

# Building Peace on the Korean Peninsula

## Diplomacy, Humanitarianism, Grassroots Primacy, and Critique of Militarism

Peace on the Korean peninsula is the central global issue of our time. Ending the Korean War with a peace agreement is in a gridlock. Working with North Korea for humanitarian needs—and for human rights—is hindered by economic sanctions. The inability of Seoul, Pyongyang, and Washington to engage in dialogue is an indication of global militarism that sustains hostile divisions. This conference seeks to address the Korean peace issue from the areas of diplomacy, humanitarianism, and critique of militarism. The conference concludes with a screening of filmmaker Deann Borshay Liem's extraordinary documentary *Crossings*, about a group of women who in 2015 organized a historic crossing of the De-Militarized Zone.

### Welcoming 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Moderator: C. Harrison Kim (UH Mānoa)

- **Tae-Ung Baik** (Director of Center for Korean Studies)
- **Edward J. Shultz** (Professor Emeritus, UH Mānoa/Vice President of Asia Research Foundation)

### Grassroots Empowerment and Critique of Militarism 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Moderator: Edward J. Shultz      Discussant: C. Harrison Kim

- **Christine Ahn** (Women Cross DMZ)  
The Time on the Clock of the World: Challenges and Opportunities for Peace in Korea and Our World
- **Manu Kaiama** (Hawai'i inuiakea School of Hawai'ian Knowledge, UH Mānoa)  
Militarism is Hawai'i. Where's the Aloha?
- **Betsy Yoon and Alexandra Ahn** (Nodutdol for Korean Community Development)  
Imperialism, the Korean peninsula, and the role of Koreans in the US
- **Kee B. Park** (Harvard Global Health)  
Why We Need a Comprehensive and Strategic Approach to Health Cooperation with North Korea

### Diplomacy and Policy for Engagement and Human Rights 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Moderator: Tae-Ung Baik      Discussant: Namsun Song (Osaka University of Economics and Law, President of Asia Research Foundation)

- **Jenny Town** (Stimson Center/38 North)  
Can Old Dogs Learn New Tricks: Washington's Intransigence on North Korea
- **Daniel Jasper** (American Friends Service Committee)  
Challenges as Opportunities: Climate, COVID, and Sanctions as Turning Points in Northeast Asia
- **Jay Song** (University of Melbourne)  
A Right to Survival between Human Rights and Humanitarianism

### Screening of *Crossings* 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

- Q&A with Director Deann Borshay Liem, Christine Ahn, and Ann Wright (Veterans for Peace)

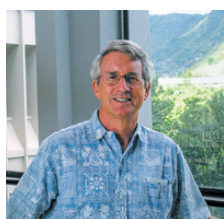
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## Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

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Edward Shultz



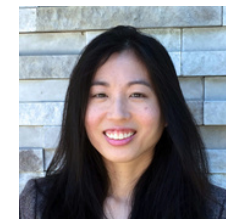
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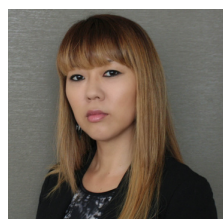
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