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Reflections and Milestones: A Message from the President



Dear Esteemed Members and Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you well. As we welcome the fall season, it is a meaningful moment to reflect on the dynamic activities and accomplishments of the past months.

We are pleased to share these highlights in Volume 15, Issue 2 of the Korean Society of Criminology in America (KOSCA) Newsletter. **This issue marks our final newsletter under our term as the KOSCA leadership team, making this message especially meaningful to us.**

Over the past year, KOSCA has expanded its academic, professional, and global presence. Our members actively contributed to the **62nd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) in Denver**, celebrated the achievements of distinguished members, and advanced research across our academic divisions.

KOSCA continues to foster international collaboration through major initiatives. This year, we proudly hosted the **2025 Korea–U.S. Joint Research Conference** and reached a historic milestone by **joining the Affiliated Professional Society (APS) under the Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA)**. With KSEA's support, we successfully held our first **KSEA-sponsored event at the 2025 US-Korea Conference (UKC)**, strengthening KOSCA's national and international visibility.

We also made a strong global impact at the **2025 International White Hat Conference in León, Spain**, where KOSCA played an active role in advancing international dialogue on AI, cybersecurity, and cybercrime investigations.

This issue also features interviews with Dr. Hyeyoung Lim and Chairman Sean Park, whose scholarship and leadership have been instrumental to our mission. **A special thanks to Chairman Park for establishing a scholarship foundation to support KOSCA students**—a legacy that will empower future generations.

Finally, we extend our deepest gratitude to our executive team and members for their dedication and collaboration over the past two years. Thank you for your trust and commitment to KOSCA. I hope you enjoy reading this special edition of our newsletter.

Warm regards,

Kyung-Shick Choi, Ph.D.

The 8th President of KOSCA

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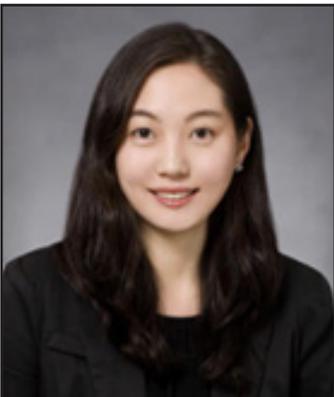
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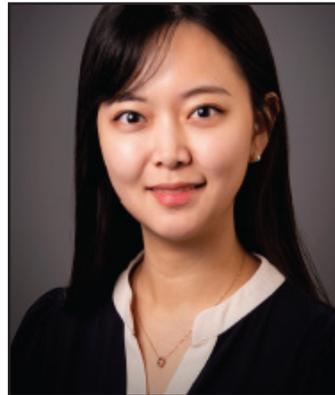
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62nd Annual Meeting at ACJS

“The Future of Criminal Justice & Criminology: The Case for Inclusion, Interaction, and Internationalization.”

The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), led by President **Dr. Bitna Kim**, was held in Denver, Colorado under the theme “The Future of Criminal Justice & Criminology: The Case for Inclusion, Interaction, and Internationalization.” KOSCA members were honored to support Dr. Kim throughout the conference and are proud of the event’s success.

The conference opened with a keynote session titled “Translational Criminology: Its Origins, Current Developments, and Future,” delivered by **Dr. John Laub**, former Director of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and professor at the University of Maryland. The discussion was enriched by responses from **Dr. Nancy LaVigne**, Dean of the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice, and **Dr. Bitna Kim** in her dual role as ACJS President and professor at Sam Houston State University.

