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Join us for a virtual tour of archival resources about Korea and U.S.-Korea relations available for virtual and U.S.-based researchers. This discussion highlights a diverse array of both longstanding and emerging collections, providing a wide survey of available historical resources. How can educators, researchers, historians, writers, and students best take advantage of this treasure trove of materials? What stories await and what impact can they have? What are some tips and tricks from librarians, center directors, and archivists?

Participating resource centers include: the new Van Fleet Digital Archive, The University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for East Asian Studies U.S.-Korean Relations Collection, The Library of Congress Korean Collection, and The Harry S. Truman Library and Museum. This program is jointly produced by the Policy and the Education teams. Featuring: Dr. **David Fields**, Associate Director of the Center for East Asian Studies at University of Wisconsin-Madison, **Joe McChristian, Jr.** President of The Van Fleet Foundation, Dr. **Sam Rushay**, Supervisory Archivist at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, and Dr. **Elli Kim**, Korea Reference Librarian Asian Division at The Library of Congress.

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Dr. David Fields is Associate Director of the Center for East Asian Studies at University of Wisconsin-Madison. He earned his PhD in history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, specializing in US-Korean relations. He is the author of *Foreign Friends: Syngman Rhee, American Exceptionalism, and the Division of Korea* and the editor of The Diary of Syngman Rhee, 1904–34, 1944, published by the National Museum of Korean Contemporary History. Since 2015, he has been the book review editor of the *Journal of American-East Asian Relations*. He has been published in the *Washington Post*, *North Korea Review*, *Journal of American-East Asian Relations*, *SinoNK.com*, *Transactions of the Royal Asiatic Society-Korea Branch*, and in the *Working Papers Series* of the Cold War International History Project. His research and analysis has been featured on National Public Radio, Wisconsin Public Radio, C-SPAN, and CNN.



Joe McChristian, Jr. serves as Founder and President The Van Fleet Foundation, with a mission to share the knowledge, wisdom and inspiration of General James Alward Van Fleet through the preservation of his archives, promotion of historical research, publication of relevant articles and books, and participation in compelling programs and events that celebrate and perpetuate his legacy. He is experienced in corporate start ups, turn-arounds of private manufacturing companies, and senior management of public corporations. He is also a decorated combat veteran, with Three Bronze Star Medals, the Air Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Sam Rushay has worked at the National Archives and Records Administration for 32 years. He is the supervisory archivist at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence, MO, where he worked as an archivist from 1993-1997. From 1997-2007, he was an archivist and



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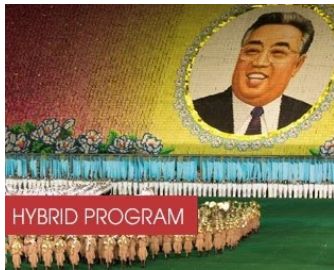


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