

Bio & Policy Statement from A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor Board of Governors 2024-2025

## Kristie LU STOUT Affiliation: CNN International



## POLICY STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated again as a Correspondent Governor of the Foreign Correspondents' Club -- a worldrenowned press club, thriving social center, and hub for elevated conversations on news and current affairs.

Over the last few years, I have served as a co-convener of the Wall Committee, a dedicated team of professional photographers and enthusiasts of photojournalism, helping to bring a series of captivating photographic exhibits to the Club's Van Es Wall including "24 HEURES DU MANS To the Limit – and Beyond," "Two Weeks in Myanmar," and "The King's Legacy: Celebrating the Literary Art of the King of Kowloon."

Additional highlights include a series of colorful Wall exhibits from our beloved Club members including Peter G. de Krassel, George Mitchell, Robin Moyer, and Basil Pao.

In 2023, our student photographic exhibition attracted a record number of participants from across Hong Kong, and we look forward to welcoming a new group of aspiring photojournalists for this year's show.

As a Correspondent Governor, I have also helped organize and plan the Club's first Journalism Day conference since the pandemic. The one day conference serves to empower students and early stage journalists with expertise from veteran media colleagues on a wide array of practical topics. At the FCC, workshops on new media tools and storytelling techniques are on offer for journalists and media professionals at any stage of our careers to refresh and reboot our skills.

If elected to the board, I would continue to contribute to the already powerful line-up of exhibits and events that inform journalists and educate the greater community.

All in all, it would be a privilege to continue to serve the FCC as a Correspondent Governor. I would strive to maintain the Club as a center of intelligent conversation for the media, business, creative and diplomatic communities.

It would be an honor to serve on your board.

## **ABOUT KRISTIE LU STOUT**

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

She reports from the newsroom and in the field on major news stories including US-China relations, the rise of AI, and the aftermath of extreme climate events in the region.

She also hosts feature programs for CNN including Tech For Good, a series on the transformative power of technology, and Marketplace Asia, CNN's monthly business program.

Based in China for over two decades, Lu Stout 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 fresh tensions under the Biden administration, Lu Stout has remained committed to reporting on the country. She 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.

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 and across Asia as part of #MyFreedomDay. She is also proud to be part of CNN's Call to Earth Day – a global initiative to engage students on the need for urgent action against climate change and pollution.

Since 2022, Lu Stout has anchored CNN's New Year's Eve Live special from Asia. During the 2024 New Year's Eve special, CNN saw its highest performing day on the CNN Max app since the 24/7 live stream became available.

A proud Asian American, Lu Stout is an Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) lifetime member and mentor. She also enjoys coaching students and early-career journalists through CNN Academy, the Stanford Alumni Association and the Asian American Journalists Association.

Lu Stout holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from Stanford University and studied advanced Mandarin Chinese at Beijing's Tsinghua University.