A series of plenary sessions followed, each addressing critical issues in the field. **Dr. Alex Piquero** of the University of Miami spoke on inclusion in academia and government, followed by commentary from **Dr. Alida Merlo** of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and **Dr. Erin Orrick** of Sam Houston State University. **Carol Peeples** from Remerg led a session on community re-entry and inclusion, with responses from **Dr. Mary Dodge** of the University of Colorado Denver and Jeff Wise of Remerg. **Dr. Cassia Spohn** of Arizona State University addressed the lack of diversity on the judicial bench and its broader implications, with discussion by **Dr. Craig Hemmens** of Washington State University and **Dr. Richard Hartley** of the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Further dialogue on collaboration between researchers and practitioners was led by **Director Doug Dretke** of Sam Houston State University, with insights from **Dr. Tara Richards** of the University of Nebraska Omaha, Andrew Barbee of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and **Robert “Rob” Green** of the American Correctional Association. The final plenary session focused on internationalization in criminology, presented by **Dr. Jianhong Liu** of the University of Macau, with commentary from **Dr. Richard Bennett** of American University and **Dr. Yuliya Zabeylina** of the University of Alabama.



KOSCA at the 62nd Annual Meeting of ACJS

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KOSCA proudly congratulates **Dr. Jin Lee** on receiving the Academy New Scholar Award and **Dr. Hyeyoung Lim** on her recognition within the ACJS Cybercrime, Terrorism, and Security Studies division.

Special appreciation is extended to **Dr. Sujung Cho**, who served as Program Co-Chair alongside **Dr. Camille Gibson** of Prairie View A&M University and **Dr. Sarah Kuehn** of Slippery Rock University. We also extend heartfelt congratulations to **Dr. Stephanie Mizrahi**, professor at California State University, Sacramento, on her upcoming term as the 63rd President of ACJS.

KOSCA remains committed to supporting ACJS and its mission. We look forward to reconnecting at the next annual meeting in Philadelphia!

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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 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 foster and promote open and constructive dialogue, rigorous scientific research, and collaboration among academic scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to develop effective and comprehensive delinquent/criminal behaviors-prevention programs and strategies.

Division members write several papers together using Korean data sets. Recently, two papers have been revised and resubmitted to peer-reviewed journals. Our division continues to explore more research topics related to juvenile delinquency. We encourage KOSCA members, particularly, student members, to engage in the research projects and collaborate with us. Please contact Dr. Baek for more information and 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. We extend a warm invitation to educators, researchers, practitioners, and students interested in these critical fields to join our membership base.

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)

Division of Policing and Public Safety seeks to contribute professional expertise to policing and public safety via research, collaboration, and social networking. More specifically, the division intends to help students of policing to become future policing scholars. The division plans to organize and promote a session (or event) related to policing.

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 Criminal Justice.



Interview with Experts



[Hyeyoung Lim, Ph.D.](#)
University of Alabama
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- Professor in the J. Frank Barefield Jr. Department of Criminal Justice
- [Outstanding Contribution Award](#), ACJS Section on Cybercrime, Terrorism, & Security Studies, 2025
- Chair, **Security & Crime Prevention Section, ACJS** 2021-2023
- Editor-in-Chief, [Journal of Applied Security Research](#), 2023-current
- Outstanding Leadership Award, **Korean Society of Criminology in America (KOSCA)**, 2023
- President, Korean Society of Criminology in America (KOSCA), 2021-2023
- Vice President, Korean Society of Criminology in America (KOSCA), 2020-2021
- Appreciation Award, **Georgia Advocates for Crime Prevention**, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Research focused on Evidence-based Policing, Cybercrimes against Vulnerable Populations, Police Technology, and Policy Evaluation.
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Sean Park
[Beauty Master](#) Chairman & CEO

- 2024 **Global Leader Award**
- 2023 **Georgia Minority Business Awards (GMBA)**- Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2020 **Top 10 Asian American Business Award** from The US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce-Southeast (US-PAACC-SE)
- Founder of **Beauty Master Beautiful Scholarship Foundation**
- Former President, **World OKTA Atlanta Chapter**

Interview with Dr. Hyeyoung Lim

Congratulations again on your Outstanding Contribution award! What are some key practical or policy implications that have emerged from your work in Cybercrime, Terrorism and Security Studies?

Thank you for the recognition. I would like to clarify, however, that this award is presented to individuals who contribute to the CTSS Section at ACJS, rather than to the broader field itself. My scholarly expertise is more closely aligned with policing, cybercrime, and security rather than terrorism studies. For instance, in my role as an editor of the Journal of Applied Security Research (JASR), I refer terrorism-related submissions to specialized editorial board members and peer reviewers with expertise in that area.

