

Research Fellow  
Highlight:  
Serapia Kim



Serapia Hyunmin Kim (she/they) is a Legal Research Associate for the Korea Law Center’s Korean Lawyers in America Project (KLAP) and a Class of 2026 CLEAR (Center on Law, Equality and Race) Scholar. Prior to law school, Serapia worked for state, city, and federal elected officials in Los Angeles. During her 1L summer and 2L fall, she worked as a Law Clerk at Bridgford, Gleason & Artinian representing survivors of the Lahaina Fire. She received her B.A. in Political Economy at Williams College.

Serapia enjoys taking care of an outdoor garden with California native plants.

Visiting Scholar  
Highlight:  
Aiden Kim



Aiden (Dong Kwan) Kim is a Visiting Scholar and the Program Advisor for the Korea Law Center. His research mainly examines the intersections between law and policy in immigration, focusing on how it safeguards fundamental rights. As a the Korea Law Center Program Advisor, he puts together a number of events and holds office hours for visiting scholars to attend.

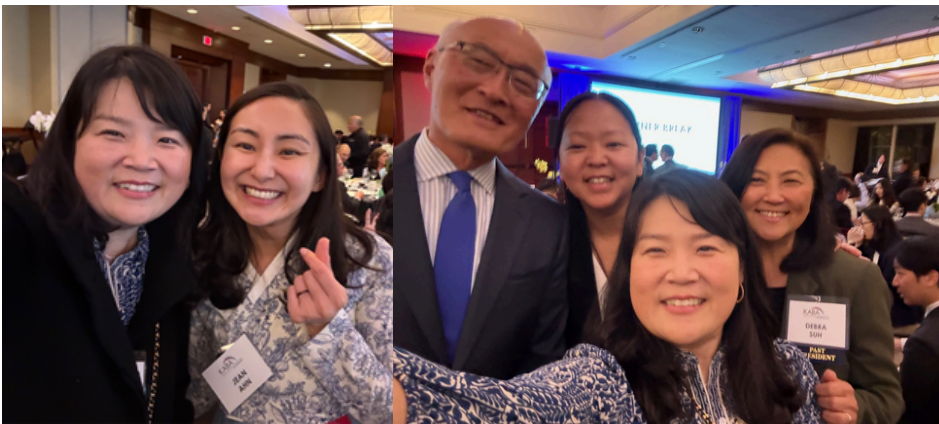
Recently, he took a road trip to Sacramento and Yosemite National Park. He visited the California State Capitol during this trip and was able to reflect on federalism and the dynamics of state authority.

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Korea Law Center Research Fellow Annie Hong (2L) was awarded the Korean Prosecutors Association (KPA) scholarship for law students committed to future prosecution service. Annie received this award at their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary awards dinner held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Los Angeles. Annie serves as the UCI Law liaison to KPA as well as serving as a KPA intern.



On April 17<sup>th</sup>, the Korean American Bar Association (KABA) of Southern California hosted its 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation Dinner in Los Angeles. On the left, Program Director Grace Lee met with UCI Law Alumni Jean Ahn ('16). On the right, Grace is pictured with Honorable Judge Bruce Iwasaki, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Joann Lee, Special Counsel on Language Justice at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. and Deborah Suh, past KABA President and CEO of YWCA of Glendale and Pasadena.



The Korea Law Center hosted a day of strawberry picking at Tanaka Farms. Members of the community were able to enjoy nice company and weather as they took tractor tours of the farm with a tour guide and picked 1lb of strawberries off the vine.

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UCI Law Clinical Professor and Director of the Domestic Violence Clinic, **Jane Stoeve**, visited Seoul National University School of Law (SNU Law). During her visit to SNU Law, she met with Professor **Wooyoung Lee**, Director of the Public Interest & Legal Clinic Center, Professor **Julia Choi**, Associate Director of the Public Interest & Legal Center Center, and Attorney **Dasol Ryu**, who supports the center's clinical education and international exchange programs. Thanks to our partners at SNU Law, we hope to continue to foster cross-clinic law collaboration between our two universities.



Visiting Scholar, **Yeonuk Son**, Senior Legal Counsel at Samsung Electronics, recently received the good news that she has successfully passed the Illinois Bar examination. Congratulations!

### Research Fellow Alumni Highlight: Yujin Choi

**Yujin Choi** graduated from UCI Law in 2021 and is currently an associate attorney at Ropes & Gray LLP's San Francisco office. Yujin works as a private funds attorney advising fund sponsors on a broad range of transactional and regulatory matters, including fund formation, compliance, operation and governance of private equity funds, hedge funds and funds of funds.

