

# KSEA

## SENIOR FORUM SERIES



Welcome to our KSEA Senior Forum Series! Our goal is to provide KSEA seniors with a safe and supportive space to come together, learn from each other, and share experiences. We will be hosting monthly forums focusing on topics relevant to seniors, including finances, sharing, health & wellness, technology, education, social activities, self-care, and others. Our forums are open to the public, and we invite KSEA seniors of all ages and backgrounds to join us.

Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (virtual)

8:00 - 10:00 PM ET

[Zoom Link](#)

### My Life as a 'Random Walk' to Serendipity Love, Health, Play and Some Work

This talk will highlight how life is often dictated by random events that arrive spontaneously, and how seemingly non-optimal decisions made at the crossroads could lead us to serendipitous fortunes.

While some consider the accomplishments of the speaker too minor, he often rejects any notion that his path can be used as a guide for the young. Instead, he will exemplify how he made a few 'considered foolish' decisions that turned out to be blessings in disguise. He will reflect on how his "Disciplined Random Walk" led him to a few public and personal victories in the history of Korean Americans during the last half-century. His talk will also include how he was able to prove a few basic theories in geometrical probability by observing the random fiber arrangements in spun yarns and nonwoven webs through 'Chopstick Experiments' on many dinner tables, assisted and scolded by his wife.

At the request of the moderator, he will describe his exercise and life habits which perhaps contributed to his physical and spiritual wellbeing at age 88, hospital-free and medicine-free. He is scheduled to deliver a keynote research paper at the Spring 2024 Fiber Society Conference on May 23.

Prof. Moon Won Suh, was born in Seoul before WW II, educated during the Japanese era, and the Korean War, and earned a Textile Engineering degree at Seoul National while working as an Editor for the University Press with a passion for writing. His 'Random Walk' began as a reporter for KyungHyang Daily, SNU Graduate School, and a fortuitous fellowship he won after a gala dinner in celebration of the military junta by Park Chung Hee.

In 1962, he began his 'Random Walk' in Raleigh, NC with \$150, and became a lonely fusion scientist combining textiles, statistics, and O.R. but was rewarded with; Fellow of the American Statistical Assoc, President of the Fiber Society, Charles A. Cannon Professor at NC State, 'DeWitt Smith Medal' by ASTM, two Presidential Merit Badges (석류장, 응비장), KAST (한림원) and NAEK (공학한림원).

Prof. Suh was pivotal in establishing KSEA 'UKC' Conference, KUSCO, National Assoc for Korean Schools, HVI Cotton Quality Classing System, Korean Language School of Greensboro (NC), and the proposal of KSCI (Sejong Center for Innovation). He authored 260 papers guiding 25 graduate students at NC State. As an established essayist and globe-trotter, he loves writing, sports, classical music, and singing. At the gym, he works on 17 machines and completes 48 chin-ups daily on weekdays to maintain his holistic lifestyle.

Speaker



Moon Won Suh

Moderator



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