Returning to my primary area of research, policing, I have had the privilege of collaborating with local law enforcement agencies on a range of significant projects. One of the most enduring and impactful has been my partnership with the Austin Police Department in Texas, which began in 2007. Since then, I have developed what I believe to be one of the most comprehensive police use-of-force datasets available in academic research. This dataset spans from 1998 to 2019 and integrates multiple dimensions, including use-of-force incident reports, officer demographic and training information, geographic location data, neighborhood contextual variables, and supervisors' records.

My research utilizing this dataset has primarily focused on police use of force, the influence of supervisory oversight, and the role of neighborhood context in shaping police decision-making. Currently, I am applying social disorganization theory to examine whether geographic patterns of police activity in Austin align with theoretical predictions about urban crime distribution. This line of inquiry holds promise for advancing evidence-based policing strategies and strengthening community-oriented approaches to law enforcement.



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

I began my career focused on juvenile justice, informed by my prior experience as a counselor in Korea, where I worked extensively with juvenile delinquents. Although my counseling practice also encompassed the general public, my engagement with juveniles offered a distinctive perspective that profoundly shaped my intellectual interests. This exposure not only illuminated the complexities of youth offending but also stimulated my academic curiosity, ultimately motivating me to pursue a Ph.D. in criminal justice to deepen my understanding of this field.

While completing my doctoral degree, I received a full-time position at the institute responsible for delivering the mandatory training and continuing education program for law enforcement officers in Texas. This professional opportunity marked a significant shift in my research trajectory. My primary area of inquiry became police decision-making, with a particular focus on the use of force. Over time, I expanded this line of research to include police-community relations, police integrity, and police training, engaging in multiple projects that explored the complexities of law enforcement practice and its impact on society.

After earning tenure, I sought to broaden my expertise by drawing on my undergraduate foundation in computer science. I collaborated with colleagues whose interests are in cybercrime and cybersecurity to explore the intersections between criminal justice and technology. This culminated in completion of a Master of Science in Management Information Security (MSMIS) with a concentration in cybersecurity at UAB.

While my core research continues to examine police decision-making and the use of force, I have expanded my agenda to address emerging issues such as cyber policing, digital security, cyber safety, and the challenges law enforcement faces in digital contexts. At the same time, I continue to engage with research on juvenile delinquency when opportunities arise, as this foundational interest remains an integral part of my scholarly identity.

Interview with Dr. Hyeyoung Lim

Can you share any memorable moments from your teaching career?

I've noticed over the years that the more time and care I put into making a course rigorous and comprehensive, the less that effort always shows up in student evaluations. There seems to be an ongoing tension between designing challenging coursework and meeting students' desire for immediate satisfaction. I also see differences in how criminal justice (CJ) majors and non-majors respond to this effort. Even so, I shape my courses with CJ majors in mind, particularly for the required courses, often centering them on challenging but essential conversations—such as questions of police liability and dilemma—that push students to grapple with complexity.

One of the most memorable moments of this approach came through our pre-law program. The program director shared that when he asked pre-law students about their familiarity with certain legal concepts, they consistently responded, "Oh, we learned about that in Dr. Lim's policing course." This feedback was especially meaningful because it came indirectly—not from students praising the course while taking it, but from their later recognition of its value in their advanced studies. Hearing that both CJ majors and non-majors could recall and apply the legal concepts, case studies, and real-world examples we had discussed reminded me why I insist on building courses that challenge students in the moment, even if the value isn't fully visible to them right away.

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

As a female Asian faculty member, I have encountered challenges that have shaped how I approach teaching and academic life. Students sometimes respond to faculty differently based on gender and ethnicity, and younger-looking Asian women in particular may find that students feel more comfortable questioning their authority.

