NAME: YUNKYUNG LEE

DISCIPLINE: PSYCHOLOGY

Past/current experiences working in the field of disabilities:

MA in Art Therapy & Counseling | Artist | Autism & Gerontology Researcher | Bilingual & Culturally Responsive | Former Theme-Park & Scene Designer.

I have provided art therapy at Linden Oaks and Ascension Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospitals, supporting individuals with diverse mental health needs. In community settings, I facilitated art programs for adults with autism and other developmental disabilities (Inklude Studio, Chicago Milal Mission) and for seniors with dementia (Central Baptist Village, Elderday Center). I have also served as an interpreter for immigrant families navigating medical and educational systems.

Goals for your LEND training experience:

To deepen interdisciplinary research and leadership skills with a focus on neurodevelopmental and related disabilities, while developing practical knowledge in systems of care, policy, and collaborative approaches. I also aim to contribute a culturally responsive perspective, shaped by my background in art therapy and lived experience, to better support children and families with disabilities.

Future contributions as an advocate/professional/family member in the field:

I aim to advance inclusive, person-centered support for individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities as a clinician, researcher, and family advocate. By bridging lived experience and professional expertise, I hope to empower voices that are often unheard and promote equitable access to care.

For more about my journey, please see my graduate project videos:

- *Dear the Name of the Mother*: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K10xUdleXTE
- *The Story of the 52Hz Whale and the Boy*: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lGfYeO62px8&t=177s