**Interview Transcript: Sara Cho**

**Interviewer**: This is a collection of good and bad luck superstition. Name of the informant is Sara Cho. Place collected is Novack Room. Date collected is November 6th. So here’s some informant data.

**Interviewee**: Oh, okay so yeah I’m a ’20 at Dartmouth College. I was born in Korea, I grew up in California for a bit and then Korea and then moved to Seattle. That’s where home is now. Let’s see, what else do I need to say?

**Interviewer**: What was your cultural background like growing up?

**Interviewee**: So, my dad’s side of the family is pretty American because they all moved to the States when they were really young. My cousins can’t really speak Korean at all. And I am – my mom’s side is very Korean and we always speak in Korean. So I guess it’s like a mixture of both.

**Interviewer**: Okay, so could you share some Korean superstitions regarding good and bad luck?

**Interviewee**: Well, so, Korean believe that magpies bring good luck. I don’t really know why but it’s just a saying that a lot of adults say. I think my mom says it pretty often actually. Apparently when they cry in front of you it’s supposed to signify good luck and you’re supposed to hear something like good news. For bad luck, apparently in Korea, there is a saying that if you sleep with you fan on then you’ll die from it. That’s like you know apparently not true but it was very huge.

**Interviewer**: So, could you tell us about when and where you heard these, who told you, would this be told at a specific time or event?

**Interviewee**: I remember for the fan one my nanny, my grandmother and my mom would always tell me during the summer because it’d be really hot and I would always leave the fan on and they’d get really mad at me and tell me to turn it off before I go to bed. The magpie one, I don’t know, I feel like I actually read about it.

**Interviewer**: Okay, do you have any ideas on why this superstition might have occurred specifically in Korean culture?

**Interviewee**: I feel like magpie is more of a generally East Asian cultural thing because I do think it’s pretty like, I also do think it exists in China. No idea why for the fan one but I don’t know yeah.