Early in my career, I realized how important it was to establish credibility right from the start. My advice is to do this through consistent professionalism, deep knowledge of your subject, and strong organizational skills. When students see that you are prepared and that you bring expertise to the classroom, they are far more likely to respect you as both an educator and a scholar. Another piece of advice I can provide for junior faculty is to try to be active in academic societies like ACJS and ASC. If you can serve on committees, do so when you are junior faculty, even when you're a doctoral student. If you can get involved with any committee activity, do so—starting from the division level and going up to the national level committee later on. I didn't prioritize this kind of service activities early in my career and later learned about this while observing how my UAB colleagues had strategically built their professional networks and disciplinary reputations through organizational involvement.

My engagement with KOSCA has been an especially meaningful part of my professional journey. Colleagues have recognized and valued not only my involvement in KOSCA but also my broader contributions related to Korea—and I believe your peers would respond similarly. With KOSCA's growing visibility at major conferences, it offers valuable pathways for recognition, collaboration, and networking. If you're unsure where to start getting involved, KOSCA is a great place to begin!

Ultimately, I encourage junior faculty to get involved in professional organizations as early as possible. The investment pays off in tangible ways. For example, when you reach the stage of tenure and promotion, you will need external reviewers—and those connections are much easier to cultivate if you've already built a network through sustained involvement. While it does require a real-time commitment during the busiest years of your career, I have learned that it is one of the most strategic choices you can make for long-term success.

Thank you, Dr. Lim!

Interview with Chairman Sean Park

You've been very active in supporting the safety of the Asian community in the greater Atlanta area. What motivated you to take on this responsibility, and what contributions have you made?

My involvement in community safety comes from the same thinking that guides my business- we need to have ownership mentality. As successful immigrants, we cannot just think about making money for ourselves. We have to take care of our community too.

I helped start Georgia Advocates for Crime Prevention a few years ago to build better relationships between Korean community and local police. We worked with many police departments - Gwinnett County, Duluth, Suwanee, Johns Creek. We had regular meetings, safety seminars, and we honored Korean-American police officers who work hard to keep us safe.

During COVID time, I donated \$500,000 worth of masks, hand sanitizers, and gloves to police stations, fire departments, and government offices. We also worked with KOSCA professors to do a survey about how Korean people trust local police. This research helps police understand our community better and helps us work together.

I remain actively involved in supporting the Asian community across greater Atlanta through building collaborative relationships and amplifying our voice by connecting local and state leaders in Georgia.

What was the inspiration behind establishing the Beauty Master Beautiful Scholarship (BMBS) Foundation, and what are your future plans?

The scholarship foundation comes from my basic belief about living in America as Asian immigrant. We should not think that we are living in someone else's country. We should think this is our country too, and we are owners here. When you have this owner mentality, you want to give back and share with your community.

I started Beautiful Scholarship Foundation three years ago with my younger brother. We began during COVID in 2020 with 50 students and have grown every year. In 2022, we gave \$1,000 scholarships to 150 students. The

Award Gala ceremonies make me very happy. When I see students' faces full of joy and hear them say "thank you," I feel so good inside. For many years, we immigrants were always receiving help from others. Now we can be the ones giving help, and that feels wonderful.

For the future, I want to support 1,000 students with scholarships. I believe we can do this because more sponsors join us each year. I also want to keep working with KOSCA to help Korean students studying criminal justice. I want to keep giving back to community through scholarships and supporting young people's dreams.

You've partnered with KOSCA to provide scholarships specifically for Korean graduate students pursuing criminology and criminal justice degrees. What inspired this collaboration?

