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**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor  
Board of Governors 2020-2021**

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

It is an honor to be nominated as a Correspondent Governor of the Foreign Correspondents' Club, a stronghold for journalism and freedom of the press.

As a proud member of the club, I have been involved as a moderator, speaker and panelist for a number of FCC panels and Journalism Day conferences over the years. I have had the opportunity to share my views on digital transformation, misinformation and gender equality while speaking alongside my respected peers on how we have covered major events in the region.

I value the club as a thriving social center and media hub for press conferences, panels and luncheon talks. But I am deeply stirred and inspired by how the club has opened its doors as a safe haven for early career journalists, visiting reporters and freelancers during times of turmoil.

If elected to the board, I would like to contribute to the already powerful line-up of FCC events that inform journalists and educate the greater community. Leveraging the contacts I've made as an anchor and correspondent, I can help bring on board a diverse range of experts and newsmakers to advance the discussion on a number of pressing issues.

I would also like to help organize and plan the club's excellent Journalism Day conference. We should continue to highlight the work and achievements of younger journalists as well as our media colleagues who work behind the scenes. Practical workshops on new media tools and storytelling techniques can also be on offer for mid-career and veteran journalists to refresh and reboot our skills.

As a passionate enthusiast of visual media, I also hope to take part in organizing photo and art exhibitions at the club to spark both curiosity and greater debate about current events and the power of the image.

All in all, it would be a privilege to serve the FCC as a Correspondent Governor, especially at a time of pandemic and deep political divide. I would strive to support my fellow journalists and -- in doing so -- help our audiences and media-consuming public to fight fear with facts and parse rhetoric from reality.

I would be honored to serve on your board.

## BIO

Kristie Lu Stout is an award-winning anchor and correspondent for CNN, based in Hong Kong.

She regularly goes into the field to anchor and report on major breaking news stories including the coronavirus outbreak, Hong Kong protests, New Zealand terror attacks, North Korea's advancing weapons tests, and the aftermath of Super Typhoon Haiyan.

For CNN Digital and TV, Kristie has also hosted feature shows on technology, while conducting in-depth interviews with some of the world's most innovative thinkers including Jane Goodall, Ai Weiwei and Elon Musk.

Based in China for two decades, she maintains a focus on how developments in China are dramatically changing the world for all of us. From anchoring CNN's groundbreaking Eye on China series in 2004, to covering the Trump-Xi Summit in Beijing, Lu Stout has remained committed to reporting on the country. Kristie was also instrumental in launching On China, CNN's first-ever regular series focused on the country -- a first by any international TV news network.

She believes in engaging with her viewers and makes social media an integral part of her reporting. Kristie also believes in contributing to the debate with viewers off-camera with regular speaking and moderating appearances and is well known for her style in stimulating frank and lively conversations.

Kristie also uses her platform to lift up women's voices, regularly speaking and reporting on female achievement as well as the unique challenges women and girls face around the world. Lu Stout also plays an active role in promoting the CNN Freedom Project, the network's award-winning initiative focused on reporting stories of modern-day slavery, including student outreach in Hong Kong as part of #MyFreedomDay.

She started her career in journalism in San Francisco at WIRED magazine's online division. She has written on technology for various media publications including the South China Morning Post, where she founded and wrote the Beijing Byte column. Before her career in journalism, she was an early employee at Beijing-based Internet company Sohu.com and worked for Reuters' new media team in China.

Kristie is American of Chinese and European descent. She holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from Stanford University, and studied advanced Mandarin Chinese at Beijing's Tsinghua University.