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“Advancing Criminology Through Collaboration, Innovation, and Global Engagement”



Dear Esteemed Members and Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you well. With spring fast approaching, I am delighted to highlight our members’ accomplishments from the fall to winter season and share these updates in **Volume 15, Issue 1** of the **KOSCA Newsletter**.

The past six months have been exceptionally productive for KOSCA, marked by significant contributions both domestically and internationally. We were honored to co-host a **joint conference with the Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ)**—an event that brought together many of our distinguished members. As part of KOSCA’s new initiatives, we are placing a strong focus on **addressing drug crimes**, a global challenge that increasingly threatens public safety and health. Alongside these efforts, we successfully facilitated several key events at the **American Society of Criminology (ASC)**.

The evolving nature of drug-related issues calls for broad collaboration, and we remain committed to fostering **joint efforts between South Korea and the United States**. I extend heartfelt gratitude to our doctoral students for their dedication to joint research projects with KOSCA faculty on drug-related crime. The panel session at ASC was truly inspiring, offering invaluable insights and solutions—thank you all for your important contributions.

To further this critical dialogue, we invited **Dr. Evan Marie Lowder** as our distinguished guest speaker. Her expertise in **drug prevention** has equipped us with additional tools to tackle this pressing issue.

In this issue, we also spotlight the **groundbreaking achievements of our members** in criminology through education, scholarly work, and international collaborations. We are proud to feature interviews with our in-house research expert and our guest speaker, showcasing the depth and breadth of our collective expertise.

In another milestone, **KOSCA has officially joined the APS** under the **Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA)**. We look forward to exploring new research opportunities at the intersection of criminology, engineering, and science—an important step toward maximizing synergy and fostering innovative outcomes. This partnership also promises **enhanced scholarship opportunities for KOSCA students** and expanded research avenues for our members. We are excited to collaborate with KSEA to further these goals.

I would like to extend a special note of thanks to our KOSCA executive team and all the active members whose unwavering dedication has been key to our ongoing success. Your commitment and trust in our mission are greatly appreciated.

We hope you enjoy reading about our recent endeavors and achievements in this edition of our newsletter.

Kyung-Shick Choi, Ph.D.

The 8th President of KOSCA

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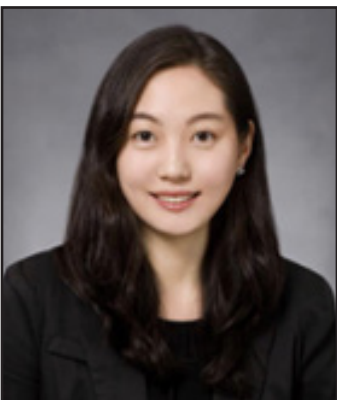
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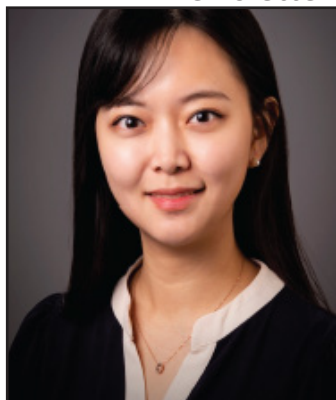
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KOSCA at the 79th ASC Annual Meeting

The 79th Annual Meeting of ASC (president: Dr. Valerie Jenness), held in San Francisco, CA, featured the theme **Criminological Research and Education Matters: People, Policy, and Practice in Tumultuous Times**. This year's conference brought together scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to engage in meaningful discussions about the role of criminological research in shaping policy and practice, particularly in an era of social and political challenges.

For KOSCA, this year's ASC was particularly special. We had the privilege of hosting **Dr. Evan Marie Lowder** as our esteemed guest speaker, who shared invaluable insights on her research and expertise. Additionally, we organized a sponsored session that highlighted the work of our academic divisions and showcased student-led projects, demonstrating the impact of emerging scholars in the field.