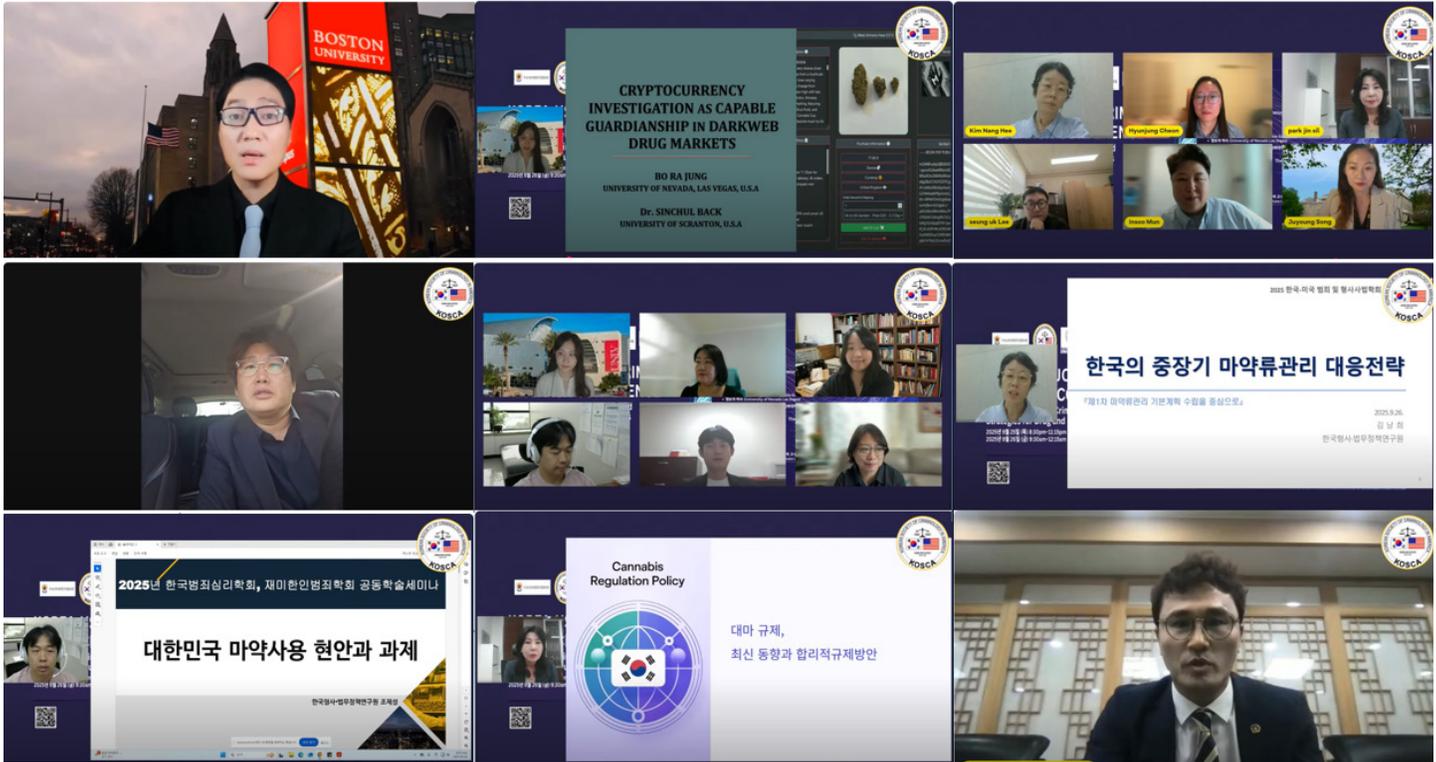
Working with KOSCA is very special to me because education is the most important thing for our Korean community in America. When I see young Korean students studying criminology and criminal justice, I think about the future of our community safety.

The reason I specifically want to help criminology students is because they will become professors, researchers, and policy makers who can help our Asian community. They understand both Korean culture and American law enforcement system. They can build bridges between police and our community, which is something we really need.

Through BMBS-KOSCA scholarship program, we give financial support to Korean graduate students who are studying criminal justice. I believe these students will become leaders who can make our community safer and stronger. When they finish their education and become professors or work with police departments, they can help other Korean families feel more comfortable and safe in America.

Thank you, Mr. Park!

2025 Korea-US Joint Research Conference: *Exploring Emerging Crime Trends and Strategies for Drug and Novel Crimes*



On September 25, 2025, the **Korean Society of Criminology in America (KOSCA)** hosted a Joint Academic Virtual Conference in collaboration with the **Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ)**, the **Korean Association of Addiction Crime**, and the **Korean Association of Criminal Psychology**.

