HAN S. PARK
Professorship

ON A PATH TO PEACE
Dr. Han S. Park is an internationally-renowned scholar who is a Professor of International Affairs and Director of the Center for the Study of Global Issues (GLOBIS) at the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia (UGA).

Born in China to immigrant Korean parents during the Chinese revolution, Dr. Park and his family fled to Korea to escape the violence and political tumult, but instead found themselves facing the same threats from the onset of the Korean War. His years spent enduring the tragedies of war led him to pursue a career in political science, where he could explore the political processes that drive conflict between states and cultures. In 1963, Park graduated from Seoul National University and then moved to the United States where he earned a Masters from American University in 1967 and a PhD from the University of Minnesota in 1971. He studied political science at all three levels.

Dr. Park has distinguished himself as a scholar, researcher, international peacemaker and humanitarian. His childhood experiences with war defined his life’s mission of serving humankind and advancing peace. As the founder and director of GLOBIS, Dr. Park’s experiences have influenced the thousands of students who have heard his idea that peace is an active state that is much more than simply the absence of war. He teaches that the accommodation of diversity and the importance of empathy is the path to peace.

Dr. Han S. Park’s life experiences have fostered within him a strong determination to see peace flourish worldwide. To honor this goal and recognize his efforts during a remarkable 45-year tenure at the University of Georgia, the School of Public and International Affairs proudly announces the Han S. Park Professorship.

Herein you can read about his distinguished career at UGA, during which he has served as a scholar and educator, Director of the Center for the Study of Global Issues, humanitarian and as a peacemaker. Having spent his life’s work in research, instruction and outreach for global peace and democracy, this endowed professorship is a fitting tribute to his accomplishments at UGA, and in the world. Please consider making your gift to this professorship that will continue the legacy of scholarship and international engagement at UGA.

Dr. Park believes that peace has never been studied enough.
Dr. Park has dedicated 45 years to UGA as a scholar and a teacher. He has influenced thousands of people by sharing his deep knowledge of international relations and peacebuilding.

Dr. Park has taught thousands of undergraduate and graduate students in peace studies, the culture and characteristics of East Asian political systems, and the theory of political development. In 2002, he was named University Professor, the highest distinction in the UGA academic community. In 2011, he was honored by the UGA Alumni Association which bestowed on him the Alumni Faculty Service Award. Dr. Park is a distinguished speaker for the special lecture series “Peace, Not Security” at Morehouse College.

Dr. Park’s research has focused on issues of human rights, sustainable development, and East Asian politics. He has authored a number of publications and books, including *North Korea: Ideology, Politics and Economy* (1996), *North Korea: the Politics of Unconventional Wisdom* (2002), and *North Korea Demystified* (2012).

In his first published book, *Human Needs and Political Development* (1984), he proposed a new theory treating human needs as the necessary locus of political development. In his forthcoming book, *Development at the Crossroads*, Dr. Park demonstrates his vision as a global thinker by introducing his peace paradigm as an alternative to the security paradigm that currently dominates the study of foreign policy. This vision is greatly expanded in his Ted talk (March 27, 2015).

“The idea of ‘Han Park Professor of Peace Studies’ is not only a way of paying tribute to a great scholar who at the same time promoted dialogue aiming at solutions to an intractable conflict; but also a tribute to the field of peace studies. In peace studies, like in health studies, theory and practice go hand in hand. Associating peace studies with professor Park’s name emphasizes that link,” says Johan Galtung, dr hc mult, Professor of Peace Studies.
To accommodate a quickly changing world and ensure the positive impact of globalization on future generations, Dr. Park and the University of Georgia created the Center for the Study of Global Issues (GLOBIS) in 1995. The purpose of GLOBIS is to address the most pressing global problems by conducting research on international economic, political, socio-cultural trends and human problems and increasing knowledge and dialogue through educational activities.

Understanding the importance of global education, the center instituted study abroad programs for students on four continents of the world—Asia, Africa, Europe and South America. Under Dr. Park’s leadership, GLOBIS created a certificate program in global studies, which serves both educational and vocational purposes for a better understanding of global issues. The certificate program is designed to increase global awareness, to facilitate the ability to communicate in different languages, to help develop an appreciation for other cultures, and to promote informed analyses of global issues.
After being reunited with his own war-torn family in 1981, Dr. Park decided to help the hundreds of thousands of other Koreans who had been separated from their families. Canvasing the streets of China and North Korea, he videotaped displaced family members and broadcast the footage across South Korea. That effort helped reunite hundreds of families. In 1985, Dr. Park with the help of Dean Rusk, former Secretary of State (1960-1968) and UGA law professor, founded Uniting Families, a nonprofit organization with funding to help him continue his mission of reuniting family members separated by geopolitical forces beyond his control.