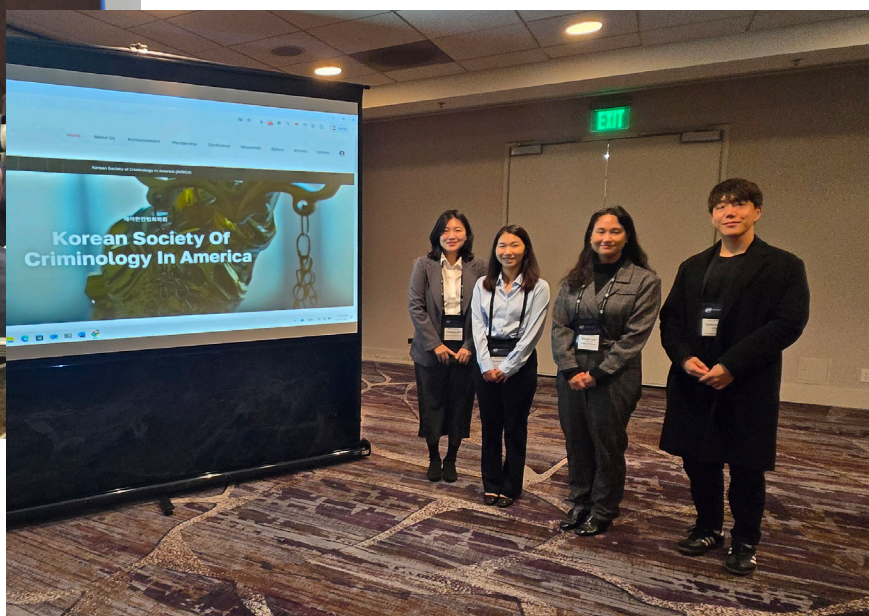
“Drugs in the Modern Times”

Beyond the academic sessions, KOSCA successfully held our **student meeting and reception**, providing a valuable opportunity for members to network, collaborate, and strengthen professional connections within our community. The event fostered engagement among scholars at different stages of their careers, reinforcing KOSCA's commitment to supporting research, mentorship, and professional development.

The KOSCA-sponsored panel, titled **Drugs in the Modern Times**, featured winners of student-led projects conducted in collaboration with KOSCA academic division student members and their faculty mentors.

This session included engaging presentations from the **Division of Artificial Intelligence and Criminal Justice, the Division of Cybercriminology, the Division of Criminological Theory and Juvenile Justice, and the Division of Policing and Public Safety**. Topics covered various aspects of drug-related crime in relation to artificial intelligence, drug abuse education programs, drug trafficking, the Dark Web, and criminological theoretical perspectives.

Overall, the 79th ASC Annual Meeting was a remarkable experience, and KOSCA was honored to contribute to the dynamic conversations that took place.



KOSCA at the 79th ASC Annual Meeting



“The Crucial Nexus of Public Health and Criminal Justice in Drug Prevention”

Our Annual Meeting was honored with a presentation by Dr. Evan Marie Lowder, Associate Professor of Criminology, Law, and Society at George Mason University, on The Crucial Nexus of Public Health and Criminal Justice in Drug Prevention. As a leading expert in both public health and criminal justice, she provided a comprehensive overview of current drug prevention strategies in the United States, discussing how evidence-based policies and interventions have been implemented to reduce substance use and mitigate its societal impacts. She highlighted the role of community-based programs, harm reduction initiatives, and interdisciplinary collaborations in shaping more effective responses to drug-related offenses. Beyond examining U.S. policies, Dr. Lowder also engaged in a thoughtful discussion on the potential applications of these strategies in the Korean context.



KOSCA at the 79th ASC Annual Meeting

2024 KOSCA Annual Award Recipients

Special Contribution Award **Mr. Gibeom Park**
Educational Divide Reform

Excellence in Research Award **Dr. Sujung Cho**
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

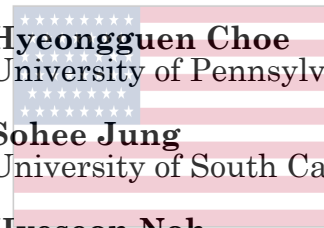
**Excellence in Research
Junior Faculty Award** **Dr. Insun Park**
University of Akron

Student Research Award **Hyeonguen Choe**
University of Pennsylvania

Sohee Jung
University of South Carolina

Hyeseon Noh
University of South Carolina

Danee Lee
University of Cincinnati



KOSCA Academic Divisions

Our academic divisions serve as the foundation of the association, bringing together individuals with shared interests to foster mutual growth and learning. Please explore the activities of each division and consider reaching out to them for membership!