The conference opened with welcoming remarks from **Consul General Jae-Hui of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Boston**, **Dr. Kyung Shick Choi**, President of KOSCA, and **Dr. Seong Su Park**, President of the Korean Association of Addiction Crime.

The first session, moderated by **Dr. Hyun-Joo Shin** of Catholic Kwandong University, centered on “Community Integration and Behavioral Approaches to Crime and Drug Pre-

vention.” **Dr. Je Seong Cho** (KICJ) presented on “Current Issues and Challenges in Drug Use in Korea”, followed by **Bora Jung**, who discussed “Cryptocurrency Investigation as Capable Guardianship in Dark Web Drug Markets.”

The second session explored “Emerging Preventive Technologies in Drug Crime,” moderated by **Dr. Hyunjung Cheon** of the University of Texas at El Paso. **Attorney JinSil Park** delivered a presentation on “Global Cannabis Regulations and Rational Policy Recommendations for Korea,” while **Dr. Nang Hee Kim** (KICJ) presented “Korea’s Mid- to Long-Term Strategy for Managing Drug-Related Crimes.

The conference concluded with closing remarks by **Dr. Jason Sung**, President of the Korean Association of

Criminal Psychology. KOSCA extends sincere appreciation to the **Overseas Koreans Foundation** for its support in making this event possible.

The full recording of the conference can be viewed [here](#).

2025 White Hat Conference in Leon, Spain

“AI, Cybercrime, and Cyber Defense:

Refining Innovations and Strategies for a Secure Digital Future”

The 2025 International White Hat Conference, held June 9–11 in León, Spain, convened global experts across artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, cryptocurrency investigation, law enforcement, and academia under the theme “AI, Cybercrime, and Cyber Defense.” As the misuse of AI accelerates cyber threats worldwide, the conference emphasized the growing necessity for cross-sector collaboration to build resilient digital defense strategies. Hosted through a partnership of government agencies, private sector leaders, and academic institutions, the hybrid format enabled widespread participation from around the globe.

The conference opened with remarks from distinguished figures including **Dr. José Alberto Benítez Andrades** of the University of León, Boston University’s **Dr. Lou Chitkushhev**, and White Hat Conference Founder **Dr. Kyung-Shick Choi**. Keynote addresses were delivered by former Portuguese Minister of Justice **Dr. Catarina Sarmiento e Castro** and cybersecurity executive **Dr. J. Eduardo Campos**, followed by a series of legal expert panels, technical investigation discussions, and global intelligence briefings hosted at Spain’s Institute of **National Cybersecurity (INCIBE)**. These sessions provided a comprehensive view of both current and emerging strategies in combating AI-enabled crime.

The conference featured immersive and hands-on programming, including a Cybercrime Investigation Challenge, mock trials adjudicated by international legal scholars and practitioners, student paper presentations, and a career fair linking talented graduates with leading organizations. The event concluded with an awards ceremony recognizing outstanding teams and contributors. The 2025 International White Hat Conference reaffirmed its status as a premier global platform for advancing the future of cyber defense.

Watch the recording [here](#).



UKC 2025: KOSCA highlights Digital-Criminal Justice Nexus

KOSCA participated as the newest **Affiliated Professional Society (APS)** at the **2025 US-Korea Conference (UKC)** in Atlanta, joining established groups such as KSEA, KOF-WST, KASBP, KSCEE, and KONIS. This marks a significant step in establishing criminology and criminal justice within the broader Korean-American scientific and professional community.

Guided by KSEA President Eun-jun Kim and KOSCA President Kyung Shick Choi, the event featured the presence of distinguished guests from the Korean Consulate and National Assembly, reflecting the growing recognition of KOSCA's role in **global justice and governance conversations**.

Throughout the three-day conference, KOSCA actively built strategic partnerships, engaged in committee meetings. The conference served as a strong platform for advancing dialogue on the opportunities and challenges posed by emerging technologies in the criminal justice field.

