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EDUCATION

- 2010 Loyola University at Chicago
Ph.D. in Social Work
Dissertation – "Transcultural Psychotherapy: Clinical Issues in Working with Korean Immigrant Women"
- 2005 Loyola University at Chicago
Masters in Social Work
Concentration: Clinical services to children and families
- 2000 Daegu University, Korea
Master of Arts in Social Welfare
Thesis – "The Causative Influence of Drop-outs During the Treatment Process Among Schizophrenic Patients at the Day-Hospital"
- 1993 Silla University, Korea
Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS/EMPLOYMENT

- 2019-Present University of St. Francis
MSW Program Director, Department of Social Work
- 2017-Present University of St. Francis
Associate Professor, Department of Social Work
- Aug. 2017-Dec. 2017 University of St. Francis
Interim Director of MSW program, Department of Social Work
- 2012-2017 University of St. Francis
Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work
- 2010-2012 University of St. Francis
Visiting Professor, Department of Social Work
- 2008-2010 Korean American Community Services, Chicago
Program Director
Coordinated the efforts of program staff in individual, group (anger management/parenting) and family counseling. Maintained and analyzed departmental budget, service statistics, and programs. Wrote departmental grant

funding for innovative projects. Performed departmental supervision, staffing and training. Coordinated the agency-wide internship program. Conducted community outreaches and networking.

- 2008 Korean American Community Services, Chicago
Clinical Supervisor
- 2005-2008 Korean American Community Services, Chicago
Clinical Social Worker
- 2001-2003 Korean Family Therapy Institute, Seoul, Korea
Family Therapist
Provided individual, group (anger management/parenting) and family counseling. Supervised Master's-level students. Conducted and coordinated psychodynamic theory training/workshops. Coordinated and Conducted "Camp for Improving Self-esteem of Child/Adolescent." Wrote grant funding for innovative project.
- 1994-1996 Sanglee Community Center, Busan, Korea
Social Worker
Provided individual and family counseling to low-income families with a variety of problems such as alcoholism, anti-social behavior and child/senior neglect. Performed case management. Conducted community outreach and networking. Wrote grant funding for innovative project.

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2018 Certificate of the Quality Matter Rubric
2000 Licensed Professional Family Therapist, Korean Family Therapy Institute, Korea
1993 Licensed Social Worker, Board of Health and Society, Korea

HONORED AND AWARDS

- 2018 Nominee for the Excellence in Teaching Award at the University of St. Francis
2014 Certificate of Most Valuable Advisor at International Club of University of St. Francis
2013 Field Instructor Recognition at University of St. Francis
Certificate of Appreciation at International Club of University of St. Francis
2012 Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society at University of St. Francis
2006 – 2008 Social Service Scholarship at Loyola University Chicago
2005 – 2007 Korean American Scholarship Foundation
2005 – 2006 Joan Greenstone Scholarship at Loyola University Chicago
2004 – 2005 Patrick Haggerty Scholarship at Loyola University Chicago

RESEARCH GRANTS

Funded Proposal

- 2018 Principal Investigator
Social Work Students' and Social Workers' Perceptions and Attitudes toward Ageing, Death, and Dying across Cultures. Teaching and Professional Growth Committee Funds – Scholarship Mini Grant, University of St. Francis.
- 2013 Principal Investigator
Korean Immigrant Fathers' Perceptions and Attitudes toward Their Parenting Involvement. Teaching and Professional Growth Committee Funds – Scholarship Mini Grant, University of St. Francis.

Proposal under Preparation

- 2019 Co-Principal Investigator
International Social Work Students in Field Education: A Cross-Cultural Exploration to Inform Best Practices. Teaching and Professional Growth Committee Funds - Scholarship Mini Grant, University of St. Francis.
- 2019 Principal Investigator
Evaluation Research for the Transforming Impossible into Possible-Fatherhood (TIP-Fatherhood) Curriculum.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2010-Present University of St. Francis: Graduate
- SWRK 501: Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
 - SWRK 512: Human Behavior and the Social Environment II
 - SWRK 504: Field Practicum and Seminar I
 - SWRK 515: Field Practicum and Seminar II
 - SWRK 517: Women's Issues and Feminist Practice (Online)
 - SWRK 603: Field Practicum/Integrative Seminar III
 - SWRK 614: Field Practicum and Seminar IV
 - SWRK 615: Cross-Cultural Practice Systems
 - SWRK 650: Domestic Violence (Online)
 - SWRK 651: Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention (Online)
 - SWRK 657: Social Work Practice with Older Adults (Online)
 - SWRK 656: Caring for Elderly-International Perspective (with USF nursing faculty/students and Austrian nursing faculty/students)
 - SWRK 652: Practice and Policy Issues in Child Abuse and Neglect
 - SWRK 612: Social Work Policy I & II: Analysis, Practice/Ethics
 - SWRK 503: Research Methods for Social Work (Tutorial)
 - SWRK 613: Advanced Research Methods (Tutorial)
 - SWRK 712: Capstone in Forensic Social Work
 - SWRK 713: Evidence-Based Social Work Practice with Mature Adults (Online)

