

# KAAN 2023 Conference

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  **F** Fishbowl (Adoptee centered with option for questions at end from non-adoptees)  
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## JUNE 30 • FRIDAY

12:00pm – 4:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>O</b> <b>Community Room open</b>	Dearborn (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018, USA)
12:00pm – 4:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>O</b> <b>Registration &amp; Exhibitors are open</b>	South Foyer (Lobby Level)
12:00pm – 4:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Y</b> <b>Youth Program Meet and Greet</b>	Division (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
12:45pm – 2:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> <b>First-Time Attendee Welcome (Adoptee-Only Session)</b> <i>Speakers: Mimi Short, Michael Thielmann</i>	Rosemont 2 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
12:45pm – 2:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> <b>First-Time Attendee Welcome - LGBTQIA+ (Adoptee-Only Session)</b> <i>Speakers: Carly Zuckweiler (they/them)</i>	Rosemont 3 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
12:45pm – 2:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> <b>First-Time Attendee Welcome (General Session open to all attendees)</b> <i>Speakers: SunAh Laybourn</i>	Lakeshore A (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
12:45pm – 2:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> <b>Meet-up groups: meet up by regions, ICAA, &amp; Academia</b> <i>Speakers: Amanda Cho</i>	Lakeshore B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
12:45pm – 4:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> <b>Adoptee-only Quiet Space is open</b>	Rosemont 4 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
2:30pm – 3:45pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> <b>Learn the Traditional Korean Art of Bojagi</b> <i>Speakers: Sara Salansky</i>	Rosemont 3 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
2:30pm – 3:45pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>F</b> <b>"Where Are You Really From?" Microaggressions 101</b> <i>Speakers: Katie Wind</i>	Rosemont 2 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
2:30pm – 3:45pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> <b>How to not freak out this weekend</b> <i>Speakers: Grace Clark, Midnite Townsend</i>	Lakeshore B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
4:00pm – 5:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>M</b> <b>Conference Opening</b>	Grand A and B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
5:30pm – 7:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> <b>Adoptee Dinner</b>	Catherine Chevalier Woods - Picnic Grove #1 (North East River Road, Chicago, IL 60706, USA)
5:30pm – 7:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> <b>Community Dinner or Dinner on your own</b>	Benchmark Gastropub
7:00pm – 8:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>O</b> <b>Registration</b>	South Foyer (Lobby Level)
7:30pm – 11:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Y</b> <b>Games &amp; Youth Activities</b>	Grand A and B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
8:00pm – 9:15pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> <b>Learn the Traditional Korean Art of Bojagi</b> <i>Speakers: Sara Salansky</i>	Rosemont 2 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
8:00pm – 9:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> <b>Community Hour</b>	Dearborn (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018, USA)
8:00pm – 11:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> <b>Noraebang</b>	Grand A and B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)

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## JULY 1 • SATURDAY

6:15am – 7:15am	G <b>Wellness Activity: Run with Katie Bozek</b>	The Westin O'Hare (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018, USA)
7:15am – 8:45am	O <b>Bookstore is open</b>	Grand C (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018, USA)
7:15am – 8:45am	O <b>Registration is open</b>	South Foyer (Lobby Level)
7:15am – 9:00am	L <b>Continental Breakfast</b>	Grand A and B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
7:30am – 12:00pm	O <b>Exhibitors are open</b>	South Foyer (Lobby Level)
8:00am – 8:45am	M <b>Saturday Morning Panel: KAAAN Over the Years</b> <i>Speakers: Mark Hagland, Kimberly McKee</i>	Grand A and B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
8:45am – 12:00pm	Y <b>Youth Program &amp; Field Trip</b>	Division (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
9:00am – 10:15am	A <b>Childfree by Choice or Circumstance</b> <i>Speakers: Kerry Bondy, Chris Detrych, Julayne Lee, Glenn Morey</i>	Rosemont 3 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
9:00am – 10:15am	A <b>From Bruce to Waymond   Asian American Masculinity</b> <i>Speakers: Kurt RuKim</i>	Rosemont 2 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
9:00am – 10:15am	F <b>Adoptee Healing: Past, Present, and Future</b> <i>Speakers: Emma Fujuan Roberts-Vaurio, Lucy Murray, Emily Hohman</i>	Madison (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
9:00am – 10:15am	G <b>Adoptee Citizenship</b> <i>Speakers: Becky Belcore, Taneka Hye Wol Jennings (she), Jimmy Byrne</i>	Lakeshore B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
9:00am – 12:00pm	A <b>Adoptee-only Quiet Space is open</b>	Rosemont 4 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
9:00am – 12:00pm	O <b>Community Room open</b>	Dearborn (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018, USA)
10:30am – 11:45am	A <b>Role reversal with aging parents</b> <i>Speakers: Kerry Bondy, Michael Thielmann, Mimi Short</i>	Rosemont 3 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
10:30am – 11:45am	F <b>TRA Collective Narcissism &amp; Colonialism</b> <i>Speakers: JaeHee M Chung-Sherman (she/her)</i>	Madison (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
10:30am – 11:45am	G <b>Cocreating Asian-America: Adoptees and AAPI Partners</b> <i>Moderators: Nathan Nowack</i> <i>Speakers: Laura X. Williams, Nicholas Ramsey (he/him), Justin Oshita, Jennifer Patel, Vivek Patel, Debra Yoo</i>	Lakeshore A (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
10:30am – 11:45am	G <b>The Intersectionality of Adoptees and Disability</b> <i>Speakers: Daniel Price, Wes Liu, Maddy Ullman, Jean Gou</i>	Lakeshore B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
12:00pm – 1:30pm	L <b>Buffet Lunch</b>	Grand A and B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
12:45pm – 1:30pm	M <b>Saturday Lunch Mainstage: Imaginative Medicine: How Storytelling Can Heal the Wounds of Broken Kinship</b> <i>Speakers: Shannon Gibney</i>	Grand A and B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
1:30pm – 2:00pm	O <b>Author Booksigning &amp; Bookstore is open</b>	Grand C (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018, USA)
2:00pm – 3:15pm	A <b>Is therapy right for me?</b> <i>Speakers: Sarah Ahn Lentz, Nicole Sheppard</i>	Rosemont 2 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
2:00pm – 3:15pm	A <b>Weaving our Lineage Together</b> <i>Speakers: Jamie Barnett, Grace Clark</i>	Rosemont 3 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
2:00pm – 3:15pm	G <b>Adult Children of Adoptees: The legacy of adoption</b> <i>Speakers: Shelise Keum Mee Gieseke, Maya Castro Dabbeni, Megan Hammerschmidt</i>	Lakeshore B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
2:00pm – 3:15pm	G <b>Heritage and Healing</b> <i>Speakers: Alexa Omdahl, Abbey Whigham (she/her)</i>	Lakeshore A (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
2:00pm – 5:00pm	A <b>Adoptee-only Quiet Space is open</b>	Rosemont 4 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
2:00pm – 5:00pm	O <b>Community Room open</b>	Dearborn (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018, USA)
2:00pm – 5:00pm	O <b>Exhibitors are Open</b>	South Foyer (Lobby Level)
2:00pm – 5:00pm	Y <b>Youth Program: Pool party</b>	Division (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
3:45pm – 5:00pm	A <b>Exploration of Self-Identity Through the Use of Art Therapy</b> <i>Speakers: Noel King</i>	Rosemont 2 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
3:45pm – 5:00pm	A <b>Managing Birth Family Reunion and Relationships</b> <i>Speakers: Sara Engelhardt (she/her), Amanda Cho</i>	Rosemont 3 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
3:45pm – 5:00pm	F <b>Fawning - the nervous system and adoption</b> <i>Speakers: Jamie Barnett, Midnite Townsend</i>	Madison (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
3:45pm – 5:00pm	G <b>A Long History of Transracial Adoptee Voices</b> <i>Speakers: Shannon Gibney, Kimberly McKee, Sun Yung Shin</i>	Lakeshore A (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)

