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**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor  
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The Foreign Correspondents' Club has been an integral part of my life in Hong Kong since I became a member in 2013. We may have met in the Main Bar on a Friday night, but hopefully you've seen me more often at the gym downstairs (yes, we have one!). As a Correspondent Governor, I would focus on maximizing the club's value to its correspondent, journalist and associate members.

Younger journalists in particular join the FCC to tap into the vast knowledge and experience of its members and learn from industry veterans. I hope to encourage this by continuing events like the "Meet the Editor" series and gauging interest in a mentorship or skills-exchange program (since younger journalists have their own expertise to offer).

More generally, I'd like to see all members get to know each other better through mixers and other activities – right now, it's too easy to stick close to the people we already know. Over the years I've met many members through club lunches and film screenings. Scheduling more of these events in the mornings and evenings, or offering shorter lunchtime events, would make them accessible to more people. It is also vital to have a diverse range of speakers, including more women.

This is my sixth year at The New York Times, where I'm currently a digital editor responsible for the home page and mobile app. I came to Hong Kong in 2010 to pursue a master's degree at HKU's Journalism and Media Studies Centre, and I look forward to gaining permanent residency this year. Prior to that I spent three years in Beijing, where I worked for Chinese state media. I have a bachelor of arts from McGill University in Montreal, where I return to visit each year along with my home state of Arizona.

Thank you for your support and see you at the FCC! You can also reach me at [jjett@nytimes.com](mailto:jjett@nytimes.com).