Division of Cybercriminology

(Chair: Dr. Sinchul Back - University of Scranton; sinchul.back@scranton.edu)

The Division of Cybercriminology at the Korean Society of Criminology in America (KOSCA) is dedicated to fostering scholarly, scientific, and practical exchange and collaboration in the realms of cybercrime and cybersecurity from a global perspective. At ASC, the Division of Cybercriminology engaged in exciting topics such as Artificial Intelligence and Robotics in Law Enforcement, Unveiling the Digital Underworld: Exploring Identity Theft, Social Media Privacy Paradox, and AI's Influence on Cybercrime, and Drugs in the Modern Time. We extend a warm invitation to educators, researchers, practitioners, and students interested in these critical fields to join our membership base.

Division of Criminological Theory and Juvenile Justice

(Chair: Dr. Hyunin Baek - New Mexico State University; h0baek01@nmsu.edu)

Division of Criminological Theory and Juvenile Justice seeks to broaden the understanding of the etiology of criminal and delinquent behaviors from diverse theoretical perspectives. The Division is committed to fostering and promoting open and constructive dialogue, rigorous scientific research, and collaboration among academic scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to develop effective and comprehensive delinquent/criminal behavior prevention programs and strategies.

Division of Women and Gender

(Chair: Dr. Chunrye Kim - Saint Joseph's University; ckim@sju.edu)

Division of Women and Gender brings together ALL members who are interested in addressing gender equality and women's empowerment in the study of crime, justice, and the crime-processing system. The primary goals of this section are to facilitate and promote research and exchange of information concerning women and gender issues in the field and to develop effective pedagogical strategies and curricula for women, gender, and crime courses. The Women and Crime Section also encourages networking and interaction among members by providing various professional and social interaction opportunities, including: panels and presentations on gender, crime and justice; and mentoring for female faculty and student members in the discipline.



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Division of Korean Community and Criminal Justice

(Chair: Dr. Sinyong Choi - Kennesaw State University; schoi35@kennesaw.edu)

The Division of Korean Community and Criminal Justice has been actively involved in the divisional research project titled "Korean Americans' Perceptions of Police Legitimacy and Cooperation with Police: Normative and Instrumental Pathways," which is currently undergoing a Revise and Resubmit (R&R) process with the International Journal of Criminal Justice.

Are you passionate about criminal justice topics, especially those focused on the Korean community? We are actively seeking dedicated individuals to join our dynamic team. If you're interested in joining the division, please reach out to the division chair, Dr. Sinyong Choi, at Schoi35@kennesaw.edu. We look forward to welcoming you on board!

Division of Policing and Public Safety

(Chair: Hyunjung Cheon - University of Texas at El Paso; hcheon@utep.edu)

The division seeks to contribute professional expertise to policing and public safety via research, collaboration, and social networking. Keeping in mind the plethora of new practices in policing and the importance of collaboration between/among the police and researchers, the division can provide great opportunities to work along with members in re-search projects and to share their professional expertise through multiple channels (e.g. academic meetings, discussion boards and social media). Any researchers and practitioners in policing and public safety are welcome to join.

Division of Artificial Intelligence and Criminal Justice

(Chair: Dr. Hyoungah Park - Saint Peter's University; hpark1@saintpeters.edu)

The division of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Criminal Justice (CJ) is committed to understanding and utilizing Artificial Intelligence, such as Random Forests, Neural Networks, Support Vector Machine Learning, etc., in crime prediction, crime prevention, crime investigations, corrections, and so on. It seeks the collaboration of scholars, interdisciplinary research, and cooperation with practitioners, community members, and policy-makers on topics that have recently gained more attention, such as Crime Forecasting, Recidivism Prediction, Smart Crime Maps, Smart CCTV, Facial Recognition, Fingerprint Identification, DNA Matching, Cyber Security, Abnormal Behavior Detection, Gun Shot Detection, Monitoring Social Networks, Plate Number Chasing, and any other utilization of AI and Machine Learning in CJ. Our Divisions are currently accepting proposals for Student-led grant initiatives.



