

SCSU professor wins scholarship, to lecture in S. Korea

Times staff report

A St. Cloud State University professor has won a Fulbright scholarship to lecture and do research in South Korea, university officials announced.

Marie Seong-Hak Kim is an associate professor in St. Cloud State's history department.

She is teaching American legal and constitutional history and working on a project that compares laws and customs in the late Yi Dynasty and colonial Korea.

She is at Handong Global University in Pohang, South Korea, for the 2004-2005 school year.

Kim said in an e-mail interview with the Times that she wants to fill gaps in legal history through her research.

She was unable to do a phone interview.

"China and Japan have figured prominently in recent studies of legal historians, while Korea has largely been ignored," said Kim, who was born and raised in South Korea.

Fulbright scholarships are intended to increase understanding between residents of the United States and other countries.

They are chosen for their "academic merit and leadership potential," according to the U.S. State Department.

The program has provided more than 250,000 participants with the opportunity to study and teach in other countries.

This is Kim's fifth year at St. Cloud State, where she teaches courses on Europe, the Renaissance, the Reformation, French and legal history and constitutional law, according to the university.

Before coming to St. Cloud, Kim taught at the University of Louisville in Kentucky, the University of Minnesota and the Korean University of Foreign Studies in Seoul.

Her nonteaching experience includes working as a reporter at The Korea Times and working as an attorney in Minnesota.