Korean Buddhism at the Crossroads: 
In Search of a New Paradigm for Early Modern and Modern Korean Buddhist Studies

Dates: April 19 and 20, Friday and Saturday, 2019
Location: April 19th, Omni New Haven Hotel’s Conference Room
          April 20th, Luce Hall (Council on East Asian Studies)

Detailed Schedule:

April 19
Conference Room, Omni Hotel

Coffee & Welcome (8:30am-9:00am)

Keynote speech (9:00am-10:20am)

Sungtaek Cho (Korea University), “Re-Valuation of Master Hanam (1876-1951): A Comparison with Manhae and Gyeongheo.”

Panel 1 (10:40am-12:10pm): Temples in the Periphery (Presider: Eric Greene)

Youn-mi Kim (Ewha University), “Erasing and Reshaping the Emperor’s Space: A Hybridized Avalokiteśvara Hall at Songgwang Temple.”
Maya Stiller (Uni. of Kansas), “Visualizing the Bodhisattva Path? The Ritual Matrix of Fifty-Three Buddhas in Late Chosŏn Korea.”

Lunch (12:10pm-1:30pm), Omni Hotel

Panel 2 (1:30pm-2:30pm): Revisiting Chosŏn Buddhism (Presider: Nate Lovdahl)

Seong-Uk Kim (Columbia Uni.), “Buddhist Compromise and Reconciliation with Confucianism in Late Chosŏn: through the example of the Kwanŭm (Avalokiteśvara) divination practice.”

Panel 3 (2:50pm-4:20pm): Gender and Women (Presider: Young Sun Park)

Hyangsoo Yi (University of Georgia), “Reviving Bhiksuni Pongnyŏgwan, the Reviver of Buddhism on Cheju Island.”

Dinner (6pm-9pm), Taste of China (954 Chapel St.)

April 20

Luce Hall, Council on East Asian Studies

Coffee (8:30am-9:00am)

Panel 4 (9:00am-10:30am): Reform and Innovation (Presider: Iljea Lee)

Sung Ha Yun (Dharma name: Sunjung) (University of California, Los Angeles), “Sot’aesan’s Reformation of Korean Buddhism in the Context of Modern Daily Life.”
Soonil Hwang (Dongguk University), “Master Seongcheol and Modernity of Korean Buddhism.”
Beopjin D. Kang (Chulalongkorn University), “Tree and Leaf: The forms of Buddhist Canon and Their Cultural Evolutions in Buddhist Worlds.”

Panel 5 (10:40am-12:10pm): Clerical Marriage and Sexuality (Presider: Kathy Chow)

Sujung Kim (DePauw University), “Flesh in the Closet: The ‘Secret Wife’ in Contemporary Korean Buddhism.”

Lunch (12:10pm-2:00pm), Luce Hall

Panel 6 (2:00pm-3:00pm): Dilemmas of Korean Buddhism (Presider: Bo Tao)

Marcie Middlebrooks (National Sun Yat-sen University), “Buddhism, Cloning, and Regenerative Narrative Affects in early 21st Century South Korea.”

Roundtable (3:20pm-4:20pm) (Hwansoo Kim)

Dinner (6pm-9pm), Pho & Spice (76 Orange St.)

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