# Björklunden Seminars

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## Sijo: Korea's Poetry Form

#### Course Description

Sijo, a 700-year-old Korean poetry, embodies brevity with 3 lines and 45 syllables, gaining traction in the USA and beyond.

Lucy Park, the author of award winning book, "SIJO: Korea's Poetry Form," will delve into its fundamentals and history, and showcase pieces by Korean sijo masters and past winners of the Sejong Writing Competition.

Participants will have the opportunity to craft their own sijo for a chance to compete and win prizes.





## Instructor



### Lucy Park

Park is one of the founding members of the Sejong Cultural Society, a non-profit organization founded in 2004. As Executive Director, she oversees all programs including the Sejong Music Competition, Sejong Writing Competition, and sijo education programs.

She has been very active in teaching about sijo to teachers, students, and adults throughout the US for over fifteen years. She developed and compiled extensive reference materials on the basics of English sijo writing, sijo samples, and teaching sijo on the Sejong Cultural Society's website and YouTube Channel. She pioneered the Sejong Cultural Society's Sijo and Music program, organizing concerts and commissioning composers and songwriters to write sijo music in a variety of musical genres.

Park has been a faculty member of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine for over thirty years. She specializes in pediatric allergy, immunology, and pulmonology and received her M.D. from Seoul National University in Korea.