Greetings everyone!

We send you our warmest greetings as the co-chairs of the International Section. Time flies! It is almost the end of the year 2018, and 4 months have passed since the APA Convention. We hope that every one of you has been having a great semester and an academic year. Looking forward to entering the year 2019, we wanted to share where our section is headed now.

As co-chairs, we would like to make our section more international. What does that mean? As you all know, our mission as a section is to provide support and connection to all of our members succinctly speaking. We have quite a few members outside of the Unites States, and we have noticed the many challenges and barriers that our non-US based members experience to fully engage in the section activities. non-US based members, feel more comfortable and connected with other section members.

Another goal that we have as co-chairs is to improve the section’s connection and collaboration with other international professional organizations. To help with this goal, a Special Task Force has been created and Dr. Ji-Yoon Lee will lead the charge with the guidance from one of us, which would be Dr. Bong Joo Hwang. In the following, let us introduce ourselves.
It has been more than 7 years since I, Bong Joo Hwang, Ph.D., have become an active member of the International Section. There have been a few section members who have been very instrumental to me in my continuous deeper involvement with the section activities. I think I was invited to present for the IMOC (International Mentoring & Orientation Committee) roundtable even before I was really connected with the section, which helped me get more interested in the section activities. What really helped me get actively involved with the section was to find my home within the section, which is IPPC (International Psychology Practitioners Committee). I am very grateful that Dr. Jinhee Kang, our past section co-chair, reached out to me and invited me to join IPPC, which was in the beginning phase of the establishment of IPPC. The rest of my involvement with IPPC, and other committees is a history and a notable example of how you can find your identity as an international psychologist and how you can thrive. I hope that you all experience the great benefits of being a member of the International Section. If you need personal advice to make the section your home, feel free to contact me individually. But, I can tell you one very important advice right now. Get involved and join a committee that you might be interested in. If there is no committee that you are interested in, why don’t you create one? We will support you.

I said I was going to introduce myself. So, briefly speaking: I grew up in South Korea, and came to the U.S. for graduate study. I received my master’s degree in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling from University of Southern California, and obtained my doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology from Indiana University. After completing my internship at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, I did my Clinical Fellowship at Ohio State University for one year, and then got hired as a staff clinician and worked there for 7 years. I worked at Arizona State University’s Counseling Services as the Training Director for 5 years until I came to California State University, Long Beach as the Director of Counseling & Psychological Services in July, 2018. I can say with upmost confidence that my professional journey has never could have been this positive without being part of the International Section. I am very honored and humbled to be able to serve the section as a co-chair for the next two years.
It is a great honor for me, Hana Suzuki, Ph.D., to serve the International Section of Division 17 as the Non-U.S.-based Co-Chair for the 2018-2020 term. As the International Section has always been my home within the APA, I am looking forward to contributing back to the international counseling community with Dr. Bong Joo Hwang and other colleagues.

Born and raised in Japan, I spent a year as an exchange student in a high school in Maryland. This was an eye-opening experience for me, and after obtaining high school diploma, I went back to the US to obtain my Bachelor’s and Master’s degree from Boston University and Boston College, respectively. I came back and received my doctoral degree here in Japan, and I started working at International Student Center at University of Tsukuba. As working with international population has always been so close to my heart, I truly enjoyed my work there. However, while I was there, I also learned the urgency of raising the next generations of psychologists who are sensitive to international and multicultural issues in Japan. Now, I work as an associate professor at College of Psychology, Ritsumeikan University, one of the biggest college dedicated only to psychology with the state of art facility.

The world has never been closer but has never been so far away in many ways. I am humbled to serve the section in this time of many challenging issues in the world. I hope to strengthen the network of international counseling psychologist inside and outside of the US, to raise awareness of the importance of looking at issues from global perspectives, and last but not least, to enjoy serving the section! I sincerely would like to invite all of you to reach out to us with your voice – your voice matters to make not only our section but also international counseling psychology community better!
Dr. Zhijin Hou at Beijing Normal University and I served as co-chairs of the Award and Recognition Committee this year. We would like to thank the reviewers, Dr. Alvin Seung Min Leung at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Dr. Mark Leach at University of Louisville, Dr. Shaima Ahammed at City University of Seattle at Calgary, and Dr. Kayi Hui-Spears at Ohio State University for their hard work.

