Yeonhee Yoon

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

2017 - Present	University of Notre Dame Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures Professor of the Practice/Teaching Professor of Korean Language and Culture Korean Program Coordinator
2013 - 2017	University of Notre Dame Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures Associate Professor of the Practice of Korean Language and Culture Korean Program Coordinator
2011-2013	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Asian Studies Lecturer of Korean Language and Culture
2006-2011	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures Instructor of Korean Language Flagship Center, M.A. & B.A. program
1991-1993	Harvard University Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations Drill Instructor of Korean language

Education

2010 Ph.D.	Korean Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
2006 M.A.	Korean Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
2001	Certificate in TESOL, Ewha Womans University, Korea
2000	Certificate in KFL, Teachers College, Seoul National University, Korea
1986-1987	Mathematics, Graduate Program, College of Science, George Mason University
1986 B.S.	Mathematics, College of Natural Science, Ewha Womans University, Korea

Ph.D. Dissertation

"An Analysis of Selected Korean Hedges in Spoken Discourse: Sociopragmatic and Pragmalinguistic Perspectives" (Advisor: Dr. Ho-min Sohn)

Fields of Study

Korean Linguistics, Second Language Acquisition, Intercultural Pragmatics, Sociolinguistics, Contemporary Korean Popular Culture

Publications

Book

2020 *The Korean Wave from a Private Commodity to a Public Good*. (Edited Volume) Korea University Press.
2016 *Korean Hedges in Spoken Discourse: Sociopragmatic and Pragmalinguistic Perspectives* Korea University Press.

Book Chapters and Articles (peer-reviewed)

2025 "The Globalization of the Korean Language in the Context of South Korea-China Relations" in Wei, Weixiao, & Chao, Der-lin (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of the Sociopolitical Context of Language Learning*. Chris Shei & Weixiao Wei (Eds.), *Routledge Handbooks of Language Learning in the Global Context Series*. Abingdon, Oxford and New York: Routledge.
2022 "How to say 'No' in Korean: Sociopragmatic and Pragmalinguistic Analysis of Korean Speech Acts of Refusal" in Chris Shei and Saihong Li (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Asian Linguistics.* Routledge, pp.356-375.
2020 "Yet to Crest: The Korean Wave and Korean Language Learning" in Yoon, Y. & Yang, K. (Eds.), *The Korean Wave from a Private Commodity to a Public Good*.. Korea University Press, pp. 106-114.
2020 "Anti-Korean Wave in Japan: Identity Clash?" in Yoon, Y. & Yang, K. (Eds.) *The Korean Wave from a Private Commodity to a Public Good*.. Korea University Press, pp. 117-129.
2015 "Curriculum development of Korean language for diplomacy" in J. Trace, T. Hudson, & J. D. Brown (Eds.), *Developing Courses in Languages for Specific Purposes*. University of Hawai'i pp. 196–210.
2013 "Korean society" in Ho-min, Sohn and Sang Yee Cheon (Eds.), *Essentials of Korean culture*. Korea University Press.
2012 "An intercultural Communication Approach to Teaching Business Korean: A Case Study of a Mock Negotiation" in *Global Business Languages* Vol.17. Purdue University, pp123-135.
2001 An analysis of the 3rd Korean Language Proficiency Test. *The study on Korean Education as a foreign language Vol. IV*, Seoul National University, pp.221-236. (In Korean)

Awards

2025 Digital Learning Sprint Award, Notre Dame Office of Digital Learning (ODL)
2019 Joyce Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, University of Notre Dame
2014 Language for Specific Purposes (LSP) Summer Institute Award, National Foreign Language Resource Center (NFLRC), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
2010 An Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Presentation Award at the 15th Annual Conference of AATK: Reconceptualizing Korean Teaching: Blueprints for Program Development from K to 16 and beyond, Washington University
2006 Academic Excellence Award (Graduate Student Marshal) at the 95th Annual Commencement, University of Hawaii at Mānoa

Conferences Organized

2016 ND 2nd Korean Studies Conference: Identity, Interest, and Power in East Asian Popular Culture, April 18, 2016, University of Notre Dame
2014 ND 1st Korean Studies Conference: Korean Wave Beyond Nationality: Conflicts Over the Globalization of Korean Popular Culture, April 25, 2014, University of Notre Dame