2010-Present University of St. Francis: Undergraduate
SWRK 316: Women in Contemporary Society
SWRK 424: Social Work in a Pluralistic Society
SWRK 494: Crisis Intervention
SWRK 494: Social Work with Groups
SWRK 494: Introduction to Psychopathology
SWRK 495: Readings in Social Work
SWRK 475: Caring for Elderly-International Perspective (with USF nursing faculty/students and Austrian nursing faculty/students)

TAKING ONLINE COURSE TRAINING

2011 University of St. Francis
Development Course – Preparing to Teach Online

SOCIAL WORK INTERN POSITIONS

2004-2005 Deborah's Place, Chicago
Provided individual counseling with homeless women. Conducted and coordinated cultural-ethnic group.

2004 North River Mental Health Center, Chicago
Provided individual counseling with outpatients. Provided assessment and treatment plans to outpatients with mental illness.

1997 Bongsang Hospital, Busan, Korea
Provided individual and group counseling to outpatients with mental illness. Conducted day-hospital program for outpatients with mental illness.

1992 Han Hospital, Busan, Korea
Provided individual and group counseling to inpatients/outpatients with mental illness. Conducted day-hospital program for outpatients with mental illness.

1991 Child and Adolescent Counseling Center, Busan, Korea

SOCIAL WORK EXTERN POSITIONS

2000 Probation Office, Daegu, Korea
Provided group counseling to juvenile delinquents under clinical supervision.

1997-1999 Daegu Family Counseling Center, Daegu, Korea
Coordinated training/education programs. Co-coordinated and conducted "Camp for Improving Self-esteem of Child/Adolescent."

1998 Correction School of the Juvenile Delinquent, Daegu, Korea
Provided group counseling to juvenile delinquents under clinical supervision.

- 1994-1997 Busan Life Line, Busan, Korea
Provided telephone counseling to people in emergent or serious situations such as suicidal ideation or depression.
- 1993 Daenam Hospital, Busan, Korea
Conducted day-hospital program for outpatients with mental illness.
- 1992-1993 Han Hospital, Busan, Korea
Conducted day-hospital program for outpatients with mental illness.

PUBLICATIONS

- Choi, K., & Kim, C. (in progress). Korean immigrant fathers' perceptions and attitudes toward their parenting involvement.
- Choi, K. (in press). Koreans in the Windy City II: At the turn of the 21st Century Life Experience of Korean Americans in the Chicago Area. In H. Chun, K. C. Kim & S. Kim (Eds.), *Culturally competent practice in working with Korean immigrant women*. Amazon Indie Publisher.
- Choi, K., & Kim, C. (2012). Psychodynamic approaches from transcultural perspectives in working with Korean American women. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*, 93(4), 279-286.
- Choi, K. (2011). *Transcultural psychotherapy: Clinical issues in working with Korean immigrant women*. Seoul, Korea: Korean Family Therapy Institute.
- Kim, C., & Choi, K. (2011). Culturally competent counseling for culture-bound syndrome of *hwa-byung*: A case study of Korean American woman. *Journal of Asia Pacific Counseling*, 1(2), 123-137.
- Kim, C., & Choi, K. (2011). Korean American "bad mom" attempted suicide: Understanding culturally competent social work practice. *Pearson: MySocialWorkLab*. Retrieved from http://media.pearsoncmg.com/ab/mysocialworklab/mysocialworklibrary/pdf/Kim2_Bad_Mom.pdf
- Choi, K. (2006). An integrative theoretical approach to Korean American immigrant families, *Journal of Global Awareness*, 22-29.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Choi, K. *Social Work Students' Perceptions and Attitudes toward Aging and Dying Across Cultures*. Faculty Scholarship Day. University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL. November, 13.