We were pleased to present the Excellent Contribution Award to Dr. Sung-Kyung Yoo at Ewha Womans University in South Korea and the Outstanding Student Research Awards to Elizabeth Farrah Louis at University Georgia (supervised by Dr. Alan Stewart) at the International Scholars Welcome Breakfast during the APA Convention in San Francisco.
I am deeply honored to receive the Excellent Contribution Award from the International Section of the Society of Counseling Psychology at the 2018 APA convention. I thank Dr. John Romano for nominating me, and Drs. Karen O’Brien, Robert Neimeyer, and Tom Skovholt for strongly supporting my nomination. I also would like to thank the International Section for this special honor. Since obtaining my Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1997 and my subsequent return to Korea, cross-cultural collaborations in research/education/training has been one of the most rewarding components of my professional career. And, therefore, it is especially meaningful for me to be awarded as an international scholar based outside of the United States.

One of my main study objectives during my doctoral studies in 1990’s as an international student was to enhance cross-cultural understanding in counseling psychology. Initially I naively assumed that I could translate my education and training experiences in the United States to Korea directly. However, the cultural translation of treasury experiences in the United States to Korea has been challenging and thus more meaningful with various challenges.

To make my education and training experiences in the United States fitting to Korean culture, I have made efforts to continue international research with various interests in counseling psychology. I have collaborated mainly with Dr. Karen O’Brien at the University of Maryland to advance knowledge regarding the work-family interface among working women in Korea and the United States. Our cross-cultural collaboration has resulted in meaningful professional accomplishment. More than our incredible professional accomplishment, each of us greatly benefited, personally and professionally, from involvement on the international team. Since the women’s issue is one of the most culturally sensitive issues, our 7-year research collaboration has deepened and widened mutual understandings of each culture. Our graduate students from each research lab were involved in international research projects, thus giving them important cross-cultural research training.
My efforts to enhance international counseling research were encouraged by several honorable awards from the professional organizations in the United States. As an alumna of the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota, I received the Distinguished International Scholar Award (2010), which is the highest award given to international alumni of the College. I was also granted Mid-career Research Award (2007) and Senior Research Award (2015) from the Fulbright program. These special recognitions of my international research contribution were a big applause, which helped me to further my international research effort afterwards. I deeply appreciate Dr. John Romano to invite me to co-presenter at the International Counseling Psychology Conference in Chicago (2008) on training international students in the United States. I presented my experiences as an international student in the United States and the value of education and training in the United States upon returning to my home country. I felt so respected to be given an opportunity to share my experience of coming back and forth between two cultures. The co-presenting experience with a professor I learned and supervised as an international student from was touching.

My effort to internationalize counseling psychology went beyond collaborating international research. As a recipient of benefit with being educated and trained in the United States, I feel indebted professionally and one of my goal is to serve Korean society through my international scholarly connection with psychologists in the United States. I invited Dr. Neimeyer to provide a workshop and training in the tragic aftermath of the Sewol Ferry disaster of 2014. The workshop had a great impact on Korean psychologists and ultimately the bereaved. I also invited Drs. Karen O’Brien (2011) and Michael Steger (2013) to present counseling psychology workshops to enhance international service/training opportunities for Korean counseling psychologists.

One of the most grateful aspect of my international collaboration is having an opportunity to serve as a role model to next generation of counselors and psychologists in Korea. I have had my students involve in my international collaborations, which expands their vision of studying counseling psychology in international contexts. Some of my academic advisee studying and teaching in the United States are actively involved in the International Section of Society of Counseling Psychology. It is a great pleasure to see the students I taught growing professionally and making significant contributions to international counseling psychology community.