Interview with Experts



Sujung Cho, Ph.D.
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale

- Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- 2024-2025 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Program Co-chair
- Served as Program Committee Chair and Treasurer of KOSCA
- Editorial Board Member of Journal of Criminology and Forensic Studies
- 2023 CHHS Minority Faculty Scholar Excellence Award recipient
- 2024 ACJS Richard J. Terrill Paper of the Year Award recipient
- 2024 KOSCA Excellence-in-Research Award recipient
- Research focused on Juvenile Delinquency, Bullying/Peer Victimization, Cross-national and Comparative Criminology, and Advanced Statistical Methodology
- Her research has appeared in highly regarded journals such as Justice Quarterly, Crime & Delinquency, Journal of Adolescence, and Computers in Human Behavior.
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Evan Marie Lowder, Ph.D.
George Mason University

- Associate Professor of Criminology, Law and Society at George Mason University
- Director of the Early Justice Strategies Lab
- MacArthur Foundation grant winner to study pretrial defendants' risks and needs during the pretrial period
- 2023 Faculty Excellence in Research award winner from George Mason University President Gregory Washington
- Recognized as "Rising Star" Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).
- Research focused on strategies to reduce offending and improve behavioral health outcomes among justice-involved adults.
- Her research has appeared in highly regarded journals such as Justice Quarterly, the Journal of Criminal Justice, Law and Human Behavior.
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Interview with Dr. Sujung Cho

Congratulations on winning the 2024 KOSCA Excellence-in-Research Award! How has your research evolved over the years? Could you share some key milestones in your research career?

As a criminologist-statistician, I strongly believe in employing diverse and up-to-date statistical methods in research. These methods are fundamental to the accurate analysis of data and its interpretation. While I have an affinity for complex techniques, my primary focus is on applying the most appropriate statistical methods tailored to the research question and hypothesis. The goal is not complexity for its own sake but ensuring that the methods align with the study's objectives. Choosing the right techniques can uncover patterns, relationships, and insights that might otherwise remain hidden. Even when addressing the same research question, different statistical approaches can provide unique perspectives, leading to deeper and more meaningful findings. This flexibility and precision enhance the reliability and validity of research while contributing to significant advancements in the field. By adapting statistical methods to the unique needs of each study, I have been able to highlight results that are often more impactful and insightful than those of other scholars.

Your research on bullying perpetration and victimization among South Korean youths is highly impactful. What are some key practical or policy implications that have emerged from your work?

Addressing bullying among South Korean youth requires a deep understanding of an individual's developmental journey. Bullying behaviors are not solely shaped by present circumstances but are deeply influenced by early life experiences and relationships. The bonds children form with their parents and caregivers lay the foundation for their emotional and social development, which, in turn, impacts their behavioral tendencies.

In adolescence, peer groups play a pivotal role in shaping a young person's self-perception and interactions with others. These relationships can determine whether someone is more likely to adopt bullying or victim-like behaviors. Therefore, fostering healthy relationships—both at home and among peers—is key to reducing bullying.

One critical intervention is supporting parents and caregivers. Programs that teach parents effective communication and how to build emotional connections with their children can help prevent the emergence of bullying early in childhood. Children raised in an open, communicative atmosphere are generally less aggressive and more empathetic.

Adolescence, being a vulnerable stage of social development, also requires targeted interventions. Peer groups significantly influence behavior, and programs that foster empathy and promote healthy relationships can bring about positive change. Empowering young people with leadership skills and kindness cultivates a culture where bullying is unacceptable.

Schools and communities also have a responsibility to provide supportive environments. Counseling services, conflict resolution programs, and opportunities to develop emotional intelligence are vital. Students who can understand and regulate their emotions are less likely to engage in bullying. A supportive school culture rooted in respect can prevent bullying from escalating. Finally, it is essential to acknowledge that early life experiences have lasting effects. Conducting longitudinal studies to track how bullying behaviors evolve over time will allow for the development of tailored, timely interventions. By focusing on early relationships and creating supportive environments at home, in schools, and within peer groups, we can reduce bullying and help youth become well-adjusted adults.

Interview with Dr. Sujung Cho

What inspired you to use advanced analytical techniques like latent class growth analysis and growth mixture modeling in your research? What steps would you recommend for researchers who want to develop expertise in these methods?

In my early research, I primarily relied on traditional regression models. While these methods were useful, I quickly realized they couldn't fully capture the complex, non-linear trajectories of criminal behavior over time. This realization led me to incorporate more advanced techniques, such as Latent Class Growth Analysis (LCGA), to better understand developmental aspects related to juvenile delinquency. Using LCGA, I was able to identify distinct developmental paths, such as early onset versus late onset offenders, providing deeper insights into how criminal behavior evolves. This person-centered approach allowed me to move beyond the assumption that everyone follows a uniform trajectory. Instead, I could group individuals based on similar patterns of change, which enriched my understanding of how specific variables influence criminal careers and victimization over time. It was through this shift in methodology that I uncovered more nuanced patterns of behavior, enabling me to develop more targeted, effective interventions. This approach has not only enhanced the validity of my findings but also reinforced the importance of using the most appropriate statistical methods tailored to the research question and hypothesis. By adapting my methods to the unique needs of each study, I've been able to uncover insights that might have remained hidden using more traditional approaches.