- 2019 * Choi, K., & Kim, C. *The Impact of Ethnic-Cultural Backgrounds on Social Work Students' Perceptions and Attitudes toward Ageing, Death, and Dying*. The 65th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO. October, 24-27.
- 2019 Choi, K. *Korean American Women*. Guest Speaker of Women in Contemporary Society Course, Department of Social Work, University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL. March 21.
- 2018 Choi, K. *Plagiarism and Culture*. International Student Field Orientation, Department of Social Work, University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL. February 21.
- 2017 * Choi, K., & Kim, C. *International Social Work Students' Perceptions and Attitudes toward Ageing, Death, and Dying across Cultures*. The 10th Annual Strangers in New Homelands Conference, Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park, Winnipeg, Canada. November 1-3.
- 2017 Choi, K. *Diversity and Empathy*. Field Education Instructor Appreciation and Poster Presentation, Department of Social Work, University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL. August, 4.
- 2016 * Choi, K., & Kim, C. *Korean Immigrant Fathers' Intergenerational and Intercultural Conflict with Their Children in the Diaspora*. The 9th Annual Strangers in New Homelands Conference, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. October 13-14.
- 2015 * Choi, K., & Kim, C. *Korean Immigrant Women's Intergenerational and Intercultural Conflict with Their Children in the Diaspora*. The 8th Annual Strangers in New Homelands Conference, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. November 5-6.
- 2015 Choi, K. *Diversity Issues in Working with Korean Immigrant Population*. Diversity Panel of Pluralistic Society in Social Work Course, Department of Social Work, University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL. October, 27.
- 2015 * Choi, K., & Kim, C. *Challenges and Opportunities of Social Work for Korean Americans: Understanding Korean American Father's Intergenerational and Intercultural Conflict with Their Children*. The 61st Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO. October, 15-18.
- 2015 * Choi, K., & Kim, C. *Korean American Fathers' Perceptions and Attitudes toward Parenting Involvement*. The 19th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA. January, 14-18.
- 2014 Choi, K. *Korean American*. Guest Speaker of Pluralistic Society in Social Work Course, Department of Social Work, University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL. November, 4.
- 2014 Choi, K. *Korean Immigrant Fathers' Perceptions and Attitudes toward Parenting Involvement*. Celebration of Scholarship of University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL. October, 2.

- 2014 Choi, K. *Korean Immigrant Fathers' Parenting Involvement*. Diversity Panel of College of Education, University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL. March, 11.
- 2013 * Choi, K., & Kim, C. *Psycho-socio-cultural Factors Contributing to Korean Immigrant Fathers' Parenting Involvement*. The 2013 NASW Illinois Chapter Statewide Conference, Lombard, IL. October, 28-30.
- 2013 Choi, K. *Language and Culture*. Diversity Panel of College of Education, University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL. March, 12.
- 2011 * Choi, K., & Kim, C. *Han, Hwa-byong and Hanpuri: Culture-bound Syndrome of Korean American Women*. The 57th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA. October, 27-30.
- 2009 * Choi, K. *Transcultural Psychotherapy: Clinical Issues in Working with Korean Immigrant Women*. The 55th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, San Antonio, TX. November, 8.
- 2006 Choi, K. *An Integrative Theoretical Approach to Korean-American Immigrant Families*. The 15th Annual Conference of the Global Awareness Society International, Chicago, IL. May.

* Peer reviewed

CONFERENCE MODERATOR

- 2017 Session 17 Barriers in healthcare access for older immigrants and their families: A qualitative study with service users and health social workers. The 10th Annual Strangers in New Homelands Conference. Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park, Winnipeg, Canada. November 1-3.
- 2017 Session 21 Mental health and stigma: perspectives of Filipino men and Calgary who participated in the strength in unity study. The 10th Annual Strangers in New Homelands Conference. Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park, Winnipeg, Canada. November 1-3.
- 2016 Session 11 Why older adults of cultural minority groups gamble: Analysis of enabling, motivational, and buffering factors. The 9th Annual Strangers in New Homelands Conference. University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. October 13-14.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of St. Francis

- 2019 Faculty Search Committee of Social Work Department
Marketing/Recruitment Committee Chair of Social Work Department
Curriculum Committee Chair of Social Work Department
- 2018 Post-Tenure Review Committee
- 2017-Present Mentoring for New Faculty
- 2017-Present Liaison for International Social Work Students
- 2016-2018 Educational Standards Committee
- 2013-Present Advisor of MSW Students
- 2013-2017 International Advisory Council Committee
- 2012-Present Social Work Field Education Committee
- 2011-Present Advisor of International Club
- 2014-2017 Multicultural Celebration and Education Planning Committee
Multicultural Reception Planning Committee
- 2011-2015 Diversity Council Committee
- 2013-2015 College Curriculum Committee
- 2013-2015 Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) – College Representative
- 2012, 2014 Faculty Search Committee of Social Work Department

Community Service

- 2004-Present Korean United Presbyterian Church in Chicago – Sunday School Teacher

National Service

- 2016-2017 Social Work Research Manuscript Reviewer

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- 2008 Set up the workshop “The Asian and Pacific and Pacific Islanders Social Work Educators Association: New paradigms for social work education, research, and policy,” The 54th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Philadelphia, PA, November 2008.
- 2005 Set up the workshop “Korean American Social Work Educators Association: The first multicultural community collaboration leadership forum”, October
Organized/set up the workshop "A Performance of Korean Mask Dance and Dance of Therapy," April 2005.
- 2003 Served intake at 26th Health Fair of Korean American Community Services.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
Korean American Social Work Educators Association (KASWEA)

Korean American Social Workers Association of Chicago (KASWAC)

LANGUAGES

Korean