It has been such an amazing professional and personal experiences to continue to grow as a counseling psychologist by collaboration with respectable scholars in the United States. Reflecting on my 27-year professional journey crossing borders between two cultures provides me with a hope to advance our knowledge in counseling psychology by being connected to each other, and by sharing our experiences with open-mindedness. As a recipient of the honorable award from the International Section of the Society of Counseling Psychology, I feel responsible to pay back to our field through sustained contribution to further the internationalization of counseling psychology. It has been a real blessing to be able to continue the work I love and make meaningful contribution to the world. □
I am grateful and honored to receive the Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award from the International Section of the Society of Counseling Psychology. This award is very meaningful to me because it signifies the collaborations that I have fostered with others to serve diverse populations. As a Haitian-American, first generation college student, growing up in Miami, Florida nurtured my interests in learning about different cultures, recognizing the importance of bilingual/multilingual communities, and surviving through natural disasters. These interests led me to further my education and seek opportunities to gain on the ground experiences. One of my earliest international experiences within my doctoral program was working with Dr. Guerda Nicolas of the University of Miami. We worked with local teachers to promote mental health awareness and empowered teachers to identify their pivotal roles they play in supporting students and community members who face stressors and challenges. I learned perceptions of mental health within the Haitian context, the influence of historical incidents, and the needs of the community, and the possible roles that a psychologist can fulfill when engaging in intentional community-based work.

One of the research projects that I have been working on in Haiti since 2015 is targeting Haitian professionals, community members and leaders, religious leaders, and other persons who serve marginalized communities. A close look at mental health in Haiti, illustrates a lack of mental health services for Haitian natives.
Due to the limited amount of Haitian professionals to address the needs of the people of Haiti, I have worked to shift on solely relying on non-governmental organizations but to empower local Haitians and Haitian professionals to address issues related to the preparedness and aftermath of disasters (e.g. flooding, hurricanes, and earthquakes) and to be more sensitive to the individual and community needs.

I partnered with Global Trauma Research (GTR), an organization focused on training, research, counseling, and the integration of spirituality in mental health services. As a mental health facilitator for their Haiti Trauma Project, I taught mental health concepts and culturally relevant interventions in Haitian Creole. Participants had the opportunity to learn about general mental health concepts, trauma, types of disasters, different symptoms of mental health disorders, cultural considerations, and resources. Participants included pastors, spiritual leaders, doctors, nurses, statisticians, teachers, students, and community leaders. After providing pre and post-tests to participants for the first two years of this pilot this informed our decision to redesign this community-based workshop. Based upon sustainable models of conducting trainings in Haiti (Nicolas, 2015; Saint-Jean, 2014), I helped to develop a train the trainer framework where participants could share their training experiences with others and train others in their communities, workplaces, places of worship, and other social settings to address context specific needs. With the creation of a new curriculum that was culturally relevant, practical, and informed by Haitian participants of different backgrounds, we implemented this new curriculum in 2017. From last year’s training, we gathered participants feedback from focus groups that I led while in Haiti on a monthly basis from January to May. From these focus groups, I obtained and analyzed data from participants. Some of the data included participants wanting further training on how to train others in their communities, they wanted more information on mental health related symptoms that were known within the Haitian community, they had visions for several community settings such as sharing information about mental health on the radio, in churches, schools, and community parks. The next phase of this training curriculum for this year is to expand our general curriculum into one that includes leadership skills for Haitian participants, identify ways to develop strategic plans for participants’ community goals, assist participants in solidifying community resources, and preparations for pre and post disaster and how to respond to trauma using general mental health skills.

I am excited to continue this work that have impacted lives and remain committed to engaging in international work that will define what mental health means to communities and the creative resources that are developed to better serve those in need. No matter where in the world a counseling psychologist may serve, community engagement is essential in preserving and expanding the essence of mental well-being.
MEMBERSHIP CO-OFFICERS

HUNG CHIAO, PH.D. & PIUS N. NYUTU, PH.D.