Visit [here](#) to learn more about KSEA. Visit [here](#) to learn more about UKC.



KOSCA-sponsored Panels at ASC 2025

See you in Washington DC!

Understanding Drug Crime, Crime Reduction, and Delinquency in the Digital Age (KOSCA)

Thu, Nov 13, 11:00am to 12:20pm, Silver Linden- Second Floor

- Trends in Cryptocurrency and Security in Dark Web Drug Markets: How Cybercriminals Avoid Scams- Bora Jung (University of Nevada), Charles Sinchul Back (University of Scranton)
- Community-Oriented Policing (COP) in the Modern Era: Challenges and Technological Solutions- Amy Lim (Boston University), Jae-Seung Lee (Miami University)
- Life Changes and Strain: The Applicability of General Strain Theory to Life-Course Studies - Sunmin Hong (University of Texas at Dallas), Sungil Han (University of North Carolina at Charlotte).

Roundtable: AI in Criminal Justice

Thu, Nov 13, 9:30 to 10:50am, Eastern Market - M3

- Trust, Limits, Ethics of AI-Based Recidivism Prediction versus Traditional Assessment Tools: A Comparative Analysis (KOSCA)

Authors: Yoori Seong (KICJ), Jisun Choi (KICJ), Kyung-Shick Choi (Boston University), Hyesun Kim (Worcester State University), Jae-seung Lee (Miami University), Jiseun Sohn (Southern University and A&M College)

KOSCA Annual Meeting @ Silver Linden (Second Floor)

Annual Student Meeting

- Thursday November 13, 12:30-1:50p.m.

Annual Meeting

- Thursday November 13, 2:00-2:50p.m.

Reception

- Thursday November 13, 3:00-4:20p.m.

Publication Opportunities

Journal of Applied Security Research

Editor-in-Chief: Hyeyoung Lim, Ph.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham

[Journal of Applied Security Research](#) is the official journal of the Security & Crime Prevention Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. It is an international premier, peer-reviewed journal for scholars, educators, practitioners and students in the fields of security, criminology and criminal justice, and crime prevention.

The JASR particularly welcomes evidence-based empirical research with an emphasis on the latest methods, techniques and technology applied to crime prevention and security management. The journal also publishes case studies, interviews (see Practitioner's Corner) and state-of-the-art systematic reviews.

Coverage includes, but is not limited to:

- Applied security systems and technologies in crime prevention
- Career development
- Computer and information security
- Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED)
- Cybercrime
- Cyberpolicing
- Cybersecurity
- Evaluations of security regulations, policies and laws
- Fraud
- Health and safety
- Personal security
- Physical security
- Private security/policing
- Risk assessment
- Security management
- Security trends and analyses
- Victims' and offenders' perspectives
- Workplace violence
- Homeland security
- Terrorism

The International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence & Cybercrime

[The Journal](#) welcomes research submissions from criminologists, social scientists, computer scientists, cybersecurity practitioners, members of police agencies, policy-makers, and academic researchers. International and global perspectives on cybercrime and cybersecurity topics are also welcome for submission. The International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence and Cybercrime (IJCIC) is affiliated with the Center for Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity (CIC).

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Sinyong Choi, Ph.D., Kennesaw State University, USA

Mike Toro, Ph.D., University of Scranton, USA

Mijin Kim, Ph.D., Illinois State University, USA

ASIAN JOURNAL OF LAW AND SOCIETY (AJLS) CALL FOR PAPERS

Law and Punishment in Asia

Guest editors: Drs. Bin Liang (Oklahoma State University-Tulsa) and Hong Lu (University of Nevada-Las Vegas)

Per agreement with Professor Ji Weidong (Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China, Editor-in-chief of AJLS), we (Drs. Bin Liang and Hong Lu) are serving as guest editors for a AJLS special issue (to be published in mid to late 2026). [AJLS](#) is a well-known reputable journal (which is indexed with ESCI and is ranked as Q2 according to Journal Citation Report™ 2023) that provides an increasingly important Asian perspective to global law and society scholarship. AJLS peer-reviewed publications feature empirical and multi-disciplinary research and bring a unique perspective to socio-legal issues of global concerns with a comparative exploration of law and society topics. This special issue will feature the theme of **‘Law and Punishment in Asia.’**

