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## Staff

### **DONALD P. GREGG**

President & Chairman

Donald P. Gregg was named president and chairman of The Korea Society in 1993, following a 43-year career in the U.S. government which included serving as U.S. ambassador to Korea from 1989–1993. He earned his B.A. from Williams College after completing his service in the U.S. Army from 1945–47. In 1951, he joined the Central Intelligence Agency, and over the next 25 years was assigned to Japan, Burma, Vietnam and Korea. Seconded to the National Security Council staff in 1979, Ambassador Gregg was put in charge of intelligence activities and given responsibility for Asian policy affairs. In 1982, he retired from the CIA when then Vice President Bush asked him to become his national security advisor. Ambassador Gregg has received numerous honors and distinctions, including honorary doctorates from Sogang University in Korea and Green Mountain College in Vermont.

### **FREDRICK F. CARRIERE**

Executive Director & Vice President

Frederick F. Carriere lived and worked in Korea for over 20 years prior to assuming his current responsibilities with The Korea Society in 1994. During most of his years in Korea, Mr. Carriere was employed by the Fulbright program initially in the position of associate director and later as executive director from 1984–1993. He also was a councilor of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society for many years, and served as its president from 1989–91. In addition, he worked as a translator and editorial consultant for the Korean National Commission for UNESCO from 1977–80, and was an adjunct instructor teaching anthropology and Korean stud-

ies in the Far Eastern Division of the University of Maryland. Mr. Carriere holds an M.A. in Anthropology and Asian Studies from Cornell University, which he received after completing the course work for a Ph.D. in 1976.

### **YONG JIN CHOI**

Director, Korea Studies Program

Prior to joining The Korea Society, Yong Jin Choi was one of the founders of the Korean Studies Council International, Inc. In her previous and current positions, she has coordinated summer study opportunities in Korea for over 300 educators from across the U.S. Over the past thirteen years, Mrs. Choi has also implemented professional development programs for educators and directed the production of classroom curricula and teaching materials about Korea for major textbooks. She received the 2001 Franklin Buchanan Award from the Committee on Teaching About Asia of the Association for Asian Studies in recognition of the series “Korea: Lessons Grades K–12,” which brings together information about Korean society in a form useful and interesting to both students and teachers. She holds a B.A. in history from Sogang University in Seoul and an M.A. in anthropology from the University of Hawaii. She has taught anthropology at Seoul National University.

### **SOPHIA H. KANG**

Director, Development and Corporate Affairs

Prior to joining The Korea Society in 1995, Sophia H. Kang headed the SK9 Group, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in bilingual and bicultural public relations, marketing and communications. From 1987 to 1994, Ms. Kang was

deputy director of the Mayor's Office for Asian Affairs in New York City where she acted as a principal policy advisor to the administration on all Asian American issues as well as serving as New York City's chief representative and liaison to the Republic of Korea's business and political community. She organized and funded special community assistance programs, mayoral public-relations events, business seminars, and media forums. Ms. Kang is the recipient of numerous awards and distinctions from various community and international organizations. She attended Ewha Woman's University, and received her B.F.A. from the Maryland Institute College of Art and her M.F.A. with distinction from the Pratt Institute Graduate School.

### **HANNA KIM**

Program Associate

Prior to joining The Korea Society in 2001, HanNa Kim worked as an analyst at the Intellibridge Corporation, an Internet-based competitive information and decision support provider founded by former National Security Advisor Anthony Lake and former Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce David Rothkopf. She received her B.A. in East Asian studies and anthropology from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. Ms. Kim was born in P'ohang, Korea and raised in New York City.

### **KATHLEEN KIM**

Membership Coordinator

Kathleen Kim gained experience assisting the public working for a major U.S. air carrier prior to joining The Korea Society in 1998. She had also volunteered as a peer to mentally challenged

individuals and is a supporter of animal welfare organizations. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Syracuse University.

### **SARAH SUN KIM**

#### *Program Associate*

Sarah Sun Kim is a graduate of Columbia University, where she received her B.A. in East Asian languages and cultures with a concentration in literature and film. She first came to work at The Korea Society as an intern in 1999 and joined the staff full-time in 2001. She is particularly interested in Korean cinema.

### **SUZANNE C. LIM**

#### *Assistant Director, Print & Web Publications*

Prior to joining The Korea Society in 1998, Ms. Lim was a financial analyst at J.P. Morgan & Co., Inc. where she coordinated product launch events, produced marketing literature and product specific presentations for client meetings. Ms. Lim has also worked at Young & Rubicam leveraging account teams worldwide in building existing business and winning new business by serving as liaison between account teams and various departments, lines of businesses and outside service providers. She has worked in Seoul editing program evaluation reports for the Korean National Commission for UNESCO. She holds a B.A. in government and economics from Smith College. Ms. Lim was raised in Latin America and New York City and is fluent in Korean and Spanish.

### **A. NAOMI PAIK**

#### *Program Associate*

Naomi Paik joined The Korea Society in 2001 after graduating from Columbia University. She received a B.A. in women's and gender studies and Asian American studies with a focus in literature. In 1997, she attended the Korean

Language Institute at Yonsei University, while temporarily satiating her thirst for travel in the region.

### **PETER POLIAKINE**

#### *Controller*

Peter Poliakine enjoyed a long career in the performing arts before joining The Korea Society. He has helped manage nonprofit groups both large and small. Originally from the Netherlands and a former university professor, he holds an MBA from the University of Cincinnati.

### **HOMER WILLIAMS**

#### *Director, Print and Web Publications*

Homer Williams joined The Korea Society in 2001. His prior experience includes work as a computer system manager at InterAction, multimedia and database consultant for the School of Cinema-Television and the Department of Anthropology at the University of Southern California, and project manager at the Asia Society for two educational videos for American students called Tune in Korea. He holds a double B.A. in history and economics from the University of Illinois, where he was one of the first students to spend a junior year abroad in Korea, and an M.A. in history from the University of Hawaii.

### **PRUDENCE YI**

#### *Administrative Assistant*

Prudence Yi, born and educated in South Korea, joined the Society's staff in 1996. Before moving to the United States, Ms. Yi held various positions including the department secretary for the Finance Administration of the U.S. Army. After her arrival in the U.S. in 1968, she gained business experience through her work as a Prudential insurance agent, a district sales manager for a pharmaceutical company, a supervisor in the U.S. Postal Service, and a legal assistant/interpreter in New York City law firms.

### *Consultants*

### **NAMYOUNG LEE**

#### *Publications Consultant*

Before becoming a consultant in 2001, Namyoung Lee worked at The Korea Society for six years. She has been involved in producing publications such as the Society's Annual Report, *Quarterly*, and Korean Studies Lesson plans for grades K-12. She holds a B.A. in psychology from Smith College. She currently resides in Cleveland, Ohio with her husband Eugene and son Thomas.

### **IN-YOUNG SOHN**

#### *Arts Program Consultant*

In-Young Sohn has worked with The Korea Society as a consultant for its Korean performing arts programs since 1998. A member of the Korean National Dance Company from 1985 through 1991, Ms. Sohn holds a M.A. from Ewha Women's University in Korea and a second M.A. from Teacher's College, Columbia University. Her work as a dancer and choreographer has been supported by the Asian Cultural Council, the Korean Culture and Arts Foundation, the Korean Ministry of Arts and Sports and The Korea Society. Ms. Sohn has performed extensively in the U.S. as well as conducted workshops in high schools and universities.