From the many trips he took to North Korea for Uniting Families, Dr. Park realized the humanitarian crisis happening there and made strides to improve the conditions in the country. “Far more than a respected analyst, Prof. Han S. Park helped open doors to freedom for individuals and build bridges of diplomacy between nations. Prof. Park’s work reflects his unflinching commitment to peace and deep affection for those who may benefit most: the Korean people,” said Jim Clancy of CNN. For example, with Dr. Park’s assistance, Donald Mosely of the Fuller Center for Housing took a group of volunteers to North Korea to build homes for flood victims in 2009. Dr. Park’s humanitarian contributions also include a collaboration between a U.S. agricultural team and North Korean agricultural scientists to alleviate hunger in North Korea.

Han Park’s life has been dedicated to service and humanitarian causes, as former UGA President Michael F. Adams remarked, “As a skilled negotiator and envoy in one of the world’s most contentious conflicts, he has served the Korean Peninsula, the United States and indeed the entire world in ways that I believe are not yet fully recognized.”
Peacemaker

Dr. Park has dedicated his life’s work — research, teaching, and humanitarianism — to promoting peace. Not only has he researched, written and taught about the art of peacemaking, he has committed much of his personal life to the cause as well. Indeed his first-hand experiences of the tragedies of war have motivated his lifelong dream of establishing peace among peoples and nations.

Growing up in Asia and later becoming a citizen of the United States has placed Dr. Park in a unique position as a trusted mediator between parties. He has traveled to North Korea more than 50 times on different peace building missions, and he acts as an unofficial ambassador between the country and many other countries. During the Clinton administration, he was instrumental in preventing conflict when he arranged for a visit to North Korea by former President Jimmy Carter. Dr. Park helped avoid another conflict in 2003 when the U.S. was ready to initiate a military strike against a nuclear program in North Korea. In 2009, he aided in the mediation that resulted in the release of two detained American journalists. Efforts at diplomacy between North and South Korea led to establishing a UGA conference, Track II Initiatives. Donald Gregg, former U.S. Ambassador to South Korea, referred to Dr. Park as “the architect to US-NK relations.”

In 2010, Park was awarded the prestigious ‘Gandhi, King, Ikeda Community Builders Prize’ by Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. This award, given to recognize individuals who take action to promote peace, has been presented to eight Nobel Peace Prize recipients since its inception in 2001.
Dr. Park’s peace-building efforts have had a substantial and positive benefit on the world and brought global credit to the University of Georgia’s name. The Han S. Park Professorship serves as a promise that, going forward, the resolution of conflict and the promotion of peace will remain priorities at the School of Public and International Affairs. In his honor, SPIA will be raising a $250,000 endowment to establish a named professorship that will support a professor’s teaching, scholarly research and activities in international affairs. Dr. Park will lead a course in Fall 2015, his final teaching semester, that will summarize the lessons learned during his esteemed career as an educator, peace builder, and architect of conflict resolution. This professorship continues his 45 year legacy at UGA to further the study of international affairs and global peace.

Thank You for your gift to support the Han S. Park Professorship 'a legacy of a path to peace'
In addition to his academic career, Dr. Park has been featured on national and international television as an expert on North Korea and their nuclear crisis. His reputation has brought recognition to the University of Georgia as a participant in the international arena.

“To Dr. Park, for your wisdom, thank you!”
-Diane Sawyer, ABC News

“To have somebody of the understanding and experience and values of Han S. Park assisting the leaders of the countries involved in dealing with these issues is the thing that we need most. I think that his contributions in this area of public diplomacy and strategic and informal communication will be of continuing value for the rest of his life. Therefore, I think he has much to do and probably becomes of greater value to our country and to all of the countries involved in the world over year by year.”
-Gary Bertsch, Founding Director of the UGA Center for International Trade & Security

“Dr. Han Park’s contributions to the academy and international understanding are formidable and unique. His role over the years in seeking to overcome distrust and enmity between North Korea and the United States is without parallel, including invaluable efforts in building bridges for better understanding through multiple Track Two dialogues. Dr. Park embodies the best of diplomacy and intellectual rigor, making him a model example for students and all engaged in constructive relations among nations. The establishment of a professorship in his name is a most deserved recognition of his distinguished career.”
-James T. Laney, President Emeritus, Emory University
U.S. Ambassador to South Korea (1993-1997)

“Han Park, you make the difference.”
-Peter Jennings, ABC News