Selected Grants and Fellowships

2025 TBC grant for "Bridging separate temporalities in *Pansori* singing"
2024 Liu Institute of Asia and Asian Studies *Just in Asia* Research Grant (Research Title: "An Analysis of North Korea's Political Oppression System through Michel Foucault's Panopticon-Focused on Censoring and Penalizing the Consumption of South Korean Popular Culture")
2024 TBC grant for "The Great Journey of Korean Catholicism: Andrea's Letter"
2023 Liu Institute of Asia and Asian Studies Guest Speaker Grant for "A Conversation with the Hon. Junghan Kim (Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Chicago): Introduction of the Republic of Korea and the ROK-US partnership: Comprehensive Global Strategic Alliance"
2023 TBC Grant for "*Pansori*, Korean folk story singing by Professor Emerita Chan E. Park
2023 ISLA Grant for Travel to International Conference, the 23rd Conference of the International Circle of Korean Linguistics. June 28-30, 2023. Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic
2022 Liu Institute of Asia and Asian Studies Guest Speaker Grant for "A Conversation with Mr. Woong-ghee Cha (a career diplomat, a visiting scholar at the Buffett Institute for Global Affairs at Northwestern University): Korea-U.S. Relations and Korea-U.S. Midwest Ties"
2022 TBC Grant for "Journey into the Korean Tradition"
2018 ISLA Indexing and Copyediting Support grant, University of Notre Dame
2017 ISLA Grant for Travel to International Conference, the 20th Conference of the International Circle of Korean Linguistics. June 27-29, 2017. University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
2016 ISLA Mid-size conference grant for "Identity, Interest, and Power in East Asian Popular Culture"
2016 TBC grant for Guest Speaker, "What Makes *Hangeul* Great and Saving *Jejueo* by Professor William O'Grady
2015 ISLA Indexing and Copyediting Support grant, University of Notre Dame
2014 ISLA Mid-size conference grant for "Korean Wave beyond Nationality: Conflicts over the Globalization of Korean Popular Culture"
2014 TBC Grant for "Journey into the Korean Tradition", the Office of Undergraduate Studies, University of Notre Dame
2012 Merrill Fund Award for Conference Presentation, UNC-Chapel Hill
2012 Course Development Grant, the Carolina Asia Center, UNC-Chapel Hill
2012 Korean Cultural Event Grant, Korean Consulate in Atlanta, GA
2009 Graduate Scholarship, Center for Korean Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
2008 Graduate Scholarship, Center for Korean Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
2006-2009 Full-time Graduate Teaching Assistance Fellowship
2005-2006 Asian-Pacific Graduate Student Scholarship, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Teaching Experience

July 2013-Present University of Notre Dame, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

• Courses taught

EALK 10111 & EALK 10112 First Year Korean I & II
EALK 20211 & EALK 20212 Second Year Korean I & II
EALK 30311 & EALK 30312 Third Year Korean I & II
EALK 40411 & EALK 40412 Fourth Year Korean I & II
EALK 40400 & EALK 41400 Contemporary Korean Media and Culture
LLEA 30300 Korean Society and Korean Popular Culture
LLEA 30400 Exploring Korean History and Culture through Film

• Coordinating the Korean Program, advising students, conducting Korean language placement test, developing course curricula, teaching materials, and assessment

July 2011-June 2013 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Asian Studies

• Courses taught

KOR101 & KOR102 Beginning Korean 1 & 2
KOR203 & KOR204 Intermediate Korean 1 & 2
KOR305 Korean Language, Culture & Society
KOR306 Business Korean

• Advising students, conducting Korean language placement test, developing course curricula, teaching materials, and assessment

Aug. 2007-June 2011 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures
Korean Language Flagship Center M.A. & B.A. program

• Courses taught

KOR621 Media Research in Korean
KOR622 Comparative Studies South and North Korean Languages
KOR485 & KOR486 Extended Media Course I & II
KOR435 Selected Readings in Korean I & II
KOR425 Language and Culture in Korean I & II

• Advising Korean Language Flagship Program graduate students, developing course curricula, teaching materials, and assessment

Aug. 2006-June 2007 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures

• Courses taught

KOR101& KOR102 Elementary Korean 1 & 2
KOR301& KOR302 Advanced Intermediate 1 & 2

• Developing curricula, course materials, and assessment

Sep 1991-June 1993 Harvard University**,** Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations

• Courses taught: KOR Ba & KOR Bb (Elementary Korean 1 & 2)
• Developing course materials and assessment

Presentations and Invited Talks/Lectures

2025 Invited Speaker, "Introduction to Korean Alphabet Day and the Significance of Hangul for Koreans," 2025 Korea Week Event, October 9, 2025

2025 "Enhancing KFL Acquisition through Multimodal and Digital Literacy Integration", 30th AATK Annual Conference: Building a Global Community for a New Era University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i. June 18 - 20, 2025

