



Our Place and Beyond

Community Conference on Identity, Diversity, Anti-Racism

Conference Highlights

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Event registration & tickets: www.kcsf.ca/opb

Location: [Ontario Bar Association Conference Centre](#) (20 Toronto St., Toronto, ON)



This conference is organized by the Korean Canadian Scholarship Foundation (KCSF) in partnership with many community partners.



Our partners include the Korean Office for Research and Education (KORE), York University; Korean Professional Women's Association (KPWA); HanVoice, the Korean Legal Clinic (KLC), the Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice (CCNC-SJ), LYP Program Inc., and the Asian Canadian Women's Alliance (ACWA).

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Program Overview

This conference aims to explore and strengthen our collective understanding of identity, diversity, and intersectionality among Korean/Asian communities in Canada. By celebrating the diversity and resilience of Korean/Asian Canadians and reimagining the limits and possibilities of our “place” in Canada and beyond, this conference focuses on many pertinent themes: anti-racism, DEI, leadership, and allyship.

Additionally, the goal of Our Place and Beyond (OPB) is to build collective and sustainable strategies for combatting anti-Asian racism. While experiences of anti-Asian racism have challenged the lives of many Korean/Asian individuals in Canada, discussions of anti-Asian racism have been relatively muted. Particularly, in the Korean Canadian community, safe and intentional spaces to share our lived experiences and develop collective resources and tools have been lacking.

This conference journey will unfold through three key themes throughout the day: educate, express, and empower. See below for further details.

Conference Schedule

Time	Section
8:00 - 9:00	Connection Breakfast
9:00 - 9:25	Welcome and Opening remarks
9:25 - 10:15	Session 1A: Keynote panel discussion
10:15 - 10:30	Session 1B: Opening performance
10:30 - 10:45	Networking break
10:45 - 12:00	Session 2: Research spark talks
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch & fireside chat
1:00 - 2:30	Session 3: K-ED Talks
2:30 - 2:45	Networking break
2:45 - 4:00	Session 4: Community breakout discussions
4:00 - 5:00	Breakout summary & closing remarks

Program Description

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-Henna (She/Her), *Content Creator, Tik Tok & Instagram*

Educate

Session 1A: Keynote Panel Discussion

In this session, our keynote panelists will share their perspectives on reimagining Korean/Asian identity in Canada, break down terms such as intersectionality, diversity, equity, inclusion, and allyship in relation to our experiences and communities, and discuss why addressing anti-Asian racism matters - personally and professionally.

Moderator:

-Philip Cho (He/Him), *Director, Korean Canadian Scholarship Foundation & Partner, WeirFoulds LLP*

Speakers:

-Ann Kim (She/Her), *Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, York University; Director, Korean Office for Research and Education, York Centre for Asian Research*

-Amy Go (She/Her), *President, Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice (CCNC-SJ)*

-Amy Sujae Lee (She/Her), *Senior Manager, Diversity & Inclusion, Osler*

Session 1B: Opening Performance

This session enables an artistic exploration of navigating Asian/Korean identity, celebrating the diversity and resilience of Asian/Korean identities in Canada, and/or re-imagining our limits and possibilities.

Performance Artist:

-Janice Jo Lee 이승혜 (She/They), *Artist, Sing Hey Arts*

Session 2: Research Spark Talk

Our scholars and graduate students will present their research in spark talks, shedding light on the experiences of Asians and Koreans in Canada and beyond. These presentations aim to deepen our knowledge and awareness of the challenges and opportunities we encounter.

Example topics: New media and representations of Asians, Leadership challenges of Asians in North America, etc.

Moderator and Speaker:

-Julia Park (She/They), *PhD Student, University of Toronto*

Speakers:

-Dr. Yourie Kim (She/Her), *People Analytics and Insights Manager, OMERS*

-HyunGu Kang 강현구 (She/Her), *Candidate for JD/Master of Environmental Studies, Osgoode Hall Law School and York University*

-Jeannie Kyungjin Kim (She/Her), *Artist-Educator and Cultural Worker*

-Grayson Lee (He/Him), *Doctoral Candidate, Faculty of Information at the University of Toronto*

Express & Empower

Lunch and Fireside Chat

During lunch, we will feature an intimate fireside chat. Tune in to learn about the lives and experiences of two women breaking down the “bamboo” “glass” ceiling with their leadership in two very distinct career fields. The two panelists will share their unique experiences of re-defining their limits and possibilities as Asian/Korean women in their industries, their encounters with racism in the workplace, and how they overcame such barriers.

Moderator:

-Dr. Jean Kim (She/Her), *Co-Founder, LYP Program Inc.*

Speakers:

-Janet Oh (She/Her), *President, Avanity Corporation*

-Karen Lee (She/Her), *Detective Toronto Police Service/Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario*

Session 3: K-ED Talks

This next session features four K-ED talks, each delving into a unique theme. These talks will provide diverse perspectives and empower you with new insights, broadening the conversation on Korean/Asian-Canadian identity and anti-Asian racism.

Moderator:

-Shilbee Dhalla-Kim (She/Her), *Coach, Facilitator, Instructor*

Speakers:

- Talk 1: Breaking the mold of “success” as a Korean Canadian
-John Seongho Choi (He/Him), *Film Producer & Director, Playground Films*
- Talk 2: Navigating mental health and internalized racism
-Jooli Park (She/Her), *Specialist, Psychological Health and Safety, Region of Peel*
- Talk 3: Talking about race/ism with your family, friends, and colleagues
-Dr. Angie Minah Park (She/Her), *DEI & Leadership Communications Consultant; Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Gender and the Economy, Rotman School of Management; Director, Korean Canadian Scholarship Foundation*
- Talk 4: Exploring intersectionality and tools to anti-racism
-Rick Byun (He/Him), *Co-Founder, Queerean Voices / PR Consultant*
-Alec J. (They/Them), *Founding Member, Queerean Voices / Illustrator*

Session 4: Community Roundtable Discussions

In this final session, you can participate in one of four community roundtable discussions, each aligned with a theme from the K-ED talks. These discussions offer an opportunity to express your own views, share experiences, and engage in meaningful dialogue with fellow attendees.

Facilitators:

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- Roundtable 1: Navigating mental health and internalized racism
 - Jennie Yeo (She/Her), *Training Design Manager, Air Canada*
 - Jaeyell Kim (He/Him), *Professor, George Brown College, School of Social and Community Services*
 - Roundtable 2: Breaking the mold of “success” as a Korean Canadian
 - Emily Kim (She/Her), *Global Tax & Treasury Manager, WeightWatchers*
 - Dr. Clara Lee (She/Her), *Research analyst, Statistics Canada*
 - Roundtable 3: Exploring intersectionality and anti-racism tools
 - Jennifer Vong (She/Her), *Coordinator, Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice (CCNC-SJ)*
 - Jiwon Chun (She/Her), *Immigration Lawyer, in association with Rosenblatt & Lim Immigration Lawyers Professional Corporation, and Executive Director, Korean Legal Clinic*
 - Roundtable 4: How to talk to our families, friends, and colleagues about race/ism
 - Sujung Lee (She/Her), *Campaign Marketing Manager, Lenovo*
 - Jennifer Shin (She/Her), *Decision Editor, Ontario College of Teachers*

Thank you again for your time. Our conference is a call to action and an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the issues at hand. We encourage your active participation as we work together to address the matters that are significant to us.

We also aim to make this conference a safe and inclusive space for all our attendees, volunteers, and speakers. If you require any accommodations as a speaker, please don't hesitate to let us know by reaching out to Clara Lee at lee.sj.clara@gmail.com.