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## GWIKS 2017

### Korean Literature Essay Contest Award Ceremony

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#### Schedule

1:30 pm – 1:50 pm: Reception

1:50 pm – 2:00 pm: Opening Remarks by Director Jisoo Kim

2:00 pm – 2:20 pm: Guest Speaker: Young-Key Kim-Renaud

2:20 pm – 2:50 pm: Judges' Remarks

2:50 pm – 3:00 pm: Award Ceremony

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#### Opening Remarks

**Jisoo M. Kim** is the Director of GW Institute for Korean Studies. She is Korea Foundation Associate Professor of History, International Affairs, and East Asian Languages and Literatures at the George Washington University.

#### Guest Speaker

**Young-key Kim-Renaud** will be giving a talk on *The Vegetarian* and the importance of Korean literature at the award ceremony. She is Professor Emeritus of Korean Language and Culture and International Affairs, previous chair of the East Asian Languages and Literatures Department at GW. She is also currently Senior Advisor to GW Institute for Korean Studies.

#### Judges

**You-me Park** is the program director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Georgetown University. She is presently completing a book-length study titled *War on Women: Militarism, Gender, and Human Rights*, which rethinks the connections among militaristic ideology, human rights discourse, and contemporary theories of biopolitics and sexual violence.

**James Han Mattson** currently teaches at the University of Maryland. A Michener-Copernicus Award recipient, he has worked as a staff writer and editor for Pagoda Foreign Language Institute, the Korean National Commission for UNESCO, and Logogog - South Africa. His debut novel, *The Lost Prayers of Ricky Graves*, will be published by Little A in December 2017.

#### About the Essay Contest

The GWIKS Korean Literature Essay Contest encourages students to engage with translated Korean novels and promotes a better understanding of Korean literature. This year, participants wrote essays about author Han Kang's *The Vegetarian*, which won the 2016 Man Booker International Prize. With the sponsorship of LTI Korea, GWIKS successfully held the first Korean Literature Essay Contest, which we plan to hold annually.