3:45pm – 5:00pm	<b>G Educating Your Parents: Not Your Burden</b> <i>Speakers: Shelise Keum Mee Gieseke, Astrid Castro, Maureen McCauley</i>	Lakeshore B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
5:30pm – 6:15pm	<b>O Registration is open</b>	South Foyer (Lobby Level)
6:30pm – 8:00pm	<b>L Gala Dinner &amp; Program</b>	Grand A and B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
8:00pm – 9:30pm	<b>M Gala Dinner Entertainment</b>	Grand A and B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)

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## JULY 2 • SUNDAY

7:30am – 8:15am	G	<b>Wellness Activity</b> <i>Speakers: Midnite Townsend</i>	Lakeshore B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
8:00am – 9:30am	L	<b>Sunday Morning Community Building/Hot Breakfast Buffet</b>	Grand A and B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
8:00am – 9:30am	O	<b>Bookstore is open</b>	Grand C (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018, USA)
8:15am – 12:15pm	O	<b>Exhibitors are open</b>	South Foyer (Lobby Level)
8:45am – 9:10am	A	<b>Adoptee Only Debrief</b>	Rosemont 2 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
8:45am – 9:10am	G	<b>General Debrief</b>	Lakeshore A (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
8:45am – 12:15pm	O	<b>Community Room open</b>	Dearborn (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018, USA)
8:45am – 12:15pm	Y	<b>Youth Program</b>	Division (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
9:30am – 10:45am	A	<b>Reflection via Microfiction/Poetry Workshop</b> <i>Speakers: Anna Ningjing Cohen, Lucy Murray, Lisa Gibson</i>	Rosemont 2 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
9:30am – 10:45am	F	<b>Media for Liberation: Building Collective Tools</b> <i>Speakers: Benjamin Lundberg Torres Sánchez, Shannon Hardt</i>	Madison (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
9:30am – 10:45am	G	<b>Love cannot be color(blind)</b> <i>Speakers: SunAh Laybourn, Dr. Katie Bozek</i>	Lakeshore B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
9:30am – 10:45am	G	<b>Pieces of Me (Community Room)</b> <i>Speakers: Rachel Hye Youn Rupright</i>	Dearborn (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018, USA)
9:30am – 12:15pm	A	<b>Adoptee-only Quiet Space is open</b>	Rosemont 4 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
11:00am – 12:15pm	A	<b>Decentralizing Adoptee Grief, Reclaiming Ourselves</b> <i>Speakers: Jas Strong, Laura X. Williams</i>	Rosemont 2 (3rd floor) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
11:00am – 12:15pm	A	<b>Defining Generations: Individual and Cultural Adoptee Identity</b> <i>Speakers: Mari Arneson, Lindsay Pluger</i>	Madison (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
11:00am – 12:15pm	G	<b>I went to KAAAN... Now What?</b> <i>Speakers: Sarah Ahn Lentz, Nicole Sheppard</i>	Lakeshore B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
12:15pm – 12:30pm	M	<b>Conference Closing Remarks</b> <i>Speakers: Dr. Katie Bozek</i>	Grand A and B (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)
12:15pm – 12:30pm	Y	<b>Youth Program Closing</b>	Division (Lobby Level) (6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018)