Can you share any memorable moments from your teaching career?

One of the most memorable moments in my teaching career came when a former doctoral student, who had struggled with writing up their research, and I worked together over several months to revise and refine their paper. After much effort, we were finally able to submit it to a top-tier journal, and when it was accepted,

the sense of accomplishment was deeply rewarding for both of us. Later, this student, along with others I had mentored during their doctoral studies, came together with me as colleagues at a conference. Presenting alongside them and engaging in professional conversations as equals was a truly special experience. Watching them evolve from uncertain students into independent researchers, ready to lead their own projects and share ideas at the same level, highlighted the lasting impact of mentorship. It was a powerful reminder of the fulfillment that comes from seeing students grow into successful professionals in their own right.

Based on your experiences, what advice would you give to junior faculty members and graduate students?

When I first started integrating AI tools like machine learning into my criminology research, I initially felt overwhelmed. However, I embraced a hands-on approach, attending workshops and collaborating with data scientists to apply these techniques. One of the outcomes was a paper on predictive policing, where we used machine learning algorithms to analyze patterns of criminal activity. This experience not only expanded my research but also opened up new avenues for future work. We are living in a time when AI is advancing every field at an unimaginable pace, and I believe it's crucial to continuously challenge ourselves by exploring cutting-edge techniques in computer science, machine learning, and deep learning. I strive to keep pace with these developments, ensuring that my research stays relevant and impactful. I encourage my junior colleagues to do the same, as embracing these tools can provide fresh insights into longstanding criminological questions. By remaining open to new knowledge and skills, we can all contribute to an evolving landscape of research and innovation.

Dr. Cho also recently completed her Master's Degree in Business Analytics (Data Science). Congratulations!

Interview with Dr. Evan Marie Lowder

How has your research evolved over the years? Could you share some key milestones in your research career?

Very early in my academic journey, I became interested in the high prevalence of individuals with serious mental illnesses and substance use disorders who were entering and re-entering the criminal-legal system at high rates. As a graduate student and even a post-doctoral scholar, I studied specialty programs like Mental Health Courts designed to address the specific and unique needs of these populations. However, as my research evolved, I became aware of the sheer complexity of problems faced by individuals who are system-involved. For example, most people who are incarcerated in local jails experience symptoms of mental health problems that are compounded by factors like housing instability, unemployment, and limited social support. As a result, a lot of my work has shifted toward understanding how rehabilitative approaches can be integrated broadly into the system or individuals at risk of system involvement to improve outcomes.

When I started as a tenure-track faculty, one of my goals was to cement myself as a pretrial scholar. I was really shocked by the limited attention in the research field to pretrial populations, and I felt the need to add to this body of work. I am really proud of the work that I have done in the pretrial space to provide rigorous research on pretrial risk assessments, to better understand the perspectives of individuals who are system-involved, and to develop and study effective pretrial supervision practices.

South Korea is currently seeing a sharp increase in illegal drug use, especially among youths. Given the U.S.'s longer history of addressing issues related to drug use among youths, what lessons could Korea learn from the U.S. approach?

It was an honor to share some insights on drug prevention programming at the 2024 KOSCA annual meeting. During my presentation, I talked about how the U.S. drug epidemic and Korean drug epidemic are really dis-

tinct epidemics, making it difficult to draw direct comparisons. For example, drug cases are rising in South Korea while at the same time decreasing in the United States. Drug-involved deaths have also risen in South Korea over the last decade but have stabilized in the U.S. in recent years. At the same time, the overall drug fatality rate is substantially higher in the U.S. relative to South Korea due to the presence of fentanyl, a highly lethal synthetic opioid, in the illicit drug market. Fentanyl seems to play a much smaller role in the South Korea drug epidemic. These epidemics also have disparate causes, with the Korean epidemic thought to be increasingly among youth and fueled by rising mental health symptoms in the post-COVID-19 environment. What I can say is that most of the research on the U.S. drug epidemic suggests that traditional punitive approaches (e.g., drug penalties, drug seizures) do little to improve health outcomes for drug users. Instead, interventions—including those delivered in criminal-legal settings—that emphasize treatment, prevention, and harm reduction are most effective in reducing drug use and drug fatalities.

What are your insights on developing effective drug prevention programs for youths/young adults?

Some of the “themes” I touched on in my presentation included the importance of acknowledging multiple causes of drug epidemics and addressing these causes with a public health prevention framework. Prevention works at multiple stages of exposure: before the onset of disease, among those most at risk of developing a disease, in the early symptom manifestation, and during the course of a disease. There is no “one size-fits all” approach; rather, a public health approach acknowledges that strategies must be implemented to target all stages. Early prevention might involve strategies like community-based efforts to improve social support and social connection, especially among youth in a post-COVID-19 environment.

Interview with Dr. Evan Marie Lowder

To identify individuals at high-risk of drug involvement, prevention efforts might look like school-based interventions to educate parents, teachers, and students on stigma and harm reduction. In primary medical care settings, routine and systematic screening can help identify individuals who may need further assessment and treatment. For early users, especially youth, decreasing contact with the legal system and diverting to supportive services in the community may help reduce stigma and reduce the likelihood that individuals return to the system. Finally, for those who are actively engaged in use, identifying multiple opportunities for treatment and intervention can increase the chances that individuals will be successfully engaged in treatment.

Can you share any memorable moments from your teaching career?

I really enjoy bringing research into the classroom. Two years ago, I had the opportunity to teach our Department's "Honors Seminar" course, which is a two-semester course sequence for senior undergraduate students. In the first semester, students learn about a specific research topic in an intensive, seminar-style class. In the second semester, they take this information and turn it into actionable research projects, which they conduct over the course of the semester. My students developed two surveys, fundraised, secured IRB approval, collected data, analyzed data, created posters, and drafted their papers all in the span of four months! Overall, I had 11 students who completed projects and presented their papers as posters in our College's annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. One student won an "Excellence in Research" award at the Symposium. Another student submitted her final research paper to the American Psychology-Law Society's annual Undergraduate Paper Award, earning 2nd place and \$250. Finally, several of my students collaborated with one of my doctoral students to turn their research papers into a peer-reviewed publication. Their paper was just published in *Legal and Criminological Psychology*! Showing students how exciting research can be and helping them excel continues to be a highlight of my career.

Based on your experiences, what advice would you give to junior faculty members and graduate students?

I would say to take considered risks, to do good work, to surround yourself with the right people, to meet your deadlines, and to communicate proactively and often.

Thank you Dr. Lowder!

2024 KICJ-KOSCA Research Conference: Effective Prevention Strategies against Illegal Drug Crimes



On November 4th, 2024, KOSCA proudly hosted the **Joint Academic Virtual Conference in collaboration with the Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ)**, bringing together experts and scholars to discuss critical issues in drug prevention and crime. With the help of our moderator, **Dr. Sinchul Back** (University of Scranton, Chair of the International Committee at KOSCA), the virtual conference began with opening remarks from **Dr. Kyung-shick Choi** (president of KOSCA; Boston University).

The first session, moderated by **Dr. Myunghoon Roh**, featured a diverse range of research presentations. **Hyeongguen Choe** (University of Pennsylvania) presented “Unpacking the Failure of D.A.R.E.: Insights from Student Participants,” offering a critical evaluation of the widely implemented yet often criticized D.A.R.E. program. **Nang-hee Kim** (KICJ) followed with “The Current Status and Cases of Drug

Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation in Korea,” shedding light on Korea’s evolving efforts to address substance abuse. **Dr. Hyunjung Cheon** (University of Texas at El Paso) then delivered a presentation on “The Influence of Peer Influence and Parenting on Adolescent Drug Abuse: Evaluating the Drug Prevention Programs,” examining the role of family dynamics in drug prevention strategies. The session concluded with a robust discussion led by **Dr. Mijin Kim** (Illinois State University) and **Dr. Jeseong Cho** (KICJ), who provided valuable insights into the implications of these studies for both U.S. and Korean contexts.