2024 "Overview of Korean Modern History and the Transnational Impact of Korean Wave (Hallyu)", Invited lecture at Kansas State University, Eurasia Lecture Series, October 10, 2024

2024 "Tech Tools for Advanced Korean Teaching to enhance students' motivation and engagement" at Georgetown STARTALK-TECH Workshop, August 9, 2024

2024 "Brief Introduction to Korea and Korean Culture: the Korean Alphabet, Traditional Korean Costume, and K-pop, Invited talk at St. Thomas Apostle School, Elkhart, IN

2023 "Introduction to Korea and the Transnational Impact of Korean Wave (Hallyu)", Invited lecture at Kansas State University, Eurasia Lecture Series, October 19, 2023

2023 "How to say no in Korean: Sociopragmatic and Pragmalinguistic Analysis of Speech Acts of Refusal" at the 23rd Biennial Meeting of the International Circle of Korean Linguistics (ICKL) at Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic. June 28-30, 2023

2023 "The Transnational Impact of Korean Wave (Hallyu)", Invited talk at The Phenomenon of Asian Pop Culture, February 13, 2023, University of Notre Dame

2022 Introduction to Korea and the Transnational Impact of Hallyu (Korean Wave)", Invited lecture at Kansas State University Eurasia Lecture Series, October 27, 2022

2020 "Challenges, Obstacles, and Implementations of Social Distancing in F2F class" Language and Literature Pedagogy Workshop, Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures, University of Notre Dame, July 29, 2020

2020 "Music as a Pedagogical Tool in the KFL Classroom", 25th AATK Annual Conference: Redefining the Field: Envisioning Future Directions for Korean Language Educators, Columbia University. June 19-20, 2020 (Virtual)

2017 "Inter-Korean Relations and International Politics in Korean Films", 2017 Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs. September 15-16, 2017. University of Notre Dame

2017 "A Sociopragmatic Analysis of Selected Korean hedges in Spoken Discourse", The 20th Meeting of the International Circle of Korean Linguistics. June 27-29, 2017. University of Helsinki, Finland

2016 "The Anti-Korean Wave in Japan: Identity Clash?" 2nd ND Korean Studies Conference: Identity, Interest, Power in East Asian Popular Culture. April 2016. University of Notre Dame

2016 Invited speaker for the review of the film "Songs from the North", 2016 Screen Peace Kroc Institute of International Peace Studies , University of Notre Dame

2015 "Curriculum development of Korean language for diplomacy" at the 20th AATK Annual Conference: Building Strong Language Programs: The next 20 Years. June 25-27. Monterey, Middlebury Institute of International Studies

2014 "Popular culture and International Relations in East Asia beyond the Asia Paradox", 1st ND Korean Studies Conference: Korean Wave beyond Nationality Conflicts over the Globalization of Korean Popular culture. April, 2014, University of Notre Dame

2013 "Comparative Analysis of Heritage and Non-Heritage Advanced KFL Learners' Writing Corpus and its Pedagogical Implications", 18th AATK Annual Conference: Empowering Korean Heritage Language Learners: New Challenges in HL Pedagogy and Research. Michigan State University

2012 "Teaching Language and Culture through Film: Incorporating Films and Film-Based Assignments into Language Teaching", Faculty Workshop, October 12, UNC-Chapel Hill
2012 "An Intercultural Communication Approach to Teaching Business Korean: A Case Study of a Mock Negotiation between Korean and American College Students", 2012 CIBER (Centers for International Business Education and Research) Business Language Conference, March 21-23, 2012. UNC-Chapel Hill
2012 "The Salient Characteristics of Korean Language", Invited Guest Speaker in ASIA 150, September 18, 2012. UNC-Chapel Hill
2011 "Korean Alphabet Hangeul: the Birth of a Great Writing System", Invited Guest Speaker In ASIA 150, September 27, 2011.UNC-Chapel Hill
2011 "An Error Analysis of Advanced KFL Learners' Writing Corpus and its Pedagogical Implications", National Conference on the Korean Initiative: Toward Creating Global Professions, May 2011. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
2010 "A Sociopragmatic Analysis of Selected Korean Hedges in Spoken Discourse", 15th AATK, June 24-26, 2010, Washington University in St. Louis
2010 "How to say "*No*" in Korean: Politeness Strategies in refusals. The Inaugural Korean Language Education and Resource Network (LEARN), April 27-30, 2010, Monterey
2007 "Implementing SLA- motivated Methodology and Pedagogy in a TBLT curriculum", 2nd International Conference on Task-Based Language Teaching, September 20-22, 2007, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Media Engagement

