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From Red Star to Lone Star – How love of physics guided a young scientist from North Korea to Texas SUZY LIDSTROM, Texas A&M University — Both teachers and students should be inspired by the story of Joseph Han, who began physics as a student in North Korea and, after being thwarted in his aspirations by its system, chose to escape. Finally, after many harrowing experiences, he succeeded in launching his career as a research and teaching physicist here in Texas. An example of his motivation and persistence: After miraculously making his way to China, he would write Maxwell's equations in the snow in the mountains, while seeking to proceed further in his pilgrimage and career. The speaker is currently collaborating on a book with him describing all his adventures, from escaping handcuffed to another prisoner to finally, after many travails, settling in Texas where he and his wife are now raising their family. He is fully engaged in teaching, and enjoying his experience in inspiring young Americans.

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