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), TBA

Panel 1 (10:40am-12:10pm): Temples in the Periphery
Youn-mi Kim (Seoul National 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), at the Omni Hotel

Panel 2 (1:30pm-2:30pm): Revisiting Chosŏn Buddhism
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 (2:45pm-4:15pm): Gender and Women
Hyangsoon Yi (University of Georgia), “Reviving Bhiksuni Pongnyŏgwan, the Reviver of Buddhism on Cheju Island.”
Dinner (6pm-9pm), TBA

April 20
Luce Hall, Council on East Asian Studies

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

Panel 4 (9:00am-10:00am): Reform and Innovation

Sung Ha (Dharma name: Sunjung) Yun (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.”

Individual Paper (10:15am-10:55am): Texts and Canons

Beopjin D. Kang (Chulalongkorn University), “Tree and Leaf: The forms of Buddhist Canon and Their Cultural Evolutions in Buddhist Worlds.”

Individual Paper (11:10am-11:50am): Science and Buddhist Narrative

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

Lunch (12:00pm-1:30pm), Luce Hall

Panel 5 (1:30pm-3:00pm): Clerical Marriage and Sexuality

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

Individual Paper (3:20pm-4:00pm): Future of Korean Buddhism


Roundtable (4:10pm-5:10pm)