- New International-based Co-Officer:
  - Dr. Ae-Kyung Jung’s term as International-based Membership Co-Officer has ended.
  - Dr. Hung Chiao was elected as the International-based Membership Co-Officer for a two years’ term (2018-2020). She joins Dr. Pius Nyutu who is in the middle of his term as the U.S.-based Membership Co-Officer. (Dr. Hung Chiao is an assistant professor at the Psychology Department of Asia University and a licensed counseling psychologist in Taiwan. She received her doctoral degree from University of Missouri-Columbia in 2012 after completing an internship at University of Maryland-College Park. Her goal, besides fulfilling the present job duties, is to increase international members in the section.)

- A brochure about the section was developed prior to the APA conference and distributed during sessions. Revisions on the brochure will be conducted soon following feedback from section officers and members. A bookmark was also developed, and distribution started during the APA conference this year.

- A revision of the membership form was conducted earlier this year and a space added for entering an alternative e-mail. The goal is to continue contact even when there is a change of primary e-mail contact listed.
  - A call for membership renewal will be sent out in November to those it applies to.
  - A call for information update will be sent to all section members to ensure currency of contact information and career status.

- The Membership Co-Officers are continuing to manage the International Section listserv. Questions about the listserv can be addressed to them.

- We welcome ideas on how to reach out to counseling psychologists from countries and region with minimal representation such as Africa, South America, Middle East, and some parts of Europe.

Great to serve you all.

Hung Chiao and Pius Nyutu
INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY PRACTITIONERS COMMITTEE (IPPC)

JIYOUN LEE, PH.D., & JINGQING LIU, PH.D.

The International Psychology Practitioners Committee (IPPC) in Div. 17 International Section is dedicated to providing support and peer mentoring to international practitioners in need of support for their professional and personal development. The IPPC members in 2018-2019 currently consist of 12 practitioners. IPPC members participate in monthly virtual peer-support meetings and collaborate on various projects that often result in APA presentations or special task force reports.

The IPPC successfully hosted a number of events during the 2018 APA convention. IPPC invited three panelists Drs. Bong Joo Hwang (Cal State University – Long Beach), Dr. Shaznin Daruwalla (Oregon State University), and Vivi Hua (Private Practice in NYC) to share their experiences and perspectives in a panel discussion entitled “Immigration Challenges and Career Path for International Practitioners”. The panel discussion attracted both IPPC and non-IPPC members and twelve people attended the event. In addition, IPPC members collaborated to offer a symposium focused on challenges and residences of international psychology practitioners.

In addition to programs offered at the 2018 APA convention, IPPC focused on exploring strategies to reach more international psychology practitioners and recruiting new members. IPPC developed a tri-fold brochure, and distributed copies of the brochure at the 2018 APA. IPPC brochure was also posted electronically on the IPPC facebook page, Div. 45 facebook, IMOC facebook, and the ICP listserv. Two new members joined IPPC since then.

IPPC aims at providing a welcoming and supportive professional home for all international psychology practitioners. Feel free to contact Jiyoon Lee at easy0929@gmail.com or Jingqing Liu at jingqing.liu@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about IPPC or want to join IPPC.
APA2018 was an exciting convention for iLGBTQ+ Committee! This is the first year we co-organized a program with Section of LGBT Issues of Div 17. Our section co-chairs, Drs. Hung Chiao and Shaznin Daruwalla, together with Dr. Stephanie Graham, co-chaired the roundtable, International LGBTQ Advocacy: Ideas for Action. The roundtable attracted international scholars from Taiwan, Japan, and South Korea, as well as local American scholars and graduate students to participate. Dr. Chih-Yun Hsu, a Taiwanese psychiatrist and the president of Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association—the biggest LGBTQ organization in Taiwan, shared his advocacy experiences and the latest progress of marriage equality movement in Taiwan. Dr. Makiko Kasai, a big researcher well-known for her LGBTQ research in Japan, also shared her observations of sociocultural environment and experiences of working with transgender issues in Japan. Overall speaking, participants had a good time exchanging experiences and ideas with each other. We hope this discussion will bring more opportunities and energy for psychologists to interact and collaborate with professionals around the world!
The co-chairs’ introduction

Drs. Meifen Wei and Hang-Shim Lee earned their Ph.D. from University of Missouri-Columbia and both completed the pre-doctoral internship at The Ohio State University Counseling and Consultation Service. Dr. Meifen Wei is a Professor in the Counseling Psychology program at Iowa State University and Dr. Hang-Shim Lee is currently an assistant professor in the counseling psychology program at Konkuk University in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Greetings & Updates from Co-chairs:

Dear International counseling psychology members,

The mission of our ICP faculty committee is to support international counseling psychology faculty by sharing common issues and resources. We are very excited about announcing our new three sub-committees and chairs for each sub-committee.