2025 Interviewed with the Observer, Notre Dame Newspaper, October 8, 2025: *Korea Week celebrates tradition and cultural curiosity on campus*.
2024 Interviewed with the Observer, Notre Dame Newspaper, October 14, 2024: *Two important instruments of traditional Korean music: the Gayageum, an instrument with 12 strings, and the Janggu, a drum.*
2020 Interviewed with the U.S. News, October 23, 2020: *How to Learn Korean: A U.S. News Guide*

Internal Professional Services (University of Notre Dame)

2025 Organizer, 2025 Korea Week Event, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies
2024 Working group member for "Globalizing Your Major Initiative" & Reading Group Member for "Language Program Vitality in the United States" at College of Arts and Letters
2024 Search Committee member for Modern Korean Literature and Media Studies Assistant Professor
2023-present Faculty Advisor for ND LiNK (Liberty of North Korea)
2023-2025 Liu Institute of Asia and Asian Studies Faculty Committee Member
2013, 2018 Search committee member for Japanese Teaching Professor, Department of EALC
2014-2015 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Application Review Committee Member
2013-present Korean program coordinator, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures
2013-present Faculty Fellow, Liu Institute of Asia and Asian Studies
2013-present Korean Language Program Liaison, the Center for the Studies of Languages and Cultures (CSLC)
2013-Present Faculty Advisor, ND Korean Student Association (KSA)
2013 Search committee member for Lecturer in Chinese Program

2013-2018 Faculty Fellow, CSLC Talking about Language and Culture (TALC) Working Group
2014-2016 Faculty Fellow, ND Language and Linguistics Working Group
2013-2015 Selection Committee Member of Study Abroad, ND International

Undergraduate Senior Capstone Thesis Advising

2018 Lauren Lu ('18) (B.A. in Political Science, College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame)
Title: *Political Reparations and Repercussions: An Analysis of Japan's Reconciliation of Comfort Women in Korea and China*

2018 Karen Chen ('18) (Asian Studies Minor, B.S. in Biological Sciences, College of Science, University of Notre Dame)
Title: *The Korean War and Its Lingering Consequences: Unresolved Peace Leads to Difficult Modern Life*

External Professional Services

2024 External reviewer for Dr. Kyung-Eun Yoon's tenure review, Assistant Professor of Korean Language and culture promotion to Associate Professor with tenure at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County

2024 Panel #58 Chair for Contemporary Korean Literature and Music at the 73rd Annual Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA), September 13-15, 2024

2024 Judge, 2024 Mid-Atlantic Korean Speech Contest (MAKSC), April 5, 2024, George Mason University

2023 Judge, Mid-West Korean Speech Contest (MATK), Northwestern University

2023 Reviewer, Journal of the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (JNCOLCTL) on the Special Volume of Korean language

2022 Routledge, Taylor & Francis Proposal Review for WLSP (World Languages for Specific Purposes)

2017 Session Chair for Exploring Korean Society and Language through Films, 66th Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA), September 19, University of Notre Dame

2017 Session Chair for Sociolinguistics at the 20th ICKL Conference, June 27-29, 2017. University of Helsinki

2016 Workshop Panel #4 Chair for Task-Based Language Teaching at the 21st AATK Annual Conference. June 16-18. Emory University

2015 Session Chair for Understanding Discourse at the 20th AATK Annual Conference: Building Strong Language Programs: The next 20 Years. June 25-27. Middlebury Institute of International Studies,

2015 External reviewer for Dr. Lucien Brown's tenure review, Assistant Professor of Korean Linguistics promotion to Associate Professor with tenure at the University of Oregon

2014 Session 2B Chair for Cultural competence at the 19th AATK Annual Conference: Korean Language Teaching through Film and Literature: Creating Connections. June 19-21, Boston University

2014-2016 Peer Reviewer for *Electronic Journal of Foreign Language Teaching*

2012-2013 Reviewer & Item Writer, Consultant for Korean assessment, American Councils for International Education, Washington D.C.

2011-2013 Faculty Fellow, Migration, Languages and Culture, John Hope Franklin Center Working Group, Duke University

2012-2013 Faculty Advisor, UNC-Chapel Hill Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
2011 Session Chair, Learning and Acquisition (1) "A Fresh Look at Korean Learners: Adapting to Changes and New Trends", The 16th AATK Conference and workshop, June 23-15, 2011. Yale University, New Haven

Professional Organization Membership

Association of Asian Studies (AAS)
International Circle of Korean Linguistics (ICKL)
American Association of Teachers of Korean (AATK)
American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL)
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
The National Council of Less Commonly Taught languages (NCOLCTL)
American Association of University Supervisors, Coordinators, and Directors of Language Programs (AAUSC)