Yujin joined the Korea Law Center as a research fellow in 2018 and took part in organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trans-Pacific Business Law Dialogue, KLC Volunteer Day at the Second Harvest Food Bank and KLC's first Orange County Superior Court visit. Yujin looks back at her time she spent in the Korea Law Center with fond memories, especially having the opportunity to interact with members of the Korean American legal community as well as the distinguished visiting scholars from Korea. One of Yujin's favorite memories is visiting a Korean courtroom during her visit to Seoul where a former Korea Law Center visiting scholar judge was presiding and observing the court proceedings.



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### Korean Lawyers in America Project Updates: Center for Critical Korean Studies Faculty Research Grant & Spring Symposium

The Korean Lawyers in America Project (KLAP) has received an award from UC Irvine's Center for Critical Korean Studies (CCKS), as part of their 2025-2026 Faculty Research Grants! Thanks to this generous grant from CCKS the Korea Law Center and KLAP will continue to work towards contributing to the understanding of the impact of Korean identity in the legal profession and contributing to the success of future generations of Korean legal professionals.

Join us on May 10 for the Korea Law Center Spring Symposium 2025! Part I of the symposium will feature a keynote presentation from The Honorable Richard Lee and student research presentations from the Korea Law Center's Korean Lawyers in America Project (KLAP) team. Part II will include special presentations on the South Korean presidential impeachment and recent Korean Law Practice-related developments.

**About KLAP.** The Korean Lawyers in America Project (KLAP) is a longitudinal study which will combine survey data and in-depth interviews to trace the career trajectories of legal professionals of Korean descent who received their legal education and/or license to practice law from the United States. The goals of KLAP are to gather data on and generate new insights into the landscape of Korean lawyers across different sectors, regions, generations, and identities and to use this data and insights to analyze how Korean lawyers shape and are shaped by the profession. For more information about KLAP, please contact Grace Lee at [glee@law.uci.edu](mailto:glee@law.uci.edu).

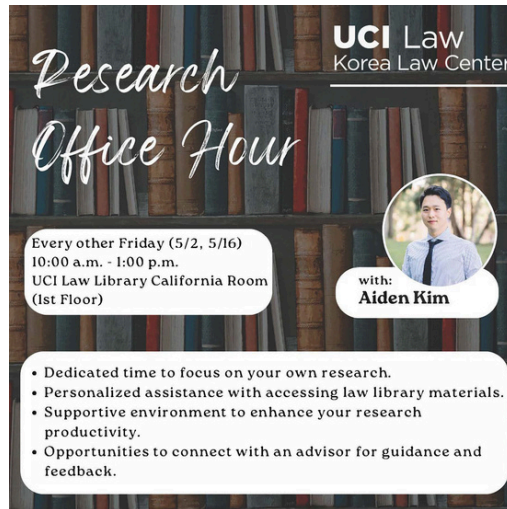


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### Upcoming Events at the Korea Law Center



### Inheritance Law for Korean-Americans: Descendant's Rights to Minimum Inheritance and Risks of Taxation for U.S. Citizens

Thursday, May 1  
6:00PM-7:30PM  
EDU 1111, UCI Law  
401 E. Peltason Drive, Irvine, CA. 92617



Join UC Irvine Korea Law Center and Bar Kim & Lee (BKL) for a seminar on unexpected inheritance rights and tax liabilities for Korean-American heirs.

Speakers will include [Hye Eun Cheung](#), former Presiding Judge for Seoul Family Court, [Sungsoon Jang](#), Partner (BKL) specializing in inheritance and private wealth, and [Andrew Chongseh Kim](#), Senior Foreign Attorney (BKL) specializing in cross-border disputes.

The main presentation will be in English, with PowerPoints and Q&A available in Korean.

Link to register: <https://forms.gle/Kn7nbZfqw7JjphuW6>

### Korea Law Center Spring Symposium 2025

Saturday, May 10  
9:00AM-3:30PM  
EDU 1111, UCI Law  
401 E. Peltason Drive, Irvine, CA. 92617

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Morning sessions will feature a keynote presentation from The Honorable Richard Lee and student research presentations from the Korea Law Center's Korean Lawyers in America Project (KLAP) team.

Afternoon sessions will include special presentations on the South Korean presidential impeachment and recent Korean Law Practice-related developments.

For more details and registration: <https://forms.gle/JUAGiSwH2f7fAuQEA>