- Teaching Committee Chair: Dr. Chu-Chun Fu at Fayetteville State University
- Research Committee Chair: Dr. Hanna Suh University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
- Mentoring Committee Chair: Dr. Pei-Chun Tsai at Radford University

Our board members of ICP faculty committee aim to expand mentoring, networking and share resources among ICP faculty members through three subcommittees in 2019.

For 2018 APA updates, we had the second formal meeting in San Francisco. During this APA meeting, 9 members joined in our meeting and we discussed several topics and shared our stories.

Main topic we discussed.
- Minority experiences as an international faculty
- Peer mentoring
- Research collaboration and work
- How to increase students' engagement and effective teaching techniques
- Sharing teaching materials related to multicultural counseling

So far, we have 20 members in our committee and welcome to email us at hangshim@konkuk.ac.kr or wei@iastate.edu if you are interested in joining with us! Our committee is opened to anyone who is interested in international counseling psychology faculty issues in both U.S. and other countries.

We have a continuous on-line seminar once a semester and as well as an off-line meeting in the annual APA conference. Our next off-line meeting will be in Chicago during APA. We look forward to meeting you in person in Chicago~
Greetings from the new chair of International Mentoring and Orientation Committee (IMOC)! In the past few months, the IMOC committee members worked diligently to ensure the smooth operation of IMOC. A few important highlights to share with you are detailed below:

a. The Professional Development committee is scheduled to interview individuals who have experiences with the pre-doctoral psychology internship interviews. The topics include: Preparation Process for internship interview, Tips on the internship interview process, and Ranking and reflection on the interview. The goal is to make these short interview video clips available online for easy access to the ICP community. “Tips for internship recommendation letters” was also made available through social media in October 2018.

b. The Mentoring program is in the process of recruiting mentors/mentees and will actively do the matching at the end of this year. If you are interested in being a mentor or mentee through the IMOC, please contact the mentoring program co-chairs Sunny Ho at sunnyhoyc@gmail.com or Kayi Hui at hui.68@osu.edu.

c. The APA convention planning committee is working on innovating the format and topics of the roundtable discussion at APA convention. More details will be available when it gets closer to the convention time.
Founded in 1920 as the International Association of Psychotechnology (Association Internationalé de Psychotechnique) to promote collaboration and communication among psychologists worldwide, the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) stands as the oldest international psychological association in the world. In 2002, Division 16 (Counseling Psychology) was founded during the 25th International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP) held in Singapore and upon approval by the IAAP Board of Directors. Since then, Division 16 has offered a home to scientist-practitioners around the globe concerned with the international advancement of counseling psychology.

The proposal and petition to form a counseling division within IAAP was led by long-time APA Division 17 members Frederick T. L. Leong, Mark L. Savickas, Richard Young, Itamar Gati, and the late Paul B. Pedersen. Upholding the spirit of the proposal and since Division 16’s founding, past presidents Fred Leong (USA), Richard Young (Canada), Mark Savickas (USA), and Maria Eduarda Duarté (Portugal) have led the propagation of vigorous international partnerships that have yielded many fruitful research projects, scholarly works, and innovative practice methods.

