor, University of Delaware)

### **3. 2024 planning**

- a. Bylaws
  - i. The KFFG bylaws have been drafted; the completion and sharing with members are planned by early in 2024.
- b. Mentoring program
  - i. Revisions based on survey feedback are planned, with the launch of the new program in early 2024.
- c. Career development lecture series
  - i. Plans for several lecture series are underway, with details to be shared early in 2024.
- d. Leadership positions
  - i. Open leadership positions for 2024; members interested in contributing are encouraged to apply.

### **Questions, Comments, and/or Suggestions**

- 1. Networking with Korean scholars and students across the U.S. and Korea
  - a. Suggestions for increasing participation in the NCFR 2024 conference included virtual career development lectures and organizing special sessions/symposia on Korean families.
- 2. Vision and promotion of KFFG
  - a. The vision of KFFG needs alignment with the overall vision of NCFR, and strategies for promotion should reflect the group's mission and goals.