

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=IGfYeO62px8&t=177s>