The current Division 16 executive board formed upon the closing of the 29th ICAP held in Montreal from June 26-30, 2018. The executive board includes Paul Hartung (USA; Division 16 President), Maria Eduarda Duarté (Portugal; Division 16 Past-President), Zhi-Jin Hou (China), J.G. Kobus Maree (South Africa), Mary McMahon (Australia), Jeff Prince (USA) and Lea Ferrari (Italy; Editor, Division 16 Newsletter). The board aims in the coming years to build on the division’s firmly established foundations. Key initiatives include: fostering communication among Division 16 membership; increasing the division’s presence in IAAP; continuing divisional research, scholarship, and publishing activities via collaborative projects, conferences, journal articles/special issues, and textbooks; promoting divisional activities and membership; identifying opportunities to collaborate with other professional societies and groups; and promoting student membership and involvement.

Planning will begin in due course for two upcoming international conferences that will include Division 16 programming. First, the year 2020 will mark 100 years since IAAP’s founding. To celebrate the occasion, a Centennial Congress of Applied Psychology (CCAP) will be held in December 2020 in Cancún, Mexico. Two years later in 2022, Division 16 will mark the 20th anniversary of its founding at the 30th ICAP that will convene in Beijing, China.

For more information about IAAP, Division 16, and all of their associated events and activities, visit the IAAP (https://iaapsy.org) and Division 16 (https://iaapsy.org/divisions/division16/) websites.
RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

Seeking participants for a highly relevant study into how therapists use mobile applications in their clinical work. Your participation would involve one confidential phone interview. Please consider sharing your valuable insights on this topic.

I would be interested in hearing from you if:
- You practice as a therapist and see clients who struggle with anxiety or related concerns.
- You have used mobile applications as tools in your therapeutic work; and if
- You are willing to talk about the factors that influenced your decision to integrate apps into therapy.

Please contact Liliana Cortes at lcortes@alumni.ubc.ca for more information.

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We would like to invite students and professionals to submit articles and announcements for the Summer 2019 newsletter. The deadline for submitting your manuscripts or announcements is May 31, 2019. In addition, the editor is requesting members' suggestions regarding the content and issues that the newsletter could address.

General Requests:

1. Please share pertinent information or activities relevant to International Section members (e.g., upcoming events, international conferences, member news/achievements, relevant grant deadlines, position announcements, opportunities to collaborate, volunteer opportunities in the International Section, etc.).
2. Submit manuscripts (2,000 words or less) or brief reports (300 words or less) on international issues related to research, teaching, or practice in Counseling Psychology for the "Counseling Worldwide" series.
3. Please suggest areas of content/issues that you would like the Newsletter to include (e.g., column by Counseling Psychologists outside the U.S.).

Please email your manuscript submissions by May 31, 2019 to Heweon Seo, Ph.D., Editor, Newsletter: International Section of Counseling Psychology (heweonse@buffalo.edu).

Submission Guidelines

Articles should be written using 12-point, Times New Roman font according to the style of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.). An abstract (50 words or less) of the article and a brief description of your affiliation, professional interests, and degree(s) (50 words or less) should be included with each manuscript submission. Articles should be submitted electronically (heweonse@buffalo.edu) as file attachments using Microsoft Word. Please include a statement that the manuscript has not been submitted for publication or published elsewhere and that appropriate references (in APA style) have been included in the manuscript.

Please include this information when submitting other types of documents (maximum 100 words)
1. Conferences/upcoming events (e.g., date, place, theme, registration, links, etc.);
2. Relevant grants (deadlines, proposal guidelines, eligibility, etc.);
3. Member news/achievements (e.g., dates, awards, awarding agency, etc.);
4. Position announcements (type of position, eligibility, application deadline, contact information, etc.);
5. Other announcements (e.g., collaborative projects, research studies);
6. Volunteer opportunities.
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I hope this newsletter helps you learn more about our new co-chairs, Drs. Bong Joo Hwang, and Hana Suzuki, and their visions for the ICP community.

Special thanks to Dr. Sung-Kyung Yoo and Elizabeth F. Louis for their contributions of articles as this year’s award recipients. It is particularly inspiring to learn about their professional journeys dedicated to internationalizing counseling psychology.

If you have any suggestions for the content of future newsletters, please feel free to contact me. I hope this newsletter will help you stay connected to and involved in the ICP community.

Wishing you a Happy New Year and all the best to you in 2019!