The second session, titled “The Role of Emerging Preventive Technologies in Drug Crime”, was expertly moderated by **Dr. Jisun Choi** (KICJ). This session focused on how technological advancements are shaping the fight against drug-related crimes. **Dr. Jaeseung Lee** (Miami University) presented “Cryptocur-

rency and Drug Trafficking: Exploring Intersections and Implications,” delving into the complex relationship between digital currencies and illicit drug markets. **Dr. Hyomin Kim** (Chainalysis) followed with an insightful presentation on “Global Narcotics Trafficking Exploiting Cryptocurrency: Investigations and Case Studies,” offering a firsthand look into real-world investigations of drug trade networks leveraging blockchain technology. The session featured an engaging discussion led by **Dr. Insun Park** (University of Akron) and **Dr. Kyungmi Lee** (KICJ).

The event concluded with closing remarks from **Dr. Hyesun Kim** (Worcester State University), who reflected on the key takeaways from the conference and the importance of continued research and international cooperation in addressing drug-related issues.

KOSCA - KSEA

KOSCA joining the D-1 Social Sciences Group of Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association

The Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA) was established in 1971 as a non-profit national professional organization, dedicated to bringing together individuals engaged in science, engineering, and related fields to achieve its mission. Over the past five decades, KSEA has experienced substantial growth, now boasting **a membership of over 7,000 professionals across more than 70 regional chapters** throughout the United States. The organization is committed to **advancing scientific and technological progress while fostering meaningful collaboration between the United States and Korea.**



The collaborative relationship between **KOSCA** and **KSEA** was initiated through the **US-Korea Conference (UKC)** held in San Francisco from August 21-24, 2024. This landmark event marked the first official participation of the Korean Society of Criminology in America (KOSCA) as a **D-1 group**, signifying an important step toward integrating criminology with technological disciplines. Through this collaboration, KOSCA aims to explore the intersection between criminology, science, and engineering, with a particular focus on enhancing crime research through technological advancements. The first joint activity between the two organizations is a KSEA-sponsored seminar, which will spotlight critical topics such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), Cybercrime, and Cyber Defense in April.



Please look out for scholarships and fellowship opportunities at KSEA, which KOSCA members are also eligible to apply for. Members are encouraged to explore these funding opportunities to support their academic and professional growth. Another notable upcoming event is the **38th US-Korea Conference (UKC 2025)**, which will be held in Atlanta, GA, from August 5-9, 2025, under the theme of "Future US: Advancing Science and Technology to Benefit Humanity from Earth to Space." We strongly encourage KOSCA members to participate and take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to engage with leading experts across multiple disciplines.



2025 KSEA Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunity

KOSCA members are eligible for the program

Multiple awards for Postdoc Fellows, Graduate students, and Undergraduate students majoring in science, medicine, engineering, or related fields will be provided in 2025.

The KSEA scholarships and fellowship recognize outstanding students and postdoc fellows of Korean heritage who excel in academics and research, as well as in service to the community, and have the potential to become future leaders of society.

There are three award categories this year:

KSEA Scholarships for Undergraduate Students in the US. (20 awards, \$1,500 each)

Application: <https://award.ksea.org/scholarships/scholarships-for-undergraduates>

*Number could be subject to change based on the application

KSEA-KUSCO Scholarships for Graduate Students in the US. (20 awards, \$2,000 each)

Application: <https://award.ksea.org/scholarships/scholarships-for-graduates>

Postdoc Fellow Scholarship for Postdoctoral researchers in the US.

(5 awards, \$2,500 each)

Application: <https://award.ksea.org/scholarships/postdoc-fellowship>

The application and all supporting documents must be received by

March 31, 2025, 5:00 PM (ET) via online only.

Please visit the KSEA Scholarship and Fellowship website at <https://award.ksea.org/scholarships> for more detailed information and the online application process.

Any questions not mentioned on the 2025 Scholarship website can be addressed to the KSEA Scholarship Committee at scholarship@ksea.org or cchoi@mtu.edu.



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KSEA

Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association

Member Highlights



As of January 2025, Dr. Bitna Kim has taken on the role of Editor-in-Chief, and Sunhye Kang (Doctoral Student, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University) has assumed the role of Managing Editor for the [International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology \(IJOTCC\)](#).



Bitna Kim, Ph.D.
Sam Houston State University



Sunhye Kang
Sam Houston State University

Click here to read Dr. Bitna Kim's Essay
["Introducing the New Editor-in-Chief of IJOTCC: Continuing a Legacy of Excellence and Advancing a Vision for the Future"](#)

Publication Opportunities

Journal of Applied Security Research

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