Faculty Research and Teaching

Young-mee Yu Cho, Ph.D. Stanford: Korean linguistics, phonology, morphology, language acquisition, syntax/phonology interface, historical linguistics, language teaching, textbook development

Jessey Choo, Ph.D. Princeton: Medieval Chinese and Japanese history and religion, cultural memory, entombed epigraphy, everyday life, women and gender

Hee Chung Chun, M.A. Ewha Womans University: Korean studies and language pedagogy, biculturalism in language learning, heritage learners, cross-cultural pragmatics, second language acquisition

Jae Won Chung, Ph.D. Columbia: Korean literature, everyday life, visual culture

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Wendy Swartz, Ph.D. UCLA: Medieval Chinese poetry, literary theory and criticism, comparative poetics

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