This special issue welcomes any original empirical research that features critical issues of law and punishment (broadly defined). In particular, we are seeking articles that cover relevant topics among Asian nations and societies, including but not limited to:

- Interconnections between law and punishment
- Penal policies
- Treatment of criminal offenders and ‘deviants’
- Public opinion on punishment
- Impact of punishment

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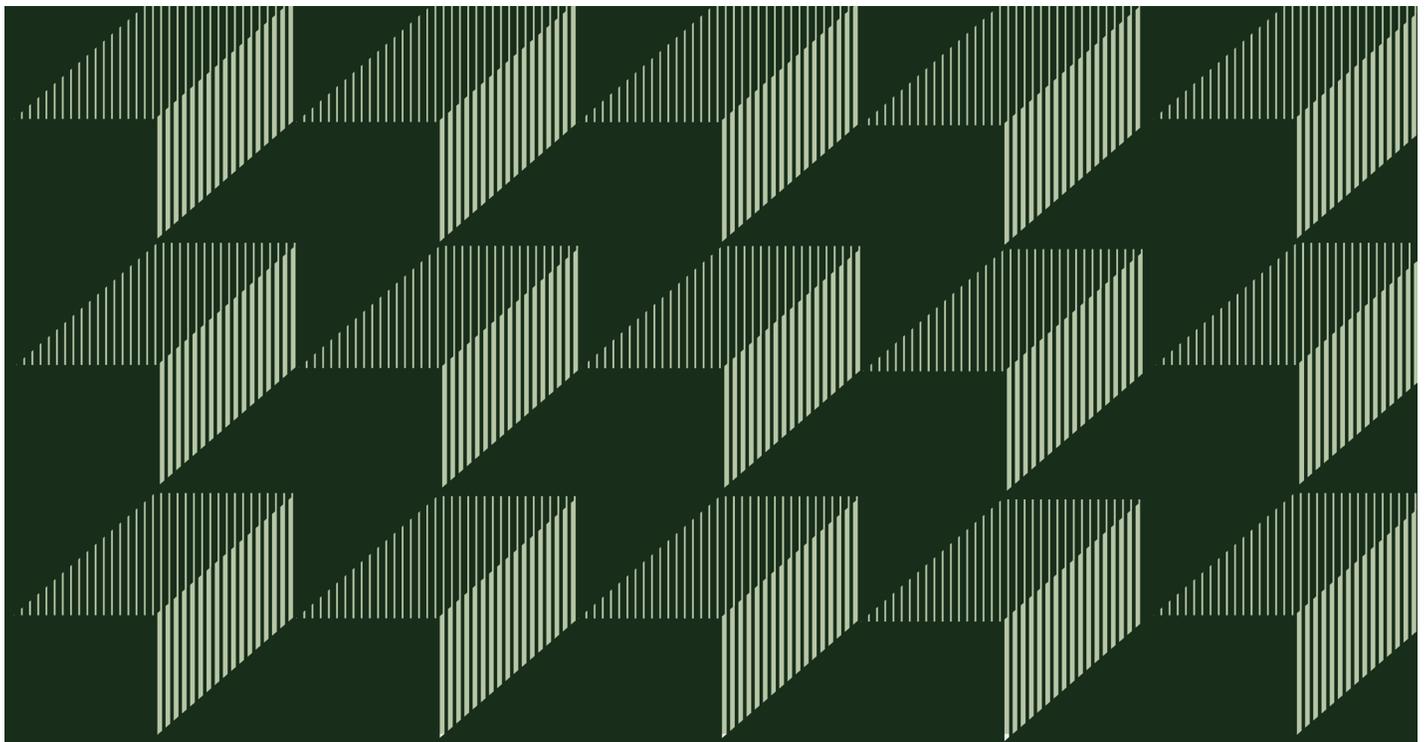
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