COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL
Spring 1919, the Korean Independence Movement, and the Digitized Archives

FRIDAY April 19, 2019
Beginning with the public reading of the Korean Declaration of Independence in Seoul on March 1st, 1919, thousands of Koreans rose up in protest against Japanese colonial rule. The protests immediately inspired resistance movements around the world, including the establishment of the Korean Provisional Government in Shanghai the following month. This single-day conference commemorates the centennial of this eventful spring of 1919, with presentations and discussions on the significance of the March First and Korean independence movements in the formation of modern Korea, and on the newly digitized documents of the Korean National Association. The day’s proceedings culminate in a special event with descendants of notable Korean independence figures.

SESSION 1
9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Doheny Memorial Library
Friends Lecture Hall (Room 240)

The Historical Significance of March First and the Korean Provisional Government

9:00 a.m.
Welcoming Remarks
Kyung Moon Hwang, Professor of History, USC

9:15 a.m.
When Korea Stood Up: The National and Historical Significance of the Independence Movement
Michael Robinson, Professor Emeritus of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Indiana University
Commentary: Sunyoung Park, Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, USC

10:15 a.m.
The 1919 March First Movement and the Diasporic Korean Nation-State
Richard Kim, Professor of Asian American Studies, UC Davis
Commentary: David Yoo, Professor of Asian American Studies and History, and Vice Provost, Institute of American Cultures, UCLA

11:15 a.m.
Documenting Korean and Allied Confrontations across War and Liberation: Struggles for Legitimacy and Authority, 1930s–1940s
Mark Caprio, Professor of History, Rikkyo University, Tokyo
Commentary: Kristine Dennehy, Professor of History, California State University, Fullerton

SESSION 2
1:30–3:30 p.m.
Doheny Memorial Library
Friends Lecture Hall (Room 240)

Documents and Sources of the Korean Independence Movement, the KNA, and the Early Korean American Community

1:30 p.m.
New Light Cast on March First: Some Details of the Newly Digitized Archives
Kenneth Klein, Head, USC East Asian Library

2:30 p.m.
Primary Research through the Korean American Digital Archive
Katherine Yungmee Kim, author of Los Angeles’s Koreatown

SESSION 3
5:00–7:30 p.m.
USC Hotel, 3540 S. Figueroa Street

“Talk Concert” with Descendants of Korean Independence Activists

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