

Chisholm Hatfield visits South Korea to research ecological knowledge

Samantha Chisholm Hatfield was selected for a Field Research Fellowship to South Korea for her work in traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) with indigenous groups. She worked in conjunction with Mokpo National University under lead direction of TEK and island specialist Dr. Sun-Kee Hong. The fellowship was awarded via the Korea Foundation.

Part of her research was to study the Haenyo women divers who are famous internationally and commonly known in western societies as the women abalone divers. Most people call the women the Jeju divers as Jeju Island is the location for which they are known.

Chisholm Hatfield spent April to July 2017 in South Korea doing research, returning home to fulfill duties as head

woman dancer at the Sauk Suiattle Pow-Wow and resume her research work at Oregon State University.

She went to 10 island areas as well as multiple inland and mountainous areas for her research. She had the unique honor to go out on boats with the women divers while they worked, getting to see firsthand the areas where some groups collect.

The Haenyo are a small and highly unique matriarchal diving community of women who collect resources through diving unassisted. The work is strenuous and dangerous, with most of the women in their 60s and 70s, though many women in their late 80s are still diving.

Abalone is one of the main items collected, but other foods such as seaweeds, conch snails and octopus are also collected. Abalone is a traditional food

that is highly prized, has been one of the hallmarks for the divers and is an intricate aspect of economic revitalization in Korean history.

Chisholm Hatfield was invited to present a public talk of her previous work on American Indian TEK and showcased the Siletz Tribe and the TEK knowledge members still have and use. As a result of her public talk, she was interviewed by Korean Broadcasting System, the national public broadcaster of South Korea,

becoming the first foreign woman to be interviewed for the station.

During her time there, Chisholm Hatfield also was honored with a Korean name during a naming ceremony with a team of lead calligraphers who are highly recognized in the country.

She has been invited back in December to speak at the International Conference on Jeju Haenyo (Women Divers): Traditional Environmental Knowledge and Oral History.

Courtesy photos from Samantha Chisholm Hatfield

The naming ceremony (below) and Haenyo women divers (right)



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