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November 2nd, 2019 3:45 - 6:30 P.M.

Tomahawk Ridge Community Center
11902 Lowell Ave. Overland Park, KS 66213

SCHEDULE

3:45 – 4:00 P.M. Check-in

Please arrive on time

4:00 – 4:30 P.M. Keynote speaker - Dr. Paul Chan

Scholarship, Service, and the Sacred:

Raising a Family as a Chinese-American Immigrant



4:30 – 6:00 P.M. Panel Discussion



Panelist
Dr. Paul Chan



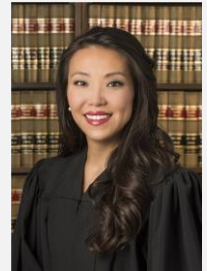
Panelist
Mrs. Kristin Thurlby



Panelist
Ms. Yanwen Xia



Panelist
Mr. Sam Narayanan



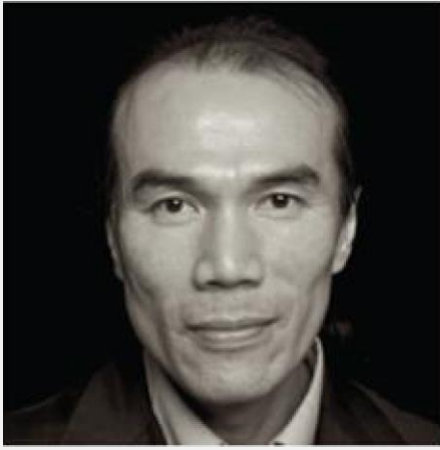
Moderator
Ms. Jerri Zhang

6:00 – 6:30 P.M. Refreshment & Free Discussion



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Keynote speaker

Dr. Paul Chan

Dr. Paul Chan was born in Hong Kong and emigrated to the U.S. when he was almost 7 years old. As a child growing up in the tenement projects of the lower East side of New York City, he experienced first hand the struggles of the poor. As a result, Dr. Chan's life mission has been to dedicate his work and family life to service.

After completing his schooling at a public high school, Dr. Chan enrolled at Harvard University, where he completed a joint degree in Chemistry and Religious Studies. He then went on to do two years of volunteer work as a teacher of high school drop-outs in Appalachian Kentucky and then as a non-profit lobbyist for hunger legislation with Bread for the World in Washington, D.C. After these experiences, Dr. Chan completed a medical degree at Johns Hopkins Medical School and was jointly trained as an internist and pediatrician at the Harvard Medical School hospitals (Brigham and Women's and Boston Children's Hospitals). After completing his residency, he worked in the underserved Navajo reservation in northwest Arizona, living and working there for 4 years as a primary care physician before resuming his training at the University of Michigan, where he completed a Masters in Biostatistics and an adult cardiovascular medicine fellowship.

Dr. Chan spends most two-thirds of his time conducting clinical research. He has over 200 peer-reviewed publications, serves on multiple national committees for the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association, and is an internationally renowned for his work on cardiac arrest, quality and appropriateness of care, and disparities in care. He has a particular interest in studying the care of traditionally vulnerable populations (e.g., minorities, uninsured patients). He also spends one-third of his time caring for patients as a cardiologist. Dr. Chan has received numerous awards for his research.

Finally, Dr. Chan spends much of his free time working on health and development projects in Third World countries. He has traveled to Central America over 20 times, was president of the Board of Directors of a Guatemalan non-governmental health and development organization (Behrhorst Partners for Development), and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Church World Service --an organization focused on refugee relief and resettlement, food assistance programs, and sustainable health and development programs in resource-poor countries. He also interviews high school applicants for Harvard University and is involved in a number of service-related projects throughout Kansas City.



Panelist

Mrs. Kristin Thurlby

Professor at JCCC in the science department

B.A. Harvard University

M.S. Boston College

Mother of 4 children:

Elliese was adopted from China when she was a baby and she is now 13.

Liam was adopted from China when he was 14 and he is now 17.

Carolyn and Hannah are their naturally born children and they are ages 16 and 18.

Hannah is now a freshman at Harvard University.



Panelist

Ms. Yanwen Xia

Educated in humanities.

Career started in China Daily, ranging from teaching sociology at Hillsdale college to IT at Sprint, retired from KU Medical Center Cancer Center.

Parent of an MIT graduate who is currently CEO at privacy.com.



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Panelist

Mr. Sam Narayanan

Sam Narayanan was born in a small village in India and lived in a rural environment until adulthood. He came to US for higher studies and has been in the Kansas City area community for over 30 years. Sam owns and manages a C-Corporation, Info To Value, Inc. Prior to that, Sam was a Director or Mergers and at YRCW Corporation and held leadership positions in more than 10 companies within Yellow Corporation (Meridian IQ, Transportation.com, Transpartner.com, Yellow Technologies, Yellow Integrated Logistics, Yellow Logistics Services, etc.). Sam has also been the coach of the Kansas American Regions Math League (ARML) for over 10 years, mentoring several high school students. Sam has Engineering degrees from Anna University (India), Georgia Tech, Kansas State University and an MBA (Finance & IT) from University of Kansas

Sam & his wife Padma are proud parents of two children, Shyam & Srivats, who graduated from Blue Valley West high school, are also very active in our community. Shyam Narayanan finished his BA and MA in Math, Computer Science & Statistics from Harvard College and is currently a PhD Candidate in the EECS department at MIT. Srivats Narayanan is currently a student in the integrated MD program at UMKC medical school, with Chemistry and Biology undergraduate degree majors.



Moderator

Ms. Jerri J. Zhang

Jerri J. Zhang was appointed Deputy Probate Commissioner by Circuit Judge Mark A. Styles, Jr. of the Probate Division on September 30, 2016.

Deputy Commissioner Zhang's career has been focused on public service. At the time of her appointment, she was an attorney with the Jackson County Counselor's Office where she prosecuted petitions for involuntary detention and represented Jackson County in civil litigation. Prior to holding that position, she served as legal counsel for the Jackson County Public Administrator where she managed the estates of incapacitated and disabled individuals, minor conservatorships, and decedent estates. She has also worked as legal counsel for the Missouri Administrative Hearing Commission and as Coordinator of Diversity Programs and Academic Success at the University of Missouri School of Law. Deputy Commissioner Zhang has also been an active member in the legal community through the Missouri Bar, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Asian American Bar Association of Kansas City, Association of Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City, and the American Bar Association.

Deputy Commissioner Zhang received her Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Missouri Columbia School of Law. She also received her